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MSA AGM: State and Territory Presidents, Representatives and MSA Board, National Office Staff and Life Members

Front cover images from top: Unsung Heros

Thankyou to all States, Clubs and members that have provided images for the 2025 MSA Annual Report.

Who We Are

Our National Board of Management

President: Jane Noake

Finance Director:

Andrew Ritter (resigned August 2025)

Andrea McNeil OAM (casual position from October 2025)

Director: Andrea McNeil OAM (to October 2025)

Director: Robert Hardie

Director: Fiona Hogarth

Director: Paula Giles

Director: Jackie Goldston
(casual position from October 2025)

Our National Presidents

1975–1978	Bill Lough
1978–1984	Peter Jackson
1985–1988	Ivan Wingate
1989–1992	Graeme McDougall
1993–1998	Glenys McDonald AM
1999–2005	Mary Sweeney
2005–2011	John Pugh
2011–2017	Craig Smith
2017–2020	Gerry Tucker OAM
2020–current	Jane Noake

Our Life Members

1985	Gary Stutsel OAM (NSW)
1989	Glenys McDonald AM (WA)
1991	Peter Gillett (SA - deceased)
1999	Kay Cox OAM (WA)
2002	Ivan Wingate (WA)
2005	Darryl Hawkes (SA)
2006	Mary Sweeney (QLD)
2006	Pauline Samson OAM (TAS)
2007	David Cummins (WA)
2011	John Pugh (TAS)
2016	Gerry Tucker OAM (VIC)
2020	John Pollock (NT)
2024	Jane Noake (NSW)

Our State/Territory Representatives

States/Territory	AGM	Masters Swimming Leadership Day (face to face)
MSNSW	Kerryn Blanch	Kerryn Blanch
MSNT	Robert Magin	Neil Ludvigsen
MSQ	Susanne Milenkevich	Neil Newman
MSSA	Joanne Sutcliffe	Simon Howe
MST	Megan Stronach	Megan Stronach
MSV	Dennice Allen-Breeschoten	Darryl Flukes
MSWA	Richard Hughes	Richard Johnson (online)

Our National Recorder

Pauline Samson OAM

Our MSA Results Portal

Frank Braun

Our National Staff

General Manager:

Rob Abernethy

Operations and Membership Manager:

Kath Davis

Our Support Staff

National Coaching Education Co-ordinator:

Rob Wilson

IT Support: Mark Hepple

Honorary Legal Counsel:

Stuart Corbishley (May 2025)

North Mackay Sinkers -MSA 50Anniversary Celebrations



Who We Are

Our National Coaching Committee

*Elena Nesci (past NCC Chair) and Natasha Bletchly (current NCC Chair)
with Rob Wilson (National Coaching Educations Coordinator)*

To August 2025	From September 2025	
Elena Nesci (WA) Chair	Natasha Bletchly (QLD) (Chair)	
Di Coxon-Ellis (NSW)	Anne Smyth (NSW)	
Anne Smyth (NSW)	Jacinta Stirrat (NT)	
Jacinta Stirrat (NT)	Andrew Truong (SA)	
Natasha Bletchly (QLD)	Megan Stronach (TAS)	
Andrew Truong (SA)	Alan Godfrey (VIC)	
Megan Stronach (TAS)	Kareena Preston (WA)	
Alan Godfrey (VIC)		
Sharon Newstead (VIC)		
Kim Tyler (WA)		

Our National Diversity and Inclusion Committee

To August 2025	From September 2025
Janice Saunders (WA) Chair	Janice Saunders (WA) Chair
Damon Kendrick (QLD)	Katrina Munn (QLD)
Fiona Redgrove (TAS)	Amy Wallen (SA)
Susie Purcell (NSW)	Susie Purcell (NSW)
Dylan Carmichael (QLD) resigned August 2025	Nigel Van Reyk (NSW)
	Robert Beckett (WA)

Our National Membership Committee

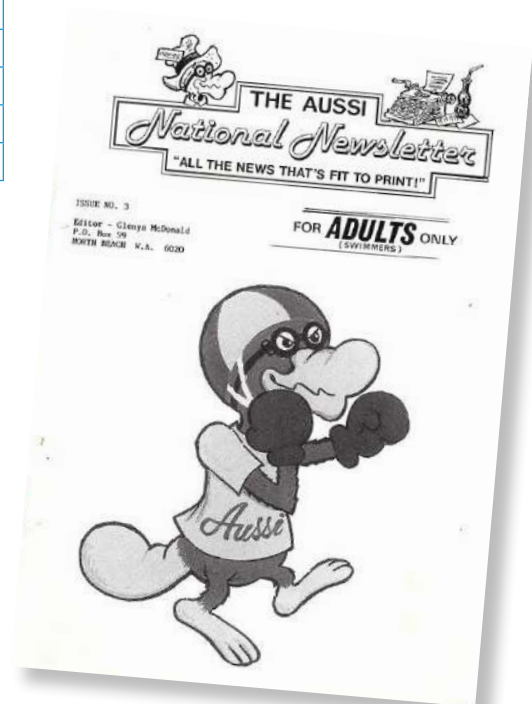
(merged August 2025 with National Swim Program Committee)

To August 2025
Jo Trim (VIC) Chair
Chris Lock (NSW)
James Watson (NSW)
Michele Burley-Jones (QLD)
Simon Howe (SA)
Elizabeth Aquino Perez (VIC)

Our National Swim Program Committee

(merged August 2025 with National Membership Committee)

To August 2025
Suzie Haddad (NSW) Chair
Leanne Beames (SA)
Maggie Georgopoulos (QLD)
Helen Rubin (NSW)
Richard Hughes (WA)



Above: From the Archives – 1986 AUSSI Issue 2 National Newsletter cover



From the Archives: 1981 - MSA Life Members Kay Cox OAM, Glenys McDonald AM and Gary Stutsel OAM at Nationals (WA)

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Our National Membership and Participation Committee

(commenced September 2025)

From September 2025
Suzie Haddad (NSW) Chair
James Watson (NSW)
Michele Burley-Jones (QLD)
Maggie Georgopoulos (QLD)
Simon Howe (SA)
Richard Hughes (WA)

Our National Technical Committee

To August 2025	From September 2025
Lynne Duncan (WA) Chair	Kerryn Blanch (NSW) Chair
Kerryn Blanch (NSW)	Di Partridge (NSW)
Di Partridge (NSW)	Paul Carter (NT)
Paul Carter (NT)	John Barrett (QLD)
John Barrett (QLD)	Lori Chaplin (QLD)
Lori Chaplin (QLD)	Melissa Beames (SA)
Melissa Beames (SA)	Brian Walsh (VIC)
Pauline Samson (TAS)	Lynne Duncan (WA)
Brian Walsh (VIC)	



MSA Leadership Day: State and Territory Presidents, Representatives and MSA Board and National Office Staff

Who We Are

About Us

Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) is the peak body for adult swimmers aged eighteen (18) years and above and is affiliated with WORLD AQUATICS through Swimming Australia Ltd (SA). MSA is a not-for-profit, Association constituted in 1975.

Mission Statement

MSA aims to provide at Club, State, and National level an environment to encourage all adults, regardless of ability, to swim regularly through training, competition, and participation so that they can improve their mental and physical health, fitness and wellbeing.

Our Motto	"SWIMMING FOR LIFE"
Our Vision	"ENRICH AND INSPIRE ADULTS TO SWIM FOR LIFE"
Our Purpose	"TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE ADULT SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA FOR LIFE"

Infrastructure

Members join Masters Swimming Clubs. Clubs are affiliated to their respective State or Territory excluding ACT which is incorporated as part of the NSW State. The States are affiliated to the National body. There are seven (7) States and Territories within Australia.

According to the new MSA constitution, the National Board comprises the President, Finance Director and four (4) other elected members.

There were five (5) permanent National committees to August 2025:

- National Coaching Committee
- National Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- National Membership Committee (merged August 2025 with National Swim Program Committee)
- National Swim Program Committee (merged August 2025 with National Membership Committee)
- National Technical Committee

From September 2025 there are four (4)

- National Coaching Committee
- National Diversity and inclusion Committee
- National Membership and Participation Committee
- National Technical Committee

Who We Are

The Board is responsible for the governance and overall direction of the organisation, with the day-to-day running of the organisation being the responsibility of the staff in the National Office. A General Manager (reporting directly to the Board) manages the administration staff and the office.

Clubs offer various programs, such as regular training and stroke correction with qualified coaches, fun events, and social activities. Competitions are available at Club, State, National and International levels. Competitive opportunities are also available through Postal Swims, the Vorgee Endurance 1000, and Vorgee Million Metres Awards. MSA and the States offer technical courses for Officials and coaching courses and clinics for Coaches.

Publications, Policies and Guidelines

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

- Constitution
- By-Laws
- General Rules
- MSA Swimming Rules
- MSA Open Water Swimming Rules
- MSA Swimwear Rules

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

- National Member Protection Policy
- National Risk Management Policy
- National Safety Policy
- National Championships Meet Guide
- Privacy Policy
- Communication Guidelines
- NBM and Branch Delegate Guidelines
- Dual Sanctioned Guidelines

MSA publishes the following results continuously in the Results Portal:

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

Communication

The MSA website (www.mastersswimming.org.au) is the primary method of storing information and communicating with members, as well as the social media platforms of Facebook and Instagram which are a useful tool for instantaneous newscasting. The e-newsletter is produced throughout the year and emailed directly to members. Previous editions are available for download from the National website.



Left: 2025 MSA National Championships registration team; Right: Vorgee and MSA

Who We Are

Participation Programs

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

Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club and Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 aims to promote fitness by providing an incentive (in the form of Club points) for members to swim longer distances. The program is designed to encourage members to swim in distances from 400m and up to one hour in duration, in the full variety of strokes. The program is structured by gender and age-groups and the swims are done over the full calendar year. As a result, a certain level of aerobic fitness needs to be maintained to complete the individual event requirements. Individual points are gained for the completion of each event. These combine with points gained by other Club members and contribute to a total point score for each competing Club. The Club with the most points is declared the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club for the year.

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

Top Ten

National times are recorded for males, females, and relays with the Top Ten in each category (age group, stroke and distance) sent to World Aquatics.

Vorgee Million Metres Awards

The Vorgee Million Metre Awards acknowledge progress from the "learn to swim" beginner to the distance swimmer. These awards are intended to stimulate members to strive for greater fitness and are open to all registered members of MSA. The Million Metres Awards Program was launched in the late 1970's under the sponsorship of City Mutual. Masters Swimming Australia's major sponsor Vorgee is the naming rights sponsor of the Million Metre Program and Awards since 2007. Awards in the way of certificates, product and trophies and given to members who reach each million award milestone. Upon successful completion of 1 - 5 million, 7 million, 10, 20 and 25 Million Metres, members are awarded with combinations of different awards; e.g. cap, polo shirt, certificate, engraved plaque, Vorgee gift pack, Vorgee Voucher or a Nitro jacket.



Powerpoints at the World Championships

Who We Are

Participation Programs

National and International Events

MSA hosts and participates in several National and /International events each year. These include the annual National Championships, World Aquatics World Masters Swimming Championships, Oceania Masters Games, Pan Pacific Masters Championships, Australian Masters Games, the Gay Games, the Out Games and the IGLA Championships. MSA owns the annual National Championships, and the event is hosted on a rotational basis by one (1) of the States/Territory each year.

World Aquatics World Records

Australian swimmers hold world records in masters swimming in both Long and Short Course.

National Records

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

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

Sponsors / Partnerships

Masters Swimming Australia major sponsor for over 18 years is:

Vorgee www.vorgee.com

Membership

Masters Swimming Australia annual membership is portioned to support the administrative and organisational structure of the organisation, to include Coaching & Officials, Member support & development, Events, Governance, Marketing and Strategic objectives, Insurance, and other administrative duties.

President's Report

Our 50th birthday - what a year we have had, so many events, dinners, celebrations, swims, medals, personal bests, Award winners, what more could you wish for in this very special year.

From September 1975 to the year 2025 so much history and so many people have been a part of our organisation, I feel very privileged to have been a part of the celebration of a wonderful 50 years. Thank you to the swimmers who had the vision to start A.U.S.S.I in Australia (some of whom are still part of our organisation) and thank you to everyone who has been a member since and especially during our 50th year.



Jane Noake, MSA President

A huge thank you to members of the Board, Rob and Kath who came up with most of the ideas for the celebration of our 50th year - the year long 50x50x50 Weeks MSA Members Challenge participation program, our 53 'Unsung Heroes', 50 new Club members / 50% Club member increase initiative, the September 50x50's Club based challenge and 40-50 Year Member recognition forthcoming being some of the programs during the year and thank you also to the numerous committee members and clubs who played a part in celebrating these events.

Of course, along with the celebratory events we had a year packed with National Championships, State championships, World Championships in Singapore (where we were well represented), Endurance 1000, Million metres and many social events. NSW also celebrated their 50th birthday with a special birthday party held in September, 50th birthday medals and a huge range of 50th birthday merchandise.

Our 49th National Championships were held in Melbourne at MSAC. Many thanks to the Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV) Organising Committee for a wonderful event and thank you to all the swimmers who were part of the Championships. Many, many months go into the organisation of the National Championships and I know our members appreciate all the work of the organisers, officials and volunteers who make this event happen. We look forward to celebrating the 50th National Championships in Brisbane in late April 2026.

Congratulations to our members who represented us in Singapore. The World Championships were a terrific event, swum in two pools about 10 minutes apart in a great precinct. Many great swims and many medals and records, it was a truly wonderful experience watching our Aussie swimmers compete on the world stage and so close to home and do so well. We're looking forward to seeing many swimmers in Budapest (Hungary) in 2027.

Meanwhile at home it was special to see so many clubs and members joining in the special 50th anniversary events and sharing their fun on social media so everyone could be part of the celebration. Thank you to those states and clubs who share their experiences with other members - it gives others fresh ideas, motivation and incentives to try new ways of developing the member experience, attracting new members and keeping our members involved. During our collective Leadership meetings communication and "telling our story" is always an important part of our discussions, and how do we attract the many swimmers in Australia who have not yet joined our movement.

2025 was an exceptional year of growth. Membership was up in most states, and it is encouraging to see many younger members joining us and becoming involved in the Masters family.

The National Office engaged a marketing student (Intern) to increase our presence on social media and help us tell our story. This will continue during 2026, and we hope this will help us reach a wider community of swimmers, thus it is important that our clubs continue to share their stories, achievements, social activities, ideas on social media platforms to encourage and inform others of the many facets to Masters swimming in Australia.



Rob Abernethy, Jane Noake and Tony Goodwin - Manly Masters Anniversary celebration

During 2025 we established the 'MSA Shop' offering a range of merchandise for our members – as a first run a special range for the 50th anniversary along with a core range was offered - take a look at the new offering for 2026 and hopefully there will be something for you, the proceeds of which are invested back into masters swimming ongoing.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers who keep our organisation swimming along. As mentioned, MSA - with the support of the states - celebrated 53 Unsung Heroes for their tireless contributions to our sport. While we recognise there are many more who could be acknowledged, we extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do.

Our committees continue their invaluable work. The National Technical Committee, the National Coaching Committee, the National Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the National Membership Committee and the National Swim Participation Committee (noting the latter two were combined to form the national Membership & Participation Committee in September 2025), thank you to all the members of these committees - sometimes there are difficult decisions to be made and we appreciate all the work that is done by every volunteer member of each committee, we could not progress without you all.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers in our States - the State committees, the club committees, the officials, our coaches and all the helping hands – in all, the volunteers who keep our clubs afloat and allow us to attend swim meets, club activities and training sessions.

Sincere thanks to all the members of the National Board and all the work that has been achieved during the year. A question that is continually asked at Leadership meetings - what does the National Board and the National Office do for us? Please feel free to have a chat with a member of the National Board or check out our website, they will let you know what goes on at National level to support our members.

Lastly, I would like to thank Rob and Kath in the National Office, and all those who support them. There is a phenomenal amount of work for two people in our National office, especially during 2025 when on top of the day to day running of the organisation we celebrated our 50th anniversary. I am in awe of what is achieved each day, and I thank them sincerely for what they do for Masters Swimming in Australia.

I hope 2026 is as successful as 2025 and I hope everyone achieves their goals in swimming during the year.

Jane Noake

President - Masters Swimming Australia

General Manager's Report

The past year has represented a significant milestone for Masters Swimming Australia (MSA), as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary while continuing to build momentum across participation, partnerships and organisational capability. It has been a year defined not only by reflection on our deep and rich history, but also by a clear and deliberate focus on positioning MSA for long-term, sustainable growth. MSA saw the highest membership numbers in two decades of 7,246 and an increase of 282 members from 2024.

A central theme throughout the year has been strengthening our connection to the broader swimming ecosystem. Accordingly, MSA has facilitated a range of strategic planning and integration forums, including engagements with masters swimming State and Territory Presidents (23 January 2025 online, AGM 10 April 2025 and 13 September 2025 face to face Melbourne) and Administrators (online 23 July 2025 and 6 November 2025) along with Committee Chairs (online 30 January 2025 and 3 September 2025). These forums have provided valuable opportunities to openly discuss ideas, challenges and emerging issues, whilst endeavouring to foster greater understanding, collaboration and alignment across the sport, and we will continue with them going forward.

Further to that end, our engagement with Swimming Australia (SA) has deepened considerably, spanning participation, coaching, officiating, resources, integrity and commercial collaboration. Importantly, this relationship is evolving beyond consultation to one of genuine alignment, with MSA now invited into and contributing more actively to national swimming ecosystems discussions and initiatives.

This has included participation in national and state forums, input into the SA's *Swim Well Strategy*, and involvement in a significant long-term participation research project being undertaken in partnership with Griffith University. These initiatives will provide valuable insight into the motivations, behaviours, opportunities and barriers affecting swimming participation in Australia, and will over time help inform how MSA continues to evolve its offering to meet the needs of current and future members. On behalf of MSA, I would like to acknowledge CEO Rob Woodhouse and the SA team of many for the genuine engagement, support and sincere goodwill granted to masters swimming during 2025.

In parallel, MSA also commenced discussions with the Australian Swimmers Association (ASA) via General Manager, Josh Beaver, to explore pathways for elite athletes to transition over from SA associated competition pathways into masters swimming. This represents an important opportunity to reinforce the concept of lifelong participation in swimming and to better connect different stages of the swimmer journey.

Our events program continues to be a cornerstone of MSA's activity and member engagement. The 2025 MSA National Championships held in Melbourne and delivered by the dedicated and hard-working Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV) team delivered a wide range of great experiences in and out of the pool along with many PB's, medals and excellent results for the 715 participants and 117 Clubs. At the time of writing planning for the 2026 National Championships in Brisbane is well progressed, supported by strong collaboration with Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ) to ensure a high-quality and inclusive short course pool, open water and ancillary events experience. At the same time, early planning for the 2027 Championships in Perth is already well underway, reflecting a longer term, proactive and strategic approach to event delivery that will enhance both operational readiness, participation and commercial outcomes. I would like to thank Meet Convenors Susanne Milenkevich (MSQ), Elena Nesci (MSWA) and their wonderful teams and volunteers for their leadership, dedication and prodigious efforts in providing great platforms for national competition excellence.



Rob Abernethy, MSA General Manager

General Manager's Report

Turning to the World Aquatics Masters Championships, held in Singapore 26 July – 22 August 2025, where a very strong contingent attended from Australian masters clubs with 408 registered members across all 7 States and Territory (note in 2017, we had 132 registered for Worlds in Budapest, Hungary). Accordingly, this is by far the largest contingent in the last 10 years and hearty congratulations are extended to all participants, PB achievers, medallists and record breakers!

Participation remains at the heart of everything we do, and with emphasising planning and investment accordingly. Throughout the 2025 year, we have continued to refine and expand our participation programs, with a strong emphasis on inclusion, accessibility, and retention. The introduction of the various 50th Anniversary year led participation programs has generated encouraging member engagement, while ongoing analysis of participation data is providing valuable insights into member behaviour and trends.

As gratefully supported by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) the inaugural Transition to Masters (T2M) adult swimming development program held during the first quarter of 2025 has been a particularly strong success. Designed by expert masters coaches Graham Dietrich and Judy Bonning, and delivered by our excellent coaches at club level, via Wests Auburn Masters, Darwin Stingers Masters, Aquadrome Otters, Albany Creek Masters, Miami Masters Swimming Club, Hobart Dolphins Masters, Mornington Peninsula Masters and Inglewood Masters Swimming Club, – the program demonstrated the capacity to attract and convert new participants into much better swimmers first, with many then joining as members.

This was further reflected via a 'user-pays' model as later Piloted by T2M champion coach Judy with the kind support of Miami Masters. The learnings are informing the ongoing development of a scalable Club 'opt in' national framework ("T2M Version 2.0"), which has the potential to become a key driver for new entrants to masters swimming from a Club participation and diversification, revenue generation and membership growth opportunity. Importantly, this work is also being linked to the development of future coaching education pathways, ensuring that capability and delivery are aligned, and participants receive a first-class experience. Some great membership conversion stats from the inaugural T2M to ponder:

- 33 participants accepted the offer of the MSA one (1) month free 'Come and Try' Membership:
7 x Albany Creek, 4 x Wests Auburn, 5 x Hobart Dolphins, 3 x Miami Masters, 4 x Inglewood,
3 x Aquadome Otters and 7 x Mornington Peninsula
- 17 participants have gone onto join as a 2025 MSA Member: 6 x Albany Creek, 4 x Wests Auburn,
1 x Darwin Stingers, 3 x Hobart Dolphins and 3 x Aquadome Otters

More to come for Clubs and Coaches on T2M "Version 2.0" – please stay tuned.

The mentioned 50th Anniversary celebrations have been a defining feature of the year and a powerful reminder of the strength and spirit of the masters swimming community. A wide range of initiatives – for example including the 50 x 50 x 50 Weeks MSA Members Challenge, the Unsung Heroes volunteer recognition program, commemorative activities and club-based events - have all driven strong grassroots swimming and social engagement across all States and Territories.

Beyond celebration, these initiatives have reinforced the values that underpin MSA: inclusion, participation, community and lifelong involvement in swimming. They have also provided a platform for recognising the extraordinary contributions of our members, from long-serving participants to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. As we move beyond this milestone year, a number of legacy initiatives, including long-service recognition and storytelling campaigns such as, "*I Am a Swimmer*" and "*Swimming for Life*," will ensure that this momentum continues. Please also be referred to the comprehensive 50th Anniversary summary for the results of what has been an extraordinary year-long plus period for MSA outreach.

General Manager's Report

From a commercial perspective, the organisation has made important strides in strengthening its sustainability and capability. The renewal of key partnerships, including our long term supporter Vorgee, has delivered enhanced support for our programs and also the MSA National Championships. At the same time, the 2025 introduction of new MSA merchandise Shop through our partner Badge of Honour has modernised our approach, enabling a broader product offering, quality wares and control, streamlined fulfilment and the removal of inventory risk. MSA greatly appreciates your continued support of the MSA Shop – and noting the associated monies generated funnels straight back into masters swimming.

This platform also provides the foundation for supporting participation and recognition programs, ensuring that member engagement initiatives can be delivered efficiently and at scale. We again congratulate our members who received their Unsung Heroes and 50 x 50 x 50 awards via this channel. Looking ahead, further work is underway to evolve our commercial strategy, including exploring opportunities for national sponsorship models that may deliver greater collective value across the organisation.

Governance and operationally, MSA continues to mature as an organisation. Our committee structure is now fully embedded and playing a critical role in progressing strategic priorities across coaching, membership and participation, disability and inclusion and technical areas. The contribution of our volunteers in these committees cannot be overstated, and their expertise, experience and commitment are central to the organisation's evolution and success. Accordingly, I would like to recognise and thank the 2025 Chairs in leading the way there:

- National Coaching Committee – Elena Nesci > Natasha Bletchly
- National Diversity & Inclusion Committee – Janice Saunders
- National Membership & Participation Committee – Jo Trim > Suzie Haddad
- National Technical Committee – Lynne Duncan > Kerry Blanch

Whilst on the topic of volunteerism, I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the enormous numbers of volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to MSA. Across the country, Technical Officials, club administrators, coaches, event organiser and numerous behind-the-scenes supporters play a vital role in ensuring the smooth day-to-day operation of our sport. Their collective efforts enable MSA to deliver meaningful participation opportunities and a strong sense of community for members nationwide. Quite simply, without our dedicated volunteer network, masters swimming would not function as it does today, nor provide the physical, social and mental wellbeing benefits so valued by our members. Thank you to each and every one of you for your invaluable contribution.

A review of Member Protection policies and related governance frameworks is also underway, with a focus on aligning with contemporary standards and the broader National Integrity Framework for sport. This work is being undertaken including collaboration with the SA Integrity Unit and will eventually support a more consistent, whole-of-sport approach to integrity and member wellbeing.

Operationally, continued investment in systems and platforms - most notably Swim Central - is enhancing our data capability, reporting and overall efficiency. These improvements are critical in supporting evidence-based decision-making and delivering an improved experience for members. That work is ongoing, with advantage being this is a swimming led and managed database platform, as overseen via our colleagues at SA, so speaks far more coherently to our unique language, better understands and is more equipped to handle our specific aquatic-based challenges.

Annual mass participation-based programs such as Vorgee Million Metres and Vorgee E-1000, along with new standalone programs such as the 50 x 50 x 50 Weeks MSA Members Challenge continue to demonstrate strong engagement and growth, highlighting the ongoing appeal of inclusive, achievement-oriented initiatives. The National Office draws valuable input from the National Membership & Participation



Daphne Briggs, Andrea McNeil OAM and Joan Simpson (Malvern Marlins) in MSA Merchandise

General Manager's Report

Committee in shaping the future of these participation offerings. Similarly, progress in coaching education development including MSA supporting further investment into the development of a new, currently in-drafting Advanced Coaching Course will play an important role in supporting both participation outcomes and the overall quality of the member experience.

Finally, on marketing and communications, during 2025 MSA has put significant effort into enhancing our members outreach efforts via our various online media channels. In support of this, MSA engaged with Deakin University to develop a student placement program initiative, with a student majoring in social media joining our team to assist in the comms delivery. In doing so, MSA is also supporting the development of a student with real time work experience and legacy outputs that can be taken forward into their future careers – something MSA is very proud of to support. During 2025 we saw over 300K views on MSA Facebook page and nearly 50K views on Instagram with the most activity from July 2025 onwards. Interactions increased from over 4K in 2024 to over 8K in 2025, so the engagement needle is moving in a positive direction as supported by our student resource.

As we look to the future, MSA is well positioned to build on the strong foundations established prior to and during its exceptional 50th anniversary year. The strategic priorities remain clear: to grow and retain membership, enhance the quality of the member experience, strengthen partnerships across the sport and ensure the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

While there both remains challenges and opportunities ahead, there is a strong sense of confidence in the direction of the organisation. With clear strategy, engaged stakeholders and a passionate, devoted swimming community, MSA is well placed to continue delivering meaningful outcomes for its members and to further embed its role as a leader in lifelong participation in swimming.

Yours in swimming for life,

Rob Abernethy

General Manager - Masters Swimming Australia

Finance Director's Report

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

The members of Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) celebrated our organisation's 50th anniversary in 2025. Special Project expenditure for this milestone was a way for MSA to acknowledge all members via the gift of Vorgee gold swimming caps, the dedicated efforts of swimmers in the 50 x 50 x 50 program and the anniversary weekend 50 x 50 Club Challenge, the 53 wonderful volunteers as Unsung Heroes, the Clubs who achieved 50 new Club members /a 50% Club member increase and also to honour our 40-50 year members.

General Manager Rob Abernethy and Operations and Administration Manager Kath Davis manage an ever-increasing workload, in particular during 2025 administering the 50th year projects, deftly dealing with the demands of the many varied facets of our organisation, its people and other associated stakeholders. I thank them both whole-heartedly for their expertise and commitment to MSA. The relationship with Swimming Australia continues to grow and Badge of Honour was engaged to provide MSA merchandise and its distribution, especially helpful in delivering various 50th year project-specific merchandise.

I thank my fellow Board members for their support during my time in 2025 as a director, and then in filling the casual Finance Director role upon the resignation of Andrew Ritter, whom I also thank for his valuable contribution. I have been fortunate to have worked on the Board with MSA's devoted Life Member President Jane Noake, erudite director Robert Hardie who leaves the Board in 2026 as his tenure comes to an end, Fiona Hogarth, Paula Giles and Jackie Goldston who is currently filling a casual vacancy. I am most appreciative of the extensive support provided by the proficient Swimming Australia finance team. I am grateful for the efforts of the National Office, the Board, National Committees and contractors to support and engage adult swimmers around Australia.

Summary

The capital purchase of a new laptop was approved for use by the Operations and Administration Manager, with the asset and depreciation reflected in the Balance Sheet. Term deposits continue to be held at Westpac and Bendigo Bank and were rolled over at maturity.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) grant of \$120,000 for Transition to Masters (T2M) was fully acquitted, with the final \$63.8K expended in 2025. The support of the coaches and community of 8 clubs around Australia made for a successful program assisting swimmers to gain confidence and improve skills in the caring and social environment of Masters Swimming.

The 2025 Audited Financial Statements show a surplus before Strategic Initiatives of \$71,113. MSA reports a net deficit of \$48,985 compared to a budgeted net deficit of \$48,650 after Strategic Initiatives, which includes the 50th anniversary expenditure and coaching special projects.

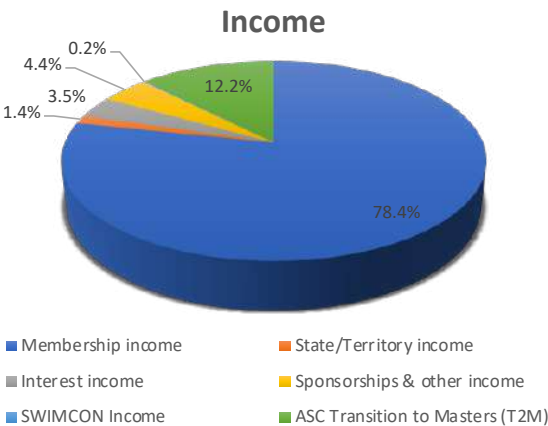
Income and Expenditure Statement

Income

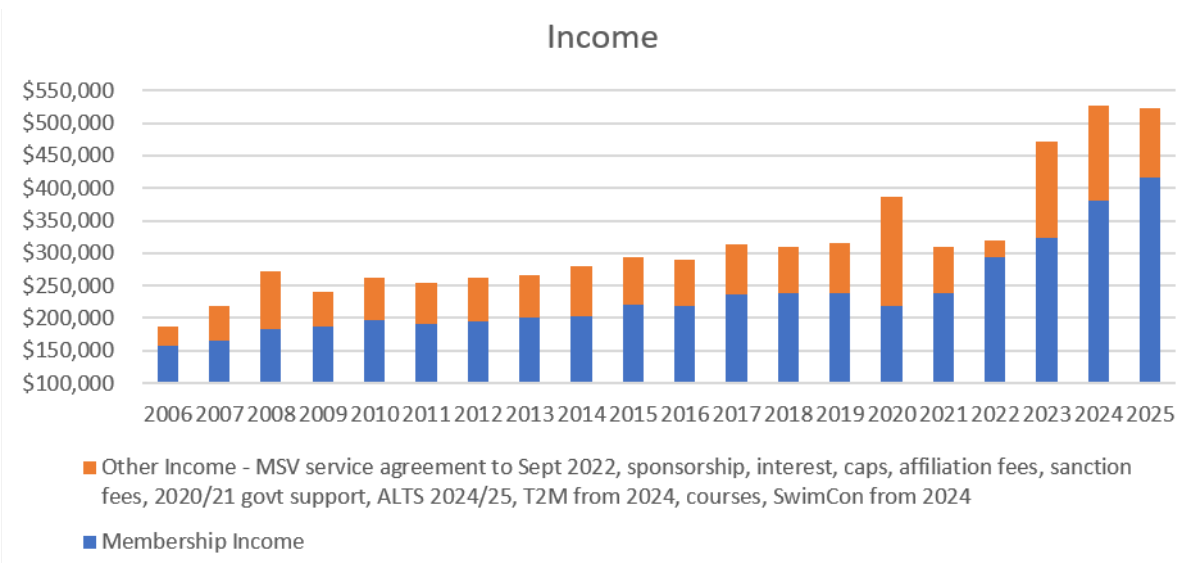
The revenue for 2025 included membership subscriptions of \$395,510 from 7,246 members compared to \$363,349 from 6,964 members in 2024.

Bank interest received in 2025 was \$18,103 down from \$20,445 in 2024 due to lower interest rates.

Vorgee, the principal sponsor and long-time supporter of MSA, returned in 2025 with an increased cash and Value in Kind sponsorship arrangement. Accordingly, this provided an uplift in support of both MSA and directly to the host State/Territory of the MSA National Championships from 2026.



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Due to the continuing uptake of the online Dita platform for coaching qualifications, coach accreditation revenue of \$13,936 in 2025 has increased from \$11,336 in 2024.

Other income items individually amounted to less than \$6K each.

Expenditure

As mentioned above, ASC funding of T2M was fully acquitted during 2024-2025, with \$63.8K of the \$120K spent in 2025.

2025 saw a full year of salary and associated expenses relating to the General Manager, following a gap in the role during 2024.

MSA took insurance brokerage to market, and as an outcome, changed insurance brokers to V-Insurance Group (VIG), resulting in healthy savings on insurance costs in 2025.

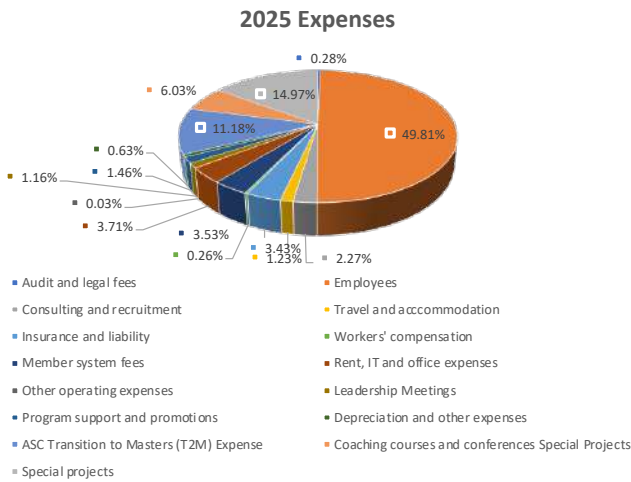
Rent, bookkeeping and IT services costs all charged under agreements with Swimming Australia have remained the same as in 2024. Swim Central fees included a new licence fee instituted from August 2025, charged monthly, and absorbed by MSA for the first year.

Xero and Survey Monkey and Office expenses in 2025 were all similar to 2024.

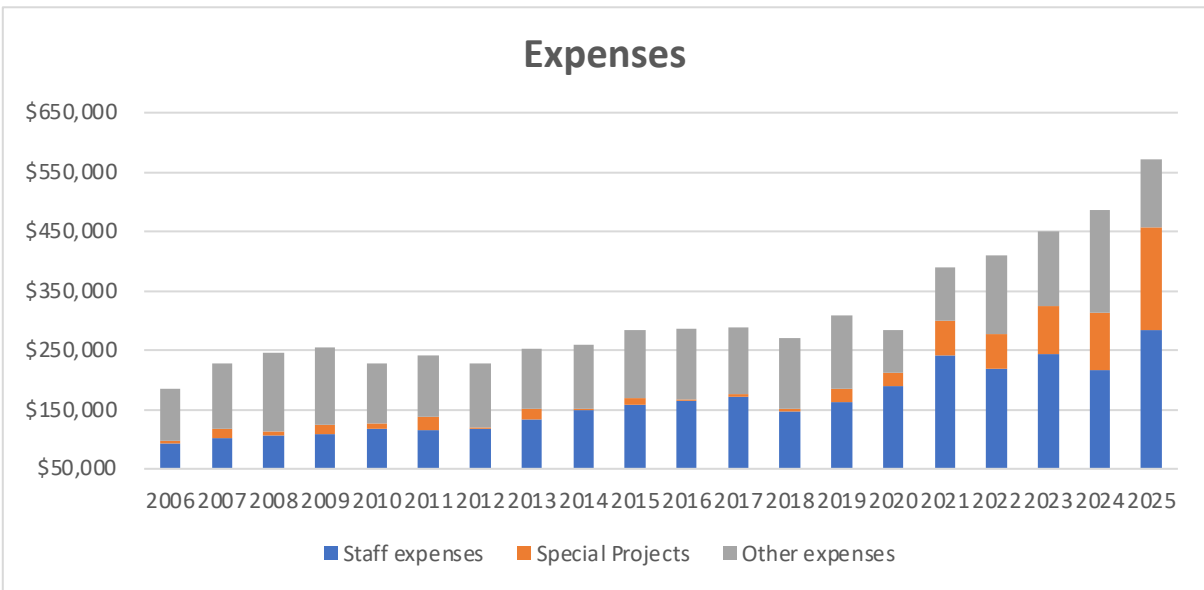
Rationalising the frequency of distribution of the Vorgee Million Metres awards has significantly reduced this program's associated postage costs in 2025. "Teams" is the standard online meeting platform of MSA, so the Zoom subscription was cancelled, resulting in cost savings.

Storage costs increased during 2025. Audit fees increased by \$100 compared to the previous year.

A highly beneficial face to face Leadership meeting was once again held in Melbourne in September, with most state/territory presidents or their representatives joining the Board and National Office team in Melbourne, of which MSA also helped subsidise member attendance.



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Online coaching course expenses were slightly less in 2025 compared to 2024.

Special Projects

2025 was a significant milestone year for MSA, being our 50th anniversary. Accordingly to recognise this half century of achievement, with the encouragement of Leaders of states/territory for the Board to continue to use capital reserves earmarked for special projects directed towards MSA's members, the National Office worked tirelessly in 2025 to organise the production and distribution of special edition Vorgee gold swimming caps to all members nationwide, 50 x 50 x 50 platinum, gold, silver and bronze awards merchandise and postage, Unsung Heroes merchandise and postage and Vorgee vouchers for the September 50 x 50 Club Challenge weekend. Our 30 Clubs achieving 50 new members or a 50% increase in membership will soon be recognised with Vorgee Vouchers too.

To further enhance MSA's accredited coaches' professional development, the well-attended and well-received Nationals Coaches Conference was held as so cap ably hosted by MSNSW in Canberra in June.

Balance Sheet

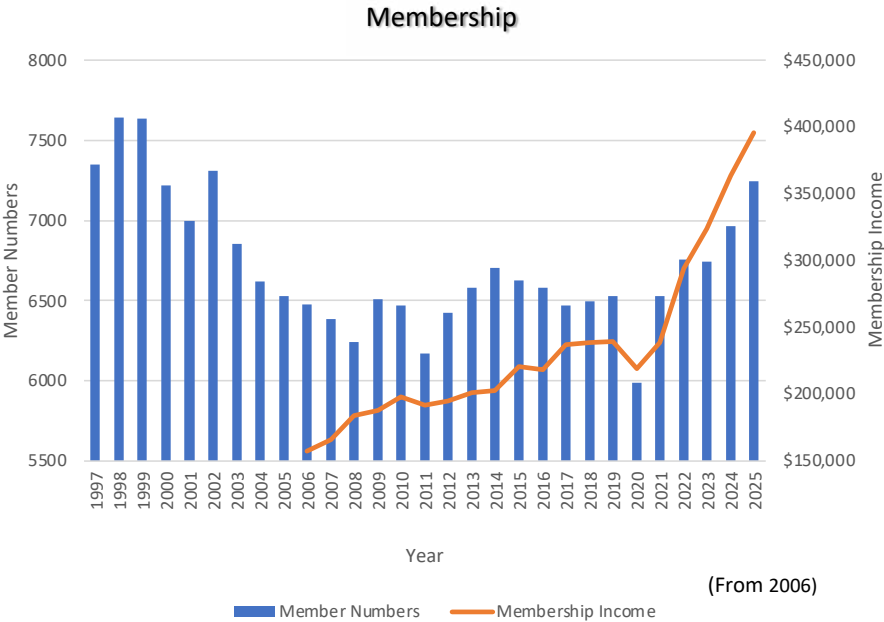
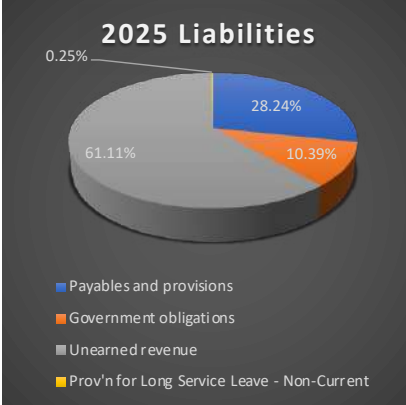
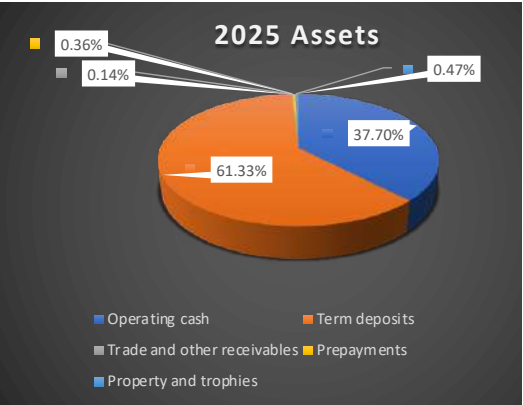
Cash is held in transaction accounts and in two term deposits with different banks that mature at different times of the year. MSA is protected by the Federal Government's bank deposit guarantee capped at \$250,000 per bank. Interest on the term deposits was reinvested at maturity.

MSA's net fixed assets rose in value following the new laptop purchase. All fixed assets are depreciated in the Balance Sheet on a monthly basis.

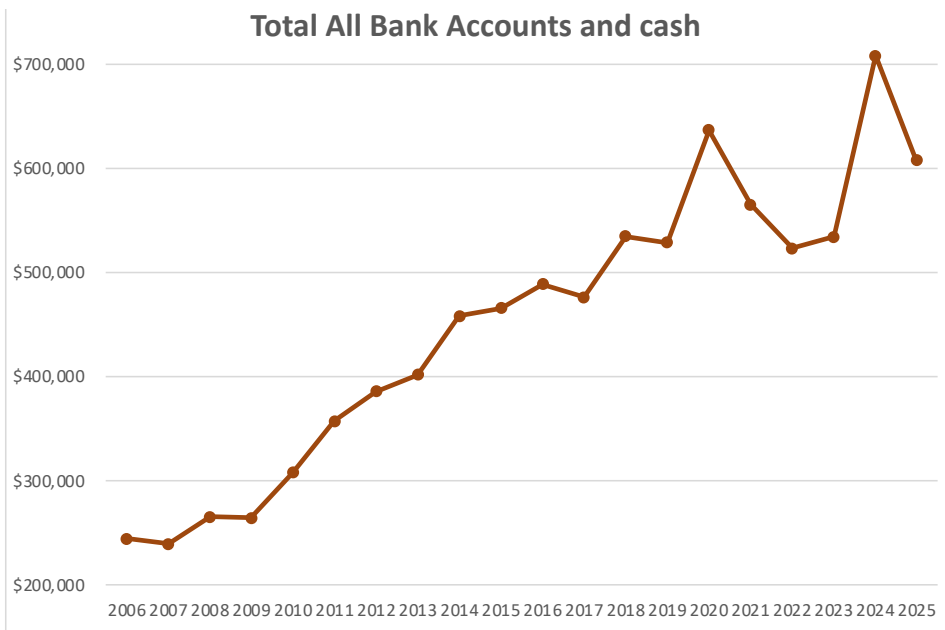
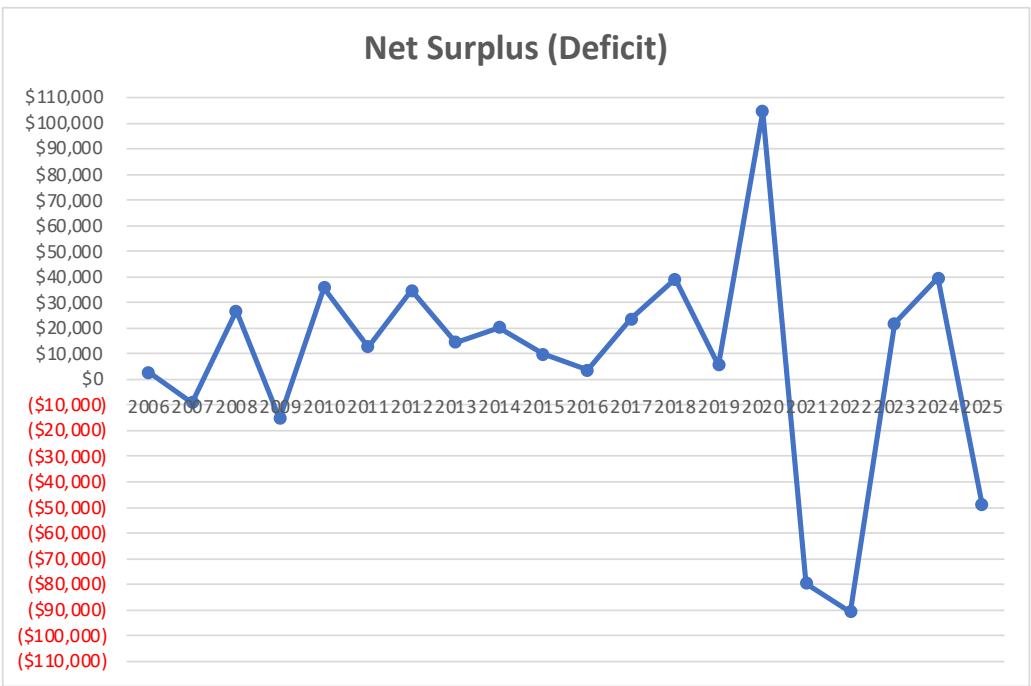
As mentioned above in listing 50th anniversary special projects spending, member bodies have expressed a desire for worthwhile but judicious spending for the benefit of our members, which has resulted in reduction of cash assets at 2025 year end compared to 2024, while still amply complying with the Cash Reserves Policy.

MSA continues to be in a sound financial position and the organisation can meet its commitments to staff, including their wages, superannuation, all leave entitlements, the ATO for PAYG and GST, and suppliers. Trading accounts hold sufficient cash for operating expenses and expense accruals.

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Masters Swimming Australia's vision is to enrich and inspire adults to swim for life. The Board, National Committees and National Office all play a part in its accomplishment. Closer relationships with other aquatic organisations, including Swimming Australia, helps provide the services and exercise influence for the betterment of MSA members, that our organisation of only two paid staff could not achieve on its own.

Proposal

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

Andrea McNeil OAM

Finance Director- Masters Swimming Australia

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Committee's report

31 December 2025

The committee members present their report on Masters Swimming Australia Inc (the "Association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

Information on committee members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and to date of the report are:

Jane Noake – President

Andrea McNeil – Finance Director (appointed October 2025)

Robert Hardie

Fiona Hogarth

Paula Giles

Jackie Goldston (appointed October 2025)

Andrew Ritter – Finance Director (resigned June 2025)

Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Masters Swimming Australia Inc during the financial year was to provide at club, state and national level an environment to encourage all adults, regardless of ability, to swim regularly and compete in order to promote fitness and improve their general wellbeing.

No significant changes in the nature of the Association's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating results

The deficit of the Association amounted to \$48,985 (2024: \$39,518 surplus).

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Association during the year.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Future developments and results

Likely developments in the operations of the Association and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Association.

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Committee's report

31 December 2025

Environmental issues

The Association's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

During the financial year, the Association paid premiums in respect of insurance contracts to insure the committee members and officers of the Association from liability for proceedings brought against them.

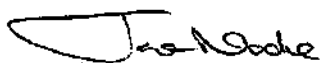
Proceedings on behalf of the Association

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Association or intervene in any proceedings to which the Association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Association for all or any part of those proceedings.

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 31 December 2025 has been received and can be found on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.



Jane Noake
President

Dated: 11/3/26.



Andrea McNeil
Finance Director

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LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

In accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Committee of Masters Swimming Australia Inc.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Masters Swimming Australia Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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9 April 2026
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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income			
Revenue	5	416,550	381,473
Other income	5	105,901	145,235
Total income		522,451	526,708
Expenses			
Employee benefit expenses		(284,632)	(216,619)
Other operating expenses	6	(286,804)	(270,571)
Total expenses		(571,436)	(487,190)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(48,985)	39,518
Total comprehensive income for the year		(48,985)	39,518

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	231,229	347,677
Short-term deposits at bank	8	376,161	360,098
Trade and other receivables	9	848	225
Other assets	10	2,227	2,000
Total current assets		610,465	710,000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	2,856	2,740
Total assets		613,321	712,740
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	50,112	32,857
Employee benefits provision	13	34,624	32,818
Income in advance		134,020	204,002
Total current liabilities		218,756	269,677
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits provision	13	559	72
Total liabilities		219,315	269,749
Net assets		394,006	442,991
Equity			
Retained earnings		394,006	442,991

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 December 2025

2024	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	403,473	403,473
Surplus for the year	39,518	39,518
Closing balance	442,991	442,991

2025	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	442,991	442,991
Deficit for the year	(48,985)	(48,985)
Closing balance	394,006	394,006

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Masters Swimming Australia Inc

Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from operating activities	433,743	609,891
Payments to suppliers and employees	(550,272)	(452,992)
Interest received	18,103	20,445
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	(98,426)	177,344
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payment for furniture & equipment	(1,959)	(3,871)
Investment in short-term deposits	(16,063)	(9,642)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(18,022)	(13,513)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
None	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(116,448)	163,831
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	347,677	183,846
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	231,229	347,677

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Introduction

The financial statements cover Masters Swimming Australia Inc as an individual entity. Masters Swimming Australia Inc is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012* ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of Masters Swimming Australia Inc is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

2. Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the Committee, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows* and AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Material accounting policy information is consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

3. Material accounting policy information

a. Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

b. Revenue

Revenue from membership registrations and branch affiliation fees are recognised according to the period 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.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

c. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts.

d. 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.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a reducing balance basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Furniture and equipment	10 % - 40%
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At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

e. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in income statement.

f. 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 Tax 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 payable are stated inclusive of GST.

3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

g. Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

i. Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

1) Classification

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income - equity instrument (FVOCI - equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income - debt investments (FVOCI - debt)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

The Association does not have financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

2) Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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For the year ended 31 December 2025

3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

g. Financial instruments (continued)

ii. Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables and other liabilities.

h. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Association has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 December 2025, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The committee members make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

Employee benefits provision

The liability for long service leave has been estimated using the assumptions as at balance date. The estimate of the present value of the liability for long service leave takes into account attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation. The estimate of future costs requires management's assessment of assumed salary growth rates, future on-cost rates and the experience of employee departures. The future costs are then discounted to present value in accordance with AASB 119.

5. Revenue and other income

Description	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue		
Annual affiliation fees	1,432	1,432
Coach accreditation fees	13,936	11,336
Member registrations	395,510	363,349
Sanction fees	5,672	5,356
Total revenue	416,550	381,473

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For the year ended 31 December 2025

5. Revenue and other income (continued)

Description	2025 \$	2024 \$
Other income		
ALTS Program	-	50,000
ASC Transition to Masters (T2M)	63,765	56,235
Interest income	18,103	20,445
Masters Development Course	3,109	-
Publications & merchandise	1,570	432
Sponsorships	15,455	15,000
SWIMCON income	1,073	1,468
Other income	2,826	1,655
Total other income	105,901	145,235
Total revenue and other income	522,451	526,708

6. Other operating expenses

Description	2025 \$	2024 \$
ALTS club support	-	5,523
ASC Transition to Masters (T2M) expense	63,878	56,235
Audit and accounting fees	13,600	13,500
Depreciation	1,843	1,473
Insurance	21,104	32,106
IT, telecommunication and computer expenses	7,760	7,533
Legal and consulting fees	992	45,815
Marketing and promotion	3,758	3,599
Meeting and conferences	17,513	10,952
Membership benefits - Project 2025	-	500
Membership registration management fee	19,855	15,496
Merchandise	2,624	5,067
Online coaching course	29,272	26,912
Printing and stationery	29	29
Rent	9,500	9,500
Special projects	78,591	6,675
Travel, meals and accommodation expenses	7,048	4,285
Other expenses	9,437	25,371
Total other operating expenses	286,804	270,571

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	231,205	347,653
Cash on hand	24	24
	231,229	347,677

8. Short-term deposits at bank

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Short-term deposits (original maturity 3 to 12 months)	376,161	360,098

9. Trade and other receivables

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	848	225

10. Other assets

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Prepayments	2,227	2,000

11. Property, plant and equipment

2025	Furniture & equipment
	\$
Cost	
Opening balance	26,038
Additions	1,959
Closing balance	27,997
Accumulated depreciation	
Opening balance	(23,298)
Charge for the year	(1,843)
Closing balance	(25,141)
NBV at 31 December 2025	2,856
NBV at 31 December 2024	2,740

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

12. Trade and other payables

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	7,376	12,550
GST payable	11,935	10,975
PAYG withholding on wages	6,984	4,520
Accrued expenses	19,946	2,793
Other payables	3,871	2,019
	50,112	32,857

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

13. Employee benefits provision

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Annual leave	19,560	20,481
Long service leave	15,064	12,337
Total	34,624	32,818

Non-current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Long service leave	559	72

14. Cash flow information

Description	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Operating surplus (deficit)	(48,985)	39,518
Add non-cash items		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,843	1,473
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(623)	15
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	(227)	30,248
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	17,255	8,895
Increase / (decrease) in employee benefits provision	2,293	(6,418)
Increase / (decrease) in income in advance	(69,982)	103,613
Net cash flows from / (used in) operating activities	(98,426)	177,344

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

15. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2025 (2024: None).

16. Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

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Certificate by members of committee

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

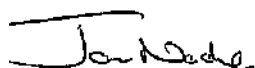
We, Jane Noake and Andrea McNeil, being members of the Committee of Masters Swimming Australia Inc, certify that:

The financial statements and notes for the year ended 31 December 2025 are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, and:

- comply with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial statements; and
- give a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of the performance for the year ended on that date.

In the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.



Jane Noake
President

Dated: 9/4/26



Andrea McNeil
Finance Director

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

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Masters Swimming Australia Inc. (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the annual statement by Committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial report and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Other Information

The Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis

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of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

E. F. McPHAIL & PARTNERS



Narin Mom
Partner

9 April 2026
Melbourne



National Coaching Conference (Canberra)

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National Coaching Committee (NCC) Report

National Coaching Committee composition:

To August 2025	From September 2025
Elena Nesci (WA) Chair	Natasha Bletchly (QLD) (Chair)
Di Coxon-Ellis (NSW)	Anne Smyth (NSW)
Anne Smyth (NSW)	Jacinta Stirrat (NT)
Jacinta Stirrat (NT)	Andrew Truong (SA)
Natasha Bletchly (QLD)	Megan Stronach (TAS)
Andrew Truong (SA)	Alan Godfrey (VIC)
Megan Stronach (TAS)	Kareena Preston (WA)
Alan Godfrey (VIC)	
Sharon Newstead (VIC)	
Kim Tyler (WA)	

Contributor: Rob Wilson National Coaching Education Coordinator (NCEC)

Observer: Andrea McNeil OAM (MSA Director/Finance Director)

Three members of the 2025 NCC – Di Coxon-Ellis, Elena Nesci and Kim Tyler - were required to stand-down from the Committee in August 2025 due to having served full 10-year terms. Kim Tyler and Elena Nesci have both been retained as Advisors to the NCC, specifically to assist with continuity of development of the SANCF, Advanced Coach Course, and Transition to Masters (T2M) and to assist Natasha Bletchly in the role of Chair.

The NCC met by TEAMS facilitated by NCEC Rob Wilson in March, May, and July 2025 and then the newly elected committee met in November 2025. In addition, specific T2M meetings were held in May '25 and February '26 with program leads and other guests to review the program and determine avenues for course development.

During the 2025 reporting period the National Coaching Committee was involved in a number of national initiatives and programs, some of which continue into the 2026 year. A summary of these programs is listed below, followed by an overview of coaching in the States and Territories.

National initiatives / programs

- **Strategic Plan** – At the request of the National Board, the NCC developed a Strategic Plan to allow for better planning of expenditure and execution of target programs in a 1 – 3-year timeframe. Rob Wilson (NCEC) coordinated the drafting of the Strategic Plan with members of the NCC forming working groups to provide material to be included in each area of the Plan. A final draft was submitted to the MSA Board in August 2025, and Rob Wilson and Elena Nesci attended a National Board meeting shortly after to discuss the content and structure of the Plan. Extensive changes were made as a result of discussions at the aforementioned meeting, and a “final” Strategic Plan was subsequently adopted as a working document providing timelines for projects and funding requirements. Working groups remain responsible for their allocated areas and the document should be under constant review.

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- **Swimming Australia National Coaching Framework (SANCF)** – The SANCF provides a modern, unified national pathway for developing, supporting, and recognising swimming coaches across Australia. Built in alignment to the Australian Sports Commission's modern approach to coaching and the Swimming Australia's Swim Well Strategy, the SANCF sets clear expectations for coach education, licencing, conduct, and ongoing development. The National Coaching Framework ensures that every coach, regardless of location, experience, or coaching environment, has access to consistent learning, on-going support, and meaningful opportunities to grow. The NCC has worked very closely with SA to ensure a clear and accessible connection is established between the two organisations in relation to coaching qualifications. A significant amount of work has gone into assessing, refining and establishing a framework for interconnectivity between the coaching accreditations offered by both Masters and SA allowing our respective cohorts the ability to apply for recognition of prior learning and further strengthening the relationship between the two organisations. Rob Wilson (NCEC) and a working group of Kim Tyler, Elena Nesci, Natasha Bletchly and Sharon Newstead have attended numerous online meetings with SA, assessed the processes and as of March 26 the SANCF is now in a position to recognise MSA qualifications for those wishing to acquire an SANCF Coaching Licence and vice versa. It is planned that there will be further development of access and contribution to the professional development offering of the SANCF for our coaches and to continue to enhance the position of MSA as the peak body for adult swimming in Australia.
- **National Coaching Conference June 2025** – After a successful inaugural National Coaching Conference in Perth 2023, funding was requested of and provided by MSA to host a second instalment in Canberra on the weekend of 21-22 June. Anne Smyth (MSNSW) coordinated the two-day sold-out conference that welcomed more than 60 coaches from all states and territories. Participants attended a variety of high-quality informative sessions at the Canberra Labor Club and nearby CISAC pool. Thank you to the presenters – Peter Reaburn, Yuriy Vdovychenko, Greg Gourley, Kim Tyler, Elena Nesci, Greg Lewin and Rob Wilson- and to Anne Smyth and Kerryn Blanch from MSNSW for coordinating a wholly successful conference enjoyed by all who attended. Through the extensive effort given by many, solid attendance, and prudent fiscal management the Conference produced a modest surplus after the MSA grant – there was a deficit before the \$5000 from MSA that will be re-invested into future MSNSW Coaching Education initiatives. The next biennial conference will be held in Queensland in 2027 to align with the Great Barrier Reef Games.
- **T2M** – Following on from the successful pilot program held Nationally and supported by an Australian Sports Commission grant, a successful paid pilot was held in conjunction with Miami Masters and delivered by co-creator of the program, Judy Bonning. Feedback from the paid pilot has been overwhelmingly positive with participants achieving skill benchmarks and most joining Miami Masters at the conclusion of the program. An online meeting was held in early 2026 with the T2M sub-committee, Judy Bonning, Graham Dietrich (co-creator) and Rob Abernethy to determine the best model for T2M to be made available to suitably qualified coaches both internally and externally to MSA. As at March 2026, work is progressing on developing a T2M competency for MSA and non-MSA coaches and a preliminary fee structure is also being developed by Rob Wilson and Rob Abernethy to provide a framework for delivery within Masters Clubs. There is clear benefit to the organisation and our member clubs and potential for the T2M program to fill a void between adult learn-to-swim and masters swimming. Proposed timeline for development is the second half of 2026.
- **Coaches National Online Meetings (CNOM)** – There were 8 CNOM held during 2025 covering a broad range of topics. The average attendance at these meetings was 32 with the additional option of viewing the recordings of the meetings via dita. There were a number of special guest and MSA Coach presenters delivering the meetings. Rob Wilson (NCEC) coordinates the notification and registration process with coaches able to claim one (1) professional development point towards their reaccreditation process for each meeting attended. The engagement with the meetings has been extremely positive and as this initiative is cost neutral it is intended to continue with the program. CNOM are forecast to be held approximately every 6 weeks during 2026.

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Coaches national online meetings schedule 2025

Date	Facilitator	Presenter	Topics	Registered	Attended	Recordings opened
February 2025	Rob Wilson	Kim Tyler	Ask me anything	69	36	25
June 2025	Elena Nesci	Graham Dietrich	Improving performance by understanding fatigue	61	37	33
June 2025	Rob Wilson	Cheryl Chambers Gaby Donnelly	Discussions with the winners of the 2024 Coach Excellence Awards	35	29	17
July 2025	Anne Smyth	Peter Reaburn	Strength and Conditioning	59	42	52
September 2025	Elena Nesci	Greg Lewin Aaron Cleland	Breaststroke	71	46	28
October 2025	Rob Wilson	Tony Goodwin Jan Jeffrey	Managing swim life – elite Masters athletes	58	40	35
November 2025	Rob Wilson	Rohan Taylor	Responses to questions	71	51	38
December 2025	Elena Nesci	Eliza Kelly	Nutrition	54	30	25

- Advanced Coach Course (ACC)** – Work on developing the ACC continued throughout 2025 with Kim Tyler leading the project. Blueprints of the proposed format for the course were developed by Kim Tyler and approved by the NCC with a mandatory, core and elective system of categorisation of modules enabling flexibility for participants while still ensuring appropriate skill acquisition for an advanced course. Coaches can also access modules for professional development purposes without having to commit to the full accreditation process. A combination of MSA developed units and external courses have been accessed to provide cost-effective development of the ACC. As at March 2026, the first selection of units is being loaded onto dita by Rob Wilson with an expected release date of second quarter 2026 for the first iteration of the ACC. Thank you to the ACC sub-committee of Kim Tyler, Rob Wilson, Jac Stirrat, Kareena Preston and Elena Nesci for driving the development of this important course.
- Online Club Coach Course (CCC)** – The CCC continues to operate successfully across all states and territories and is supported by the NCEC and the team of Coach Educators. Uptake of the Program Leader qualification since its introduction has been impressive (refer table in State and Territory Summary) and has provided support for clubs and members to continue to hold training sessions supported either by fully accredited coaches or program leaders. A review of the fee structure of the CCC was undertaken in 2025 and increases applied to all courses based on averaged backdated CPI for previous 4 years. MSA adopted recommended fee increases and has implemented an annual increase to ensure parity with CPI and help offset increases in costs. The NCC has investigated promoting the NCC to NZ Masters and extending the recognition of pre-requisite qualifications from SCTA, RLS and AUSTSWIM to ensure greater visibility and uptake of the course from non-MSA coaches / swim teachers.

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- **MSA 50th Anniversary** – The NCC was involved in two initiatives to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Masters Swimming Australia. To help support the 50 x 50 x 50 initiative, the NCC produced ten (10) suitable programs for members to complete. All programs were loaded onto the MSA website in March and then an additional ten (10) programs were loaded in July. The website traffic report showed in excess of 430 views with almost 280 active users. Additionally, the NCC coordinated the design, production and distribution of 50th Anniversary Coaches and Officials shirts and hats with more than 200 items ordered and proudly being worn across all states and territories. There was nil cost to the organisation with all production and delivery costs borne by members.
- **SWIMCON2025** – The leading industry-wide conference was held at the Adelaide Wine and Exhibition Centre from 18 – 21 September. MSA hosted a booth in the exhibition hall. Rob Wilson (NCEC), Elena Nesci (NCC Chair) and Kevin Duffy (MSSA) attended and presented on behalf of the organisation. The Masters Club Coach Course was offered as part of the pre-Conference Training Day with 6 trainee coaches in attendance, all of whom completed the course requirements and were subsequently accredited. Additionally, stroke correction and freestyle / OWS clinics were held for the benefit of MSSA coaches and SWIMCON attendees with positive feedback from all who attended. Rob Wilson also delivered an informative presentation on MSA during the Conference schedule. An informal MSA Coaches dinner was organised for the Friday night with coaches from MSSA and Natasha Bletchly (MSQ) in attendance. MSA had a table at the Presentation Function on the Saturday night and our two Coach Excellence Award Winners – Gaby Donnelly and Cheryl Chambers – were recognised during the Awards Ceremony, an important step to increasing awareness of MSA in the broader aquatic industry. Recommendation is to continue the presence of MSA at SWIMCON to ensure awareness of our courses and position within the Aquatics Industry continuum.
- **Coach Excellence Awards** – The Coach Excellence Awards nominations were assessed by the NCC and two very worthy winners selected for the 2024 coaching year. Gaby Donnelly (MSQ) and Cheryl Chambers (MSSA) were announced as winners at the Presentation Function of the 2025 National Championships in Melbourne but as neither were in attendance, both were presented their awards at the National Coaching Conference dinner in June. The NCC requested a change to the assessment process to allow for collaborative assessment which was approved by MSA and will be used for the selection process from 2025 onwards. A limit of 3 winners in any given year has been set with all winners required to meet strict selection criteria. This award is designed to recognise excellence in coaching practices and is separate from State / Territory-based awards.
- **Coach Educator meetings** – Coach Educators are responsible for the assessment of all online coaching modules and are coordinated by Rob Wilson (NCEC) with assistance from Kim Tyler. The annual Coach Educator's Meeting was held in November 2025. It provided an opportunity to review assessment practices and welcome Natasha Bletchly as a trainee Educator. All Coach Educators are required to reaccredit every 3 years and a checklist for reaccreditation is in use. A comprehensive set of task lists and competencies for CEs has been distributed to all. It was noted that succession planning was important to avoid situations where some States and Territories could be without a Coach Educator. Coach Educators will be responsible for the assessment of modules introduced as part of the Advanced Coach Course.
- **Coaches' Forum at National Championships** – This initiative has firmly been cemented on the annual calendar after its inception in Darwin in 2024. Coaches from all States and Territories attended an informal dinner during the National Championships in Melbourne providing an opportunity to meet and chat with peers who we ordinarily only see online. Brisbane (2026) and Perth (2027) will also include a coaches' forum. This is a cost-neutral initiative for MSA.

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State and Territory Overview

All States and Territories are represented on the NCC and regular updates provided detailing programs in their respective jurisdictions. State-based programs such as “Swim into the Wet” in the NT, “Couch to 2K” in WA and various coaching clinics across other States and Territories are ensuring that our grassroots coaches are able to continue to gain valuable professional development and remain engaged in the process of guiding their swimmers. Below is a table summarising the number of coaches in each jurisdiction. It is a healthy set of numbers!

As of 8/3/26	# of coaches	# of program leaders	# in training	# coach educators
MSNSW	89 active, 7 expired	7	19	3
MSNT	3 active, 2 expired	0	5	1
MSQLD	52 active, 49 expired	2	15	1, 1 in training
MSSA	28 active, 3 expired	0	6	1
MSTAS	16 active	8	7	1
MSVIC	57 active, 2 expired	13	26	2
MSWA	107 active, 15 expired	20	21	2

Compared to

As of 19/2/25	# of coaches	# of program leaders	# in training	# coach educators
MSNSW	79 active, 22 expired	3	16	3
MSNT	5 active, 1 expired	0	2	1
MSQLD	52 active, 71 expired	1	14	1, 1 in training
MSSA	24 active, 1 expired	0	2	1
MSTAS	12 active, 2 expired	5	9	1
MSVIC	52 active, 11 expired	2	9	1
MSWA	104 active, 25 expired	9	20	2

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the members of the NCC who have all contributed many hours of their time to developing a robust, varied and challenging variety of initiatives. Their dedication to ensuring that our coaches are mentored, supported, challenged and inspired is second to none.

It goes without saying that many of our coaching projects could not continue without the exceptional work done by Rob Wilson as NCEC. His expertise and calm coordination of many of the projects we work on is integral to their success.

Thanks also go to Rob Abernethy, Kath Davis and the MSA Board, in particular Andrea McNeil, for their support of the NCC and our many and varied ideas.

Elena Nesci / Natasha Bletchly

Committee Chair

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National Diversity and Inclusion Committee (NDIC) Report

NDIC Committee composition:

To August 2025	From September 2025
Janice Saunders (WA) Chair	Janice Saunders (WA) Chair
Damon Kendrick (QLD)	Katrina Munn (QLD)
Fiona Redgrove (TAS)	Amy Wallen (SA)
Susie Purcell (NSW)	Susie Purcell (NSW)
Dylan Carmichael (QLD)	Nigel Van Reyk (NSW)
- resigned August 2025	Robert Beckett (WA)



Observer: Robert Hardie (MSA Director)

Transition 2 Masters Program with Aquadome Otters

NDIC held 6 meetings in total during 2025 as well as a meeting in November 2024 to meet the new committee and another in November 2025 to meet the 2026 committee. Other correspondence was provided via email.

Topics discussed were:

- MC swimming inclusion at MSA Nationals
- Transgender at MSA- this topic was left for the 2026 Committee
- Medical Disability – this topic was left for 2026 Committee.

The focus of the year was on inclusion for swimmers with a disability (MC, Multi Class) into Masters Swimming at National Championships and resulted in a recommendation made to MSA Board on 20th August 2025.

At the time of our investigation there were approximately 59 Classified swimmers (under International Paralympic Committee rules, IPC) registered with MSA from a total of nearly 6000 members, i.e. 1%

The NDIC first met in November 2024 and decided to concentrate on inclusion of MC swimming into MSA.

Each member of the committee was asked to explore how MC swimmers' results were treated in their home state and report back with this information.

Initially there was much discussion re what was considered as inclusion versus integration vs tokenism etc.

It was also discussed who should be considered as a swimmer with a disability. Committee agreed that while swimmers with a Medical Disability (MD) form may be considered to have a disability, these swimmers should be excluded from our considerations as the process for determining MD is less stringent than for those swimmers who are classified under International Paralympic Committee (IPC) guidelines. Classified swimmers have a permanent disability based on a lifelong eligible health condition, i.e. a MC swimmer. It was also acknowledged that there may be many other MSA members with a classifiable disability who have chosen not to be classified or are unaware of the process.

A consensus was reached and NDIC then looked at 3 options below. Note that all options have swimmers in heats based on their times alone.

There was no separation of events for MC swimmers.

There are no National records for MC other than some state-based ones in Queensland. There are no World Records (WR) for Masters MC swimmers at all.

WR for Able Bodied (AB) swimmers are available for each event/age group/sex/course length and form the basis of calculations for AB places in MSA events.

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There is only one WR for every MC classification for each event/sex/course length.

Option 1: Maintain the status quo - There is no distinction between swimmers without a disability AB, and those with a disability MC. In this scenario, all swimmers will have their times compared using Masters World Aquatics points, out of 1000, with 1000 being the WR for that sex/age group/event/stroke. This is automated as per current protocols.

$$P=1000 \times (B/T)^3 \quad P=\text{Points}, B=\text{Base time (WR) (secs)}, T=\text{time swum (secs)}$$

Option 2: System used in Queensland since 2018, by MSQ which separates the results of MC swimmers and awards medals in each sex/age group/event based on time swum and classification. Eg if 3 swimmers with S8 classification and 1 with S14 were in the same age group/sex/event, then Gold, Silver and Bronze would be awarded to the S8 swimmers and Gold would be awarded to the S14 as well. This system also awarded a MC Swimmer of the Meet, based on a different set of calculations. This system relied on manual extraction of times and calculations at the time of our investigation. The club points awarded for the MC swimmers was then based on their finish time. If the 3 S8 swimmers may have finished in 7th to 10th place amongst the age group so would be awarded 4,3 and 2 points respectively, not 10,9 and 8 points commensurate with Gold, Silver and Bronze. No comparison to WR in any calculations under this option.

Option 3: System used in NSW by MSNSW since 2019 using a calculation based on the same formula as Masters World Aquatics, with the WR for each classification as the basis of the calculation and an ageing factor (F) which takes into consideration that a swimmer will swim slower as he/she ages. F is calculated using published AB Masters WR for each sex/age group/event/stroke on an annual basis.

$$1000 \times \left(\frac{B \times F}{T} \right)^3$$

In this formula B is the WR for that Classification in that sex/event/stroke/course length and F is the ageing factor. Points calculated for each swim (out of 1000) as per World Aquatics, were then slotted into the ranking of all swimmers in that age group and club points awarded accordingly. This system is fully automated for the whole meet and easily manages large numbers.

Both Options 2 and 3 draw data from Swim Central where those swimmers who have been classified have their classification noted against their names and this filters automatically into MSA.

NDIC also asked a representative from MSQ and from MSNSW to attend separate online meetings and present their system to the committee. An opportunity to ask questions of the presenters was provided.

To ensure the options were compared fairly, NDIC asked MSQ and MSNSW to apply their system to the results from MSA Nationals held in Melbourne in 2025. The names of the 22 MC swimmers who competed were declared to each Recorder to ensure the same MC swimmers were being considered in each case. Option 1 results were the MSA Nationals results published on MSA website. These results were the base data used.

Comparative medal results for MC swimmers obtained for the 3 options were as follows:

Option 1	17 medals (3G,9S,5B)
Option 2	155 medals (137G, 13S,5B)
Option 3	20 medals (5G, 8S, 7B)

NDIC then created a survey which was sent by MSA to 59 MC swimmers registered with MSA to ascertain their thoughts on the 3 options described above. 26 replies were received and these were evenly split between

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options 2 and 3. It was felt that sending a survey to 6000 MSA members was not appropriate as it would be 99% of the MSA population deciding what would happen to 1% (MC swimmers).

NDIC also considered several variations to either/both options 2 and 3 in an endeavour to try to meet desires of each survey group but could not arrive at a suitable compromise. NDIC then voted to recommend Option 3 to MSA Board on the basis that: this demonstrated the fairest way to include MC swimmers in their age groups; recognised that they have a lifelong disability: MC results were calculated based on WR for each classification which was comparable to AB comparisons to their WR as in Option 1: enabled MC swimmers to win points for their club based truly on their results: medals were only awarded if times versus WR warranted it: all results for the total Meet were calculated 'live' as in Option 1 including Swimmer of the Meet, which was verified by direct comparison. This recommendation was accepted by MSA Board, however further investigation based on maintaining AB competition fairness continues before policy finalisation, then communication and implementation occurs at a National Level.

Janice Saunders

Chairperson NDIC

National Membership Committee (NMC) Report

NMC Committee composition:

To August 2025
Jo Trim (VIC) Chair
Chris Lock (NSW)
James Watson (NSW)
Michele Burley-Jones (QLD)
Simon Howe (SA)
Elizabeth Aquino Perez (VIC)

Observer: Fiona Hogarth (MSA Director)

During 2025 the National Membership Committee have been focusing on several projects to help increase the membership of swimmers around Australia. The initiatives continued to build on work commenced in 2024.

The committee meet on the first Tuesday each month.

Activities undertaken

- **Club Matrix** – Work continued on refining the club matrix and an updated online version of the club finder was launched on the MSA website in late 2025. This updated version of Club Finder contains more data and search options, so that potential and existing members can locate a club that will best suit their needs. The committee will work with National Office on continuing refinements to enable ease of use and accuracy of data.
- **Plan on a Page** – the committee worked with National Office to refine it's objectives and focus for activities, using the plan on a page as a basis. The plan aligns the committee objectives with the strategic goals of MSA.
- **50th Anniversary Projects** – The Committee provided advice and guidance for several of the 50th Anniversary projects, such as guidelines for the Unsung Heroes, recommendations for social media promotion
- **Lapsed Members Email** – The committee worked with National Office to send an email to lapsed members from 2024 year and encourage them to rejoin. This process also assisted National Office to update its contact data base for members who were no longer contactable.

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The National Membership Committee was disbanded in August. It has been combined with the previous Swim Program Committee to create the new National Membership and Participation Committee which has a focus on increasing participation in Masters Swimming in general.

National Membership

Note these final Masters Swimming Australia membership numbers do not include Second Claims, nor event memberships or Trial memberships and State reports in this Annual Report may use Second Claim and Trial memberships in their membership numbers. 2025 had the highest membership numbers in 23 years.

State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
NSW	1719	1620	1557	1534	1558	1450	1437	1482	1464	1459	1375	1329	1421	1419	1496	1601
NT	161	154	148	141	131	136	138	152	161	149	149	192	187	199	227	188
QLD	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1189	1199	1195	1214	1220	1052	1216	1203	1096	1193	1245
SA	606	577	635	631	657	649	644	614	618	631	567	647	612	640	599	623
TAS	296	280	299	288	298	327	277	291	290	304	297	314	310	305	292	286
VIC	975	965	1055	1098	1176	1219	1263	1148	1119	1112	967	1045	1305	1347	1407	1528
WA	1398	1442	1448	1578	1642	1655	1619	1587	1647	1650	1579	1782	1716	1734	1750	1775
Total	6471	6176	6422	6505	6704	6625	6577	6469	6513	6525	5986	6525	6754	6740	6964	7246

National Swim Program Committee (NSPC) Report

NSPC Committee composition:

To August 2025
Suzie Haddad (NSW) Chair
Leanne Beames (SA)
Maggie Georgopoulos (QLD)
Helen Rubin (NSW)
Richard Hughes (WA)

Observer: Paula Giles (MSA Director)

In January 2025, the committee held its inaugural meeting, at which Suzie Haddad was nominated and formally elected as Chair.

Throughout the year, the committee engaged with and received ongoing guidance and support from the National Office, particularly in areas where clarification or assistance was required.

The committee's primary focus during the reporting period was the development and implementation of the 50 x 50 x 50 Weeks MSA Members Challenge, which was launched in late December 2024, with member participation commencing on 1 January 2025. The initiative was designed to encourage widespread participation, increase member engagement and align more closely with the ethos of Masters Swimming. This program replaced the existing National Swim Series, which was no longer considered to sufficiently promote broad and inclusive participation across the membership.

The National Swim Programs Committee (NSPC) was responsible for sourcing, assessing, and providing reward options and associated costings to the National Board for consideration. A tiered awards structure was agreed upon, with a defined budget established. The NSPC developed a proposal within these parameters, which was subsequently submitted to the National Board for review and approval.

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In support of the challenge, the NSPC also consulted with members of the swimming community to better understand usage of the Million Metres App. Short promotional videos were captured and provided to Masters Swimming Australia for distribution, with the objective of increasing awareness of the app and encouraging greater participation in the 50 x 50 x 50 Challenge.

The committee further developed a range of concepts for potential implementation in 2026. These proposals were presented to the National Board for consideration, with final decisions regarding future initiatives to be determined by the Board.

Discussion occurred regarding the National Swim Guide; however, this item was deferred pending further direction. The NSPC also approved Postal Swims that were presented by clubs, ensuring that they all aligned with the requirements of a postal swim.

At the conclusion of the reporting period, the committee was merged with another committee to form a newly established national committee.

Suzie Haddad

Chair

National Membership and Participation Committee (NMPC) Report

(commenced September 2025)

NMPC Committee composition:

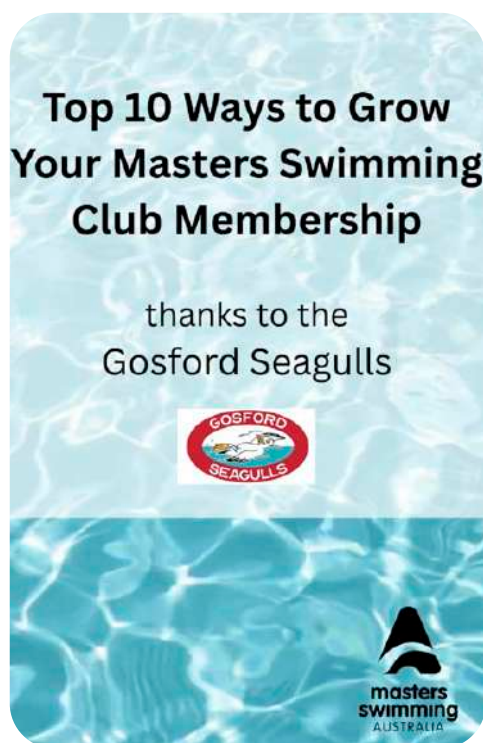
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Suzie Haddad (NSW) Chair
James Watson (NSW)
Michele Burley-Jones (QLD)
Maggie Georgopoulos (QLD)
Simon Howe (SA)
Richard Hughes (WA)

Observers: Fiona Hogarth and Paula Giles (MSA Directors)

Growing, retaining, developing and encouraging participation for Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) members is a key priority. In 2025, MSA has seen membership grow above 7,000 for the first time since 2002 and new and revised participation programs are providing positive pathways for members to swim, for life as MSA members.

To continue the important work of focussing on the needs of MSA members, the MSA Board has considered the ongoing need for two stand-alone Committees with a shared focus on membership and member participation. The Board believes a single Committee with a shared focus on these objectives, united around the principle of membership value, participation and experience, provides a more efficient and effective way of focussing on the benefits of MSA membership, from the point of joining the organisation through to lifelong participation.

At its meeting on 12 September 2025, the Board agreed to a recommendation to merge the two committees into a new 'National Membership and Participation Committee'.



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The National Membership and Participation Committee will assist the Board of Masters Swimming Australia with delivery of the Association's strategic plan and with specific reference to:

- growing, retaining and supporting the membership of the Association,
- support the growth and development of clubs and their administration,
- the development, administration and suitability of all competitive and non-competitive swimming initiatives offered by the Association, including the National Championships and programs, and
- safe conduct and practice of national swimming events, training and activities.

National Technical Committee (NTC) Report

NTC Committee composition:

To August 2025	From September 2025	
Lynne Duncan (WA) Chair	Kerryn Blanch (NSW) Chair	
Kerryn Blanch (NSW)	Di Partridge (NSW)	
Di Partridge (NSW)	Paul Carter (NT)	
Paul Carter (NT)	John Barrett (QLD)	
John Barrett (QLD)	Lori Chaplin (QLD)	
Lori Chaplin (QLD)	Melissa Beames (SA)	
Melissa Beames (SA)	Brian Walsh (VIC)	
Pauline Samson (TAS)	Lynne Duncan (WA)	
Brian Walsh (VIC)		

Observer: Jane Noake (MSA President)

From the archives: Amazing timekeepers

As I sit down to pen this report, I reflect on 2025 and wonder where the year disappeared to. Life seems to move at such a fast pace that the days, weeks, and months slip by almost unnoticed, and suddenly it's time to buy Christmas presents and pop Champagne. Like many, I felt how busy each day is, and unbelievably how the year flew past in the blink of an eye.

Throughout 2025, the National Technical Committee (NTC) has concentrated on a comprehensive review of existing rules and regulations. This included revising the Open Water Swimming Rules and updating existing Swimming Rules to ensure alignment with any changes implemented by World Aquatics (WA) to Masters Swimming Rules. Additionally, the procedures and documentation relative to protesting the outcome of a swimmer's results have been evaluated and enhanced with new processes. The rules concerning swimmers who are not permanent residents of Australia and don't meet the Domesticity criterion have also been reviewed and updated. Eligibility criteria for setting records at non-Masters Swimming events have been amended to promote greater equity. Finally, the NTC completed an extensive review and update of the dreaded Disqualification Codes to ensure consistency, clarity, and alignment with World Aquatic standards.

A significant ongoing project for the NTC has been the review and rewrite of the Candidate and Presenter Notes used during Technical Officials training and workshops. This task has been a major focus during 2024/25, with the aim of finalising these documents in 2026. I recognised that I need to stop procrastinating, refocus on my own set of documents, and complete what I started—something I look forward to achieving in the next little while.

Notably, it was encouraging to observe that NTC members highlighted several processes, policies, and rules requiring review, with an emphasis on enhancing those areas and addressing anomalies that were in place previously. Fortunately, the majority of those reviews have resulted in better, more effective and efficient processes, polices and rules, which are now in place.

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As a consequence of changes to the MSA Rules stipulating that a person can only serve a maximum period of four (4) years as Chair of the NTC, it was my turn to step aside and enable a new chair to be selected. I was delighted that Kerryn Blanche, NTC member from New South Wales was voted into this role. Kerryn has taken on the position and has already embraced the role. I welcome her and wish her every success; I am confident she will excel as Chair - Congratulations, Kerryn!

After stepping down from the position of Chair, I realised I have more time to dedicate to other pursuits, such as per chance, reviewing training material (haha). Pauline Samson, NTC member Tasmania, also stepped away from her position on the NTC however, continues as National Recorder, a role I certainly would not relish. Thank you, Pauline, for your contribution to the NTC.

Without the dedication and generosity of the members of the NTC it would be difficult to ensure compliance with, and the application of the MSA Swimming and Open Water Swimming Rules across the many events held throughout Australia. I am sincerely grateful for all that each member of the NTC does for Masters Swimming Australia, and I can be assured that same sentiment is shared by the incoming Chair and the NTC for 2026.

I also wish to extend my thanks to Jane Noake (President MSA), Rob Abernethy (General Manager), and Kath Davies (Operations and Membership Manager) for their invaluable guidance to the NTC. Your support and commitment to myself as Chair and the committee are greatly appreciated.

I plan to remain a member of the NTC for 2026 and am looking forward to the prospect of contributing from the 'Cheap Seats'.

Lynne Duncan

Past Chair, National Technical Committee

National Recorder Report

2025 was another year with a bumper number of over 120 meets for swimmers including the National Championships, Melbourne, World Masters Championships, Singapore, and Australian Masters Games, Canberra. This year saw an increase in the number of events, totalling 23, where Masters swimmers were able to compete as Masters, organised by Swimming Australia organisations within their respective states. MSNSW has the highest participation rate with 19,158 individual and 1,075 relay swims with MSQ on 17,762 individual swims and MSV on 769 relay swims.

This was the first year that National Federations used a new recording system set up by World Aquatics requiring a new format for the submission. As this was basically in a testing phase, the release of the World Top 10 results were much later than in previous years. The system does allow for editing of results, and all results are kept for historical reference. World Records can also be submitted online and done on the day of a meet with very little paperwork being required, as much of the information is stored within the system. This has also enabled recorders to submit results for international swimmers on behalf of their Federation.

The statistics around the number of swims added to the portal just shows the amount of information stored in a swimmer's personal history and also the wealth of information available for our swimming community, here and overseas. A comparison is shown from the previous year.



From the archives: History of National Records

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State	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Individual	21,108	2082	16,196	5166	3889	11,193	9406	69,040
2024	19,518	2215	17,762	5419	3222	9655	8356	66,147
Relay	1225	41	423	334	90	628	638	3379
2024	1075	51	379	399	77	769	612	3362

National e1000 Trophy 2025 (results since 2012)

Year	Clubs	Swimmers	Completed all swims	Achieved 1005 points
2025	157	1724	83	64
2024	152	1710	83	61
2023	148	1667	85	63
2022	155	1776	80	60
2021	128	1511	80	55
2020	125	1306	44	33
2019	143	1886	90	59
2018	157	1969	90	61
2017	152	1737	78	50
2016	152	1915	88	57
2015	144	1965	75	56
2014	146	1899	71	51
2013	153	2109	110	55
2012	141	1884	81	59

Statistics of entries from the records/results portal	Total since 2002	2025
Meets	3048	121
Individual results	1,420,966	69,040 (incl splits)
Relay results	50,572	3379
National Records	17,165	338
Individual		(260)
Relay		(78)
World records achieved		
Individual	688	15
Relay	62	0

Pauline Samson OAM

National Recorder



Left: Tuggeranong State SC; Right: Blacktown State SC

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Masters Swimming New South Wales (MSNSW)

Celebrating 50 years of MSNSW 1975-2025

Governance

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a board of 7 members assisted by position holders in Communications, Coaching, Endurance, Recording, Safety, Technical, Training, Social Media and Website.

Board members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2025:

Kerryn Blanch - President

Mark McDonald - Vice President

Lawrence Powderley - Vice President Country

Bec Sheppherd - Treasurer

Suzie Haddad - Ordinary Board Member

Nigel van Reyk - Ordinary Board Member

Donna Campbell - Ordinary Board Member

Lauren Bradley continues her employment as MSNSW Sports Administrator.

Social Media

In 2025 we had a new social media manager, Belinda Meek; a member of Campbelltown, who made a significant impact to our socials.

Our most well-received content series in 2025 was our coverage of the World Championships, with swimmers appreciating the prompt updates of results allowing them to stay informed throughout the competition. Positive feedback was received from both competing swimmers and those following along from back home and was noticed by other MSA state bodies. The accompanying special edition newsletter was also a hit amongst the swimming community.

- **Total Content Views:** 63,929 on Facebook / 17,374 on Instagram
- **Total Comments:** 226 on Facebook / 33 on Instagram
- **Total Likes/Reactions:** 1,942 on Facebook / 669 on Instagram
- **Total Shares:** 82

Year on Year social media growth of our Facebook Page (Jan 01-Dec 31):

- **Total visits to page:** 20,300 +21.1% YOY
- **Total content interactions:** 12,391 +62.6% YOY
 - Reactions: 10,489
 - Comments: 1,185
 - Shares: 717
- **Total follower increase:** 328 +7.1% YOY
- **Total content views:** 393,300 (YOY data unavailable)

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Masters Swimming New South Wales (MSNSW)



NSW State Sport awards

MSNSW had 1 finalist in the NSW Sports awards.

86 year old **Kay Burton** (Blue Mountains Phoenix), was a finalist in the NSW Masters Athlete of the Year Category for 2025. We are incredibly proud to report that Kay went on to WIN this category.

Kay had an incredibly successful 2025, winning 4 gold medals at the World Championships in the 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly, 200m IM and 400m IM. Throughout the year Kay broke 2 National Records and 9 State Records.

Kay's remarkable achievements highlight her unwavering commitment to the sport, and we are incredibly proud of her.

We also nominated Cameron Jones (Warringah) for official of the year and the MSNSW Relay Meet for Event of the Year, unfortunately neither nomination progressed into the finalist stage.

Coaching Team

In 2025 we held multiple clinics:

- Bowral (22nd March)
- Canberra x 2 (10th May)
- Orange x 2 (7th June)
- National Coaching Conference (21st and 22nd June)
- Pambula (26th July)

National Coaching Conference:

Over 70 coaches and presenters from around Australia attended the National Coach Conference in Canberra on June 21/22.

The Conference was a jam-packed weekend of theoretical and practical pool sessions with dinner on Saturday night giving people a chance to meet, mingle and exchange ideas.

Participants were very appreciative of the high quality and informative presentations. Sessions covered were the Ageing Athlete, Coaching Masters swimmers, Training to sprint, Training for open water events, and pool sessions in all strokes, including starts and turns. It was evident the hard work and time that every presenter had put into their session. Thank you, Peter Reaburn, Yuriy Vdovychenko, Greg Gourley, Kim Tyler, Elena Nesci, Greg Lewin, Rob Wilson and Anne Smyth, for their presentations.

Below: National Coaching Conference





National Coaching Conference

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The dinner on the Saturday night was the perfect opportunity to recognise our two Coach Excellence Award winners, Cheryl Chambers and Gaby Donnelly, and Di Coxen- Ellis for her 10-year service award from MSA.

By the end of 2025 MSNSW had 88 qualified coaches, with 15 more in the process of completing the club coach course. That's an increase of 7 more qualified coaches from 2024.

Our MSNSW coaching director Anne Smyth, has been exceptional in ensuring coaching clinics are provided to our MSNSW community throughout the year. These clinics are in very high demand, with several locked in for 2026.

Anne Smyth's work on the NCC in 2025 was outstanding, with a huge amount of research, preparation and time being put in to make sure this event was successful.

MSNSW would like to thank Anne for her continued dedication to coaching.

Technical Officials

In 2025, MSNSW completed all training via Zoom. We saw an increased interest in our TO program, not just from here in NSW, but other states as well.

9 courses were run in 2025: 2 x IoT, 2 x Starter, 1 x JoS, 2 x CTK, 2 x CoC/CS/Marshal

As at December 31 2025, MSNSW had the following accredited officials:

- **Referee:** 19
- **CS/CoC/Marshal:** 42
- **Starter:** 21
- **CTK:** 32
- **IoT:** 18
- **JoS:** 2



Right: Pambula Workshop Coaches



Top, left: Mingara Masters; Top, right: Canberra Coaching Clinic; Bottom, left: Maitlant Merlots; Bottom, right: Campbelltown State SC

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Masters Swimming New South Wales (MSNSW)

MSNSW would like to thank Di Partridge for her continued work and training with our Technical Officials. Di runs all our courses online and quite often was running additional courses 1:1 to ensure we have the right number of qualified officials at meets. Di's dedication to her role has meant that MSNSW meets are well supported and officials are well trained.

Swim Meets

MSNSW held 17 meets in 2025 + 2 Dual Sanctioned meets. Including a special Aquatic Revival meet marking 50 years since the first ever meet in NSW on 8 March 1975. The original meet was held at the old Harbord Diggers Pool, which unfortunately no longer exists, so we held it at the next closest location - Narrabeen Sports and Recreation Centre.

Our Relay meet was again the highest attended meet of the year and a recording breaking number. We had 439 swimmers attending to make a massive 508 relay teams. We saw 26 National and 44 state records fall on 1 day!

In 2025 we also did our first Dual Sanctioned event with Swimming NSW. This was held at SOPAC as part of their SC Preparation Meet. We are continuing to work on increasing these meets in 2026.

- **Total Swimmers at Club Meets:** 2,172
- **Total Swimmers at State Meets:** 1,202
- **Total Swimmers at Dual Sanction Meets:** 31

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Masters Swimming New South Wales (MSNSW)

Records in 2025

World Record

Clary Munns (Blacktown) – 100m Butterfly 80-84SC 1:49.62

Clary Munns (Blacktown) - 50m Backstroke 80-84 SC 42.15

National Record

36 Women

51 Men

29 Relay

State Record

116 Women

104 Men

72 Relay

Most Female Records: Kelly Bowden (Campbelltown): 31 State, 10 National

Most Male Records: Robert Butcher (Manly): 25 State, 19 National

Most Club Relay Records: Blacktown: 13 State, 6 National

At the time of this report, we have not received any World Top Ten or World Number 1 data for 2025 from World Aquatics.

Acknowledgement

After an incredible 26 years of service, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mark Hepple, our much-loved MSNSW Recorder, as he steps down from his official role.

Mark's Masters Swimming journey began by accident in 1997 when he stumbled across the Nationals at SOPAC while heading to the gym — and thank goodness he did! Joining The Hills club that year, he soon became a powerhouse behind the scenes, serving as President, Secretary, Recorder and Treasurer before relocating to the Mid North Coast in 2005.

While rarely spotted in the water (unless it's for a cheeky 50m or 25m sprint!), Mark's impact on the sport has been monumental. From updating IT systems to launching online entries, live results, virtual meets, and even entire websites — his innovation and dedication have truly brought MSNSW and MSA into the 21st century.

MSNSW would like to thank Mark for everything he has done.

Replacing Mark in the role of MSNSW recorder is Craig Smith - welcome Craig!

Lauren Bradley

State Administrator

Masters Swimming NSW (MSNSW)



Top: Medals galore; Left: NT Team Singapore; Right: Official of the Year, Paul Carter

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Masters Swimming Northern Territory (MSNT)

President's Report

This has been a very good year for Masters Swimming NT. We have retained most of the new members we got last year. The 2 new one clubs seem to be going well. It is unfortunate that Alice Springs Masters is now no more as they are unable to find 5 members and Sarah has had family issues to deal with this last year. In 2025 MSNT had 188 members.

Darwin Stingers also has 1 second claim member from Queensland (QRB).

The dual sanctioning of events has meant that our members have had more occasions to compete.

At the NTS championship this last weekend 21 MSNT members competed.

The Open Water series seems to be going from strength to strength. 30 members went to the World Aquatic Championships in Singapore during 2025 taking part in both the Open Water and pool events. We were lucky to live close to Singapore and it meant that we could go there easily. We did very well with most of our swimmers getting at least 1 top 10 finish. There were 5 individual gold medals and 2 relay gold medals, and we congratulate Anne Walker and Rob Patterson as well as the 320+ women's relay teams.



Top, left: NT Team of the Year; Left: Stingers in Singapore; Right: Masters Sportsperson of the Year, Anne Walker

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Masters Swimming Northern Territory (MSNT)

The State World Aquatics Masters Swimming NT Team won NT Team of the Year 2025 Award in the Northern Territory Sports Awards for our performance in Singapore, Anne Walker won for Masters Sportsperson of the Year 2025 for her performance at the World Aquatics Championships and Paul Carter won for NT Official of the Year. MSNT are thrilled with this result.

The Parap pool is having problems with the tiles on the bottom of the 50-meter pool. We have been advised that the pool will be closed at the end of May for these repairs for about 6 weeks.

The State is having ongoing discussions with the other clubs and the council and the YMCA about lane hire during this time.

Neil Ludvigsen

Branch President

Masters Swimming NT (MSNT)



Left: Cotton Tree squad Right: QAL Sunshine Coast

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

Governance

Masters Swimming Queensland (MSQ) is governed by the Branch Management Board (BMB), with positions endorsed at the MSQ Annual General Meeting held in March 2025. The BMB provides strategic leadership, governance oversight and accountability to support the effective operation of Masters swimming across Queensland.

During 2025, the Branch Management Board comprised:

- **President:** Susanne Milenkevich
- **Treasurer:** Nic Carmichael and Mark Fletcher
- **Vice President North:** Bert Collyer
- **Vice President Central:** Linda Hodgkinson
- **Vice President Sunshine:** Neil Newman
- **Vice President South:** Joerg Hoffman

The Board was supported by Directors and appointed roles reporting through the Executive, providing operational leadership across key functional areas:

- **Director of Recording:** Sam Brown
- **Director of Technical Services:** Lori Chaplin
- **Director of Risk Management:** Emma Maxwell
- **Director of Coaching Services:** Natasha Bletchly
- **Director of Program Development:** Dan Stampa
- **Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO):** Therese Crollick and Shane Baker

This governance structure continued to provide stability, clear accountability and effective oversight across compliance, risk management, competition delivery and program development. Throughout the year, the BMB and Directors worked collaboratively with clubs, volunteers and Masters Swimming Australia to ensure alignment with national policies, systems and strategic priorities.



Jan Croft and Noosa Masters

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

Membership and Clubs

At the conclusion of 2025, MSQ comprised 51 affiliated clubs and a total membership of 1,276 swimmers. Membership remained stable across the year, reflecting continued engagement across metropolitan, regional and northern Queensland.

The majority of members held 12 month memberships, supporting year round participation and club continuity. Membership composition was broadly balanced, with 56 per cent female and 44 per cent male members. MSQ clubs were grouped across four regions: North, Central, Sunshine and South, providing statewide coverage and access to Masters swimming opportunities.

During 2025, MSQ welcomed several new clubs, reflecting ongoing interest in establishing Masters' programs within local communities. A small number of clubs concluded their affiliation at the end of the year, consistent with natural change across the club network. Overall, the club structure continued to provide strong participation pathways, social connection and competition opportunities for members across Queensland.

Competition Delivery

The 2025 MSQ competition calendar delivered a balanced and accessible program of sanctioned events across the state. A total of 16 sanctioned swim meets were conducted, comprising 13 pool meets and three open water swimming events. These events were hosted across metropolitan, regional and northern Queensland, supporting participation from a wide geographic spread of swimmers and clubs.

MSQ continued to work closely with host clubs and officials to support a consistent, high quality approach to meet delivery. This included adherence to competition rules, accurate timing and results processing, and timely recognition of records. The focus on consistency and compliance provided confidence in the integrity and efficiency of competition outcomes.

Centralised support was provided for the administration of sanctioned meets, with meet information, programs, entry lists, results and records published through the MSQ website. Clubs conducting their own meets were supported through clear Recording Guidelines, contributing to a professional and consistent competition experience across Queensland.



MSQ State SC Championships

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

MSQ State Championships

The 2025 Masters Swimming Queensland State Long Course Championships were held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre from 6–8 November 2025. The Championships attracted approximately 250 competitors representing around 50 clubs, including swimmers from across Queensland, interstate and overseas.

Across three days of competition, swimmers delivered strong performances, with numerous State Records and several National Records broken. The Championships were delivered to a high standard through the efforts of a committed team of officials and volunteers, whose contribution was integral to the success of the event.

Following the conclusion of competition, a presentation function was held, providing an opportunity to acknowledge achievements and celebrate the social and community aspects that underpin Masters swimming. The State Championships continue to be a flagship event on the MSQ calendar, showcasing participation, performance and club engagement across the state.



Whitehaven OWS

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

Regional Championships and Open Water Swimming

The MSQ North Queensland Championships remained an important regional event in 2025, supporting participation and connection among clubs in northern Queensland. While competitor numbers were slightly lower than the previous year, the Championships retained a strong and positive atmosphere, with swimmers travelling from across the region and Southeast Queensland to compete. The event was delivered smoothly through collaboration between MSQ, the host club and officials, reinforcing the value of regional championships within the MSQ competition calendar.

Open water swimming continued to be a valued component of MSQ's program. The Whitehaven Beach Open Water Swim was successfully delivered in 2025, overcoming challenging conditions to provide a high quality and well supported event. The inclusion of multiple distances, including a shorter introductory swim, supported accessibility and participation for swimmers new to open water competition. The event received positive feedback and reinforced open water swimming as a growing area of interest within MSQ.

Participation Programs

Lane Warriors

The MSQ Lane Warriors program continued to demonstrate strong engagement and commitment to year round fitness during 2025. The program encourages swimmers to log all metres swum across pool and open water environments, recognising both individual effort and club participation.

In 2025, participation increased by approximately 18 per cent compared to the previous year, with over 100 swimmers from more than 10 clubs taking part. Collectively, participants swam more than 27 million metres across the year, reflecting a strong culture of consistency, personal challenge and lifelong fitness.

The Lane Warriors program remains a cornerstone participation initiative for MSQ, supporting member retention, regular training and club engagement across Queensland.

Vorgee Endurance 1000

The Masters Swimming Australia Vorgee Endurance 1000 (E1000) program continued to support regular training and competition for MSQ swimmers in 2025 across a range of distances and strokes. Participation remained strong across Queensland, with MSQ clubs again achieving notable success at a national level. Noosa Masters finished as the top points scoring MSQ club nationally, recording their 12th consecutive national E1000 win, while Ipswich City Masters achieved the highest average points per swimmer in Queensland for the 15th consecutive year, reflecting depth of engagement, consistency and commitment within MSQ clubs.

MSQ acknowledges the ongoing support of Vorgee, as well as the significant contribution of clubs and volunteers who support timekeeping and administration throughout the year.



Top, left: Sinkers; Top, right: QHB 2025 Hervey Bay; Above: MSQ World Aquatics Masters team

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

National and International Representation

World Aquatics Masters Championships – Singapore 2025

The World Aquatics Masters Championships held in Singapore in 2025 marked a record breaking event for Australian Masters swimming. A total of 408 Australian swimmers competed, including 98 MSQ members, meaning Queensland swimmers comprised almost one quarter of the Australian team.

MSQ swimmers competed across a broad range of pool and relay events, achieving a strong spread of medal performances and top ten placings across multiple age groups. Queensland clubs featured prominently in relay competition, including championship winning performances and multiple podium finishes.

MSQ coordinated and supported all Masters Swimming Australia swimmers attending the Championships through the management and distribution of the official team uniform. This support helped ensure a cohesive and highly recognisable Australian team presence throughout the Championships.

World Aquatics Masters World Top Ten

MSQ recorded an outstanding year of international performance in 2024, with 36 MSQ swimmers achieving World Aquatics Masters World Top Ten individual results across Short Course Metres and Long Course Metres events. Five MSQ swimmers achieved the exceptional distinction of recording World Number One times during the 2024 season.

In addition to individual achievements, MSQ clubs recorded strong success in relay events, with numerous relay teams achieving World Top Ten rankings in 2024. These results reflect both individual excellence and the collaborative strength of MSQ clubs, reinforcing Queensland's continued presence and success at an international level.



Top, left: QRB; Top, right: Miami Masters; Above: WTT cap recipients

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Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)

Awards and Recognition

MSQ recognised several outstanding contributors during the year through its annual awards program, acknowledging excellence and service across officiating, volunteering, coaching and administration. These awards align closely with national priorities supporting sustainability, participation and high quality delivery across Masters swimming.

In 2025, MSQ awards were presented to:

- **Official of the Year:** Lori Chaplin
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Susanne Milenkevich
- **Coach of the Year:** Don Taylor
- **Meritorious Service Award:** Martin Banks

Each recipient demonstrated significant commitment, leadership and contribution to the Masters swimming community.

Acknowledgements

Masters Swimming Queensland acknowledges the ongoing leadership and governance provided by the MSQ Branch Management Board throughout 2025. Their commitment and oversight continue to support the effective operation and development of Masters swimming across the state.

MSQ also thanks Masters Swimming Australia for its continued support, collaboration and partnership. This relationship remains central to the successful delivery of national programs, competitions and initiatives for Masters swimmers.

Christina Scolaro

Business Manager

Masters Swimming QLD (MSQ)



Left: MSSA New TO Tops; Right: MSSA Swimmers

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Masters Swimming South Australia (MSSA)

Governance

Masters Swimming South Australia (MSSA) is governed by an elected board.

The board members for 2025 has consisted of Simon Howe (President/Chairperson), Andrew Truong, Anna Impagnatiello, and thankfully as late volunteers - appointed directors Steve Osborne and Phil Beames. MSSA is also acknowledges Warwick Povey – our State Administrator.

Membership/ Current Position

At end of 2025 MSSA had 639 members. MSSA has 17 affiliated clubs (14 metro and 3 regional clubs). Clubs and the State are always open to expanding and recruiting new members.

Communication and Promotion

Masters Swimming South Australia (MSSA) Board and Administrator communicates with the clubs via email, phone, the MSSA website and social media platforms.

MSSA utilises and closely monitors a Facebook page and Instagram Account.

We are looking to continually improve and update more of our results and web page along with the relevant format of the webpage from National Office.

Challenges

2025 presented numerous challenges for MSSA.

Algal Bloom: The largest and most significant challenge has been the harmful algal bloom outbreak that affected and continues to affect much of the SA coastline. Due to the uncertainty and huge risks both from a physical health risk and financial implications the MSSA Board made the tough and sad decision to cancel the 2025/26 Open Water Swim Series in Sept 2025. This decision was not made lightly but was made with the members and clubs' best interests at heart.

This led to the Board being involved in a number of meetings with government departments and other aquatic sporting groups. Through this process the Board negotiated and applied for a government grant to assist MSSA with some of the resulting financial challenges. This had the unanimous support of all clubs and was successful and led to financial support for clubs, events and MSSA over the summer and ongoing.

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Co-sanctioning: Another challenge was that MSSA does not have any co-sanctioned events with our colleagues at Swim SA. The two boards have started discussions and are exploring ways to see if we can join our colleagues (like in other MSA states) with co-sanctioned events, along with other ways to build relationships, pathways and opportunities for both organisations. I would like to thank and acknowledge Michelle Doyle (CEO SSA) and Selma Barlow (President SSA) for their openness and for the steps we have taken so far to build our organisations and strengthen our relationships and opportunities further.

Volunteer fatigue: This includes finding:

- Directors for the MSSA Board,
- members for the MSSA Jetty to Jetty race committee and ongoing roles at club level,
- people to fill MSSA technical and official roles and any voluntary role.

MSSA notes that this is now more common across most voluntary sporting groups at this stage including our colleagues throughout MSA. We greatly appreciate those who do offer their time and experience but hope others can become involved in supporting roles to share the workload in maintaining and growing MSSA.

MSSA Events

During 2025 Masters Swimming South Australia continued to provide regular meets and events with great participation input and results, especially nurturing the fun and social aspects of the MSSA community along with some strong and fierce competition.

Open Water Swim Series:

The 2024/25 Open Water Swim Series (OWS) proved to be successful and another positive season. Thank you to all the clubs, event organisers and particularly the MSSA OWS Committee for their dedicated time, planning and execution of a fantastic season.

The season commenced with the first swim on 15 December 2024 at Seacliff and concluded 10 March 2025 at the Noarlunga Reef Swim.

The 2024/25 OWS Series was yet again an exceptionally hot and closely contested club competition. The Overall 2024/25 OWS Aggregate Cup was taken out by Marion Masters (406 points) with runners up Adelaide Masters (323 points). There were 30 OWS Towel Award Recipients for members who completed all series swims.

Summer Pool Series:

The 2024/25 Summer Pool Series also again proved lots of fun in a relaxed, supportive and more social series with still some keen competition also happening.

The series was unfortunately only held over three meets at our regional pools/rural outdoor pools.

The season series was taken out by Phoenix Masters Swimming Club (1299 points) with runners up Noarlunga (798 points) and Tea Tree Gully Masters very close behind in third (733 points).

Winter Pool Series:

The 2025 Winter Pool Series was held with all meets at South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre (SAALC). Atlantis Masters defended their series title (2708 points) coming out as overall series champion club. Second was Marion Masters Swimming Club (2215) and Phoenix Masters taking the final podium spot in 3rd (1706).

We look forward to another fiercely contested series next winter and hope to see more members out and about representing their club and participating in the series.

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The MSSA Short Course State Cup on 12 October 2025 results provided Phoenix Masters Swimming Club (687 points) with the overall victory on the day. Uni SA Swimming Club was very close behind (643) in 2nd and Marion Masters Swimming Club (591 points) 3rd.

The MSSA Long Course State Cup was held on 27 April 2025 at SAALC.

Phoenix Masters Swimming Club won the day with 473 points. In 2nd place was Noarlunga Masters (344 points) and 3rd went to Adelaide Masters (296 points).

The MSSA Long Course Long Distance meet was held on 9 November 2025 at SAALC with Phoenix Masters Swimming Club (184 points) taking out the honours in first place, Noarlunga Masters Swimming Club exceptionally close (175 points) took second place and Adelaide Masters (155 points) wrapped up third in a very tight and close competition result.

MSSA's thanks are again extended to The Warradale Hotel and Langmeil Wines for their ongoing support and hospitality with most participants gathering post meets in a relaxed, fun, social setting for a meal, drink and chat with lucky door prizes and lots of fun. We look forward to more of this ongoing.

Multiple National and SA State Records were broken throughout the year and pleasingly, during the 2025 season 10 MSSA members and teams were awarded 2024 World Aquatic Top Ten Swimmer awards – well done to all.

Strong performances are also acknowledged and noted by a number of MSSA members who attended and competed at both the MSA National Championships and the World Masters Championships in Singapore with some outstanding results. Congratulations and well done to all our swimmers.

The MSSA Annual Awards Presentation Dinner was held at The Adelaide Sailing Club on 20 April 2024. Many kind thanks go to the Henley Masters Swimming Club for their efforts and planning in hosting a fantastic evening with a great turn out of swimmers, partners and friends who ate, drank, danced, sung and enjoyed a fun night out with the state awards presented to clubs and individuals for age group awards. Special mention and congratulations to the MSSA Male Swimmer of the year and Stephen Carthew and Female Swimmer of the year Stephanie Palmer-White.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to all our members of the Board of MSSA, the technical officials, other officials and members of all MSSA clubs for their time, efforts and commitment to Masters Swimming to make MSSA such an exciting, vibrant, fun, welcoming and wonderful community.

Thank you to the State Administrator for his work and collaboration.

MSSA would like to acknowledge and once again acknowledge Rob Abernethy (MSA General Manager), Kath Davis (Operations and Membership Manager), Jane Noake (MSA President) and others on the MSA National Board. We look forward to ongoing support and working closely with the team.

Simon Howe

President/Chairperson

Masters Swimming South Australia (MSSA)



Simon Howe, Rob Woodhouse and Steve Osborne



Left: Hobart Dolphins members display their Vorgee commemorative caps; Right: Oatlands Christmas Friendly

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Masters Swimming Tasmania (MST)

Overview

This report summarises a busy and successful year for Masters Swimming Tasmania (MST), highlighting governance, participation, events, performance, coaching, and future priorities. It reflects my fourth and final year as President and captures the strength, achievements, and challenges of our organisation.

Governance and Leadership

The State Management Committee continued to work diligently to deliver MST's objectives, guided by our Strategic Plan and organisational values. The Committee comprised Executive Members, Appointed Officers, and Club Delegates representing clubs across the state. Their collective contribution ensured continuity, good governance, and effective delivery of programs and events.

MST was also well represented nationally, with Tasmanian members contributing to Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) committees and leadership roles. These contributions strengthen alignment between state and national priorities and ensure Tasmania has a strong voice at the national level.

Events and Competitions

Pool and Open Water Meets

In 2025, MST delivered a full calendar of five pool-based meets and one open water series, providing regular competitive and social opportunities for members.

MST Oceans Treble (2024–25) MST continued its support of the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series, with swimmers earning individual and club points by competing in three of five nominated swims. The series attracted strong participation across clubs, with Hobart Aquatic Masters named the winning club and several individual age-group award winners recognised.

Summer Championships 2025 The Summer Championships were conducted smoothly, attracting 72 swimmers, including interstate competitors. Strong volunteer support ensured efficient timekeeping and officiating. Hobart Dolphins Club won the Championship Trophy, while Huon Valley Club claimed the New Norfolk Trophy. Numerous Tasmanian individual and relay records were set.

Short Course Long Distance Championships The 30th Short Course Long Distance Championships attracted 25 swimmers. The meet ran efficiently without electronic timing, supported by committed volunteers. Highlights included two national records by Amanda Duggan and multiple state records across age groups.



Clockwise, from top left: Maciej and Tony-World Champions; Hobart Aquatic Masters President Ian Shuey receives the Oceans Treble Club Trophy from MST President Megan Stronach; Coach professional development sessions; Amanda Duggan – Two National records at SCLD; MST Swimmers at world championships

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Winter Championships 2025 The Winter Championships attracted 95 swimmers, including seven interstate competitors. Launceston Lemmings Club won the Club Trophy, while Hobart Dolphins Club secured the combined Summer/Winter Relay Trophy. National, interstate, and Tasmanian records were set, showcasing the high standard of competition.

Long Course Long Distance Championships Held at DKHAC, this meet attracted 30 swimmers and was delivered efficiently using manual timing. Several Tasmanian records were broken, and the event demonstrated the strength of volunteer support across the state.

Oatlands Christmas Friendly Meet The fourth annual Christmas Friendly Meet focused on fun, inclusion, and participation, particularly for new swimmers. With 44 participants, novelty activities and relays created a relaxed and festive atmosphere, reinforcing the social side of Masters swimming.

Performance and Representation

National and International Events

Tasmanian swimmers were well represented at major Masters events, including the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games, Australian Masters Games, and the MSA National Championships in Melbourne. Performances included medals, numerous Tasmanian records, and outstanding team results.

At the World Aquatic Masters Championships, Tasmanian swimmers achieved podium finishes and multiple top-10 placings, highlighting Tasmania's presence on the global stage.

Dual Sanctioned Events

MST's partnership with Swimming Tasmania continued through dual-sanctioned events, providing Masters swimmers with additional racing opportunities and raising the profile of Masters swimming within the broader Tasmanian swimming community.



Left: MST swimmers at National Championships; Right: LCLD Championships Allan Nicholas

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Programs and Development

Vorgee Endurance 1000

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 program continues to encourage participation in longer-distance swimming. Launceston Lemmings Club won the Tasmanian club award and placed second nationally for total points.

Coaching and Education

Coach development remains a major strength for MST. In 2025, Tasmania had:

- 16 accredited club coaches
- 13 program leaders
- Additional trainees progressing toward accreditation

Professional development sessions led by an experienced national coach provided high-quality learning opportunities and reinforced MST's commitment to coaching excellence.

Community and Recognition

Remembering Allan Nichols

MST mourned the loss of Allan Nichols, a highly respected swimmer and contributor to the Tasmanian Masters community. Allan's legacy includes longstanding friendships, exceptional performances, and numerous Tasmanian records. He is remembered not only for his achievements, but for the impact he had on those around him.

MSA 50th Anniversary

In 2025, Masters Swimming Australia celebrated its 50th anniversary. MST members participated enthusiastically, with the commemorative Vorgee swim cap becoming a visible symbol of the milestone year.

Unsung Heroes

Nine MST members were recognised as MSA "Unsung Heroes" for their exceptional volunteer service. These awards highlight the vital role volunteers play in sustaining and growing Masters swimming at all levels.





Left: Launceston Lemmings - Vorgee 1000 State Champion Club; Right: Katherine - TO at the National Championships

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Strategic Review and Future Priorities

Over the past four years, MST has achieved the majority of initiatives identified in its Strategic Plan. Key achievements include:

- Growth and strengthening of coach education
- Improved communication platforms
- Expansion of the events calendar
- Stronger partnerships with key organisations

However, several priorities require ongoing focus:

- Expanding and supporting the Technical Officials pathway
- Strengthening volunteer recruitment and succession planning
- Increasing membership, particularly among younger swimmers
- Improving promotion and communication to the broader community
- Reviewing and modernising event formats to enhance engagement

While participation in swimming continues to grow generally, this has not yet translated into increased Masters membership. Clearer communication of the value of Masters swimming—fitness, wellbeing, competition, and community—remains essential.

Conclusion

This marks my final report as President of Masters Swimming Tasmania. It has been a privilege to serve over the past four years and to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate community. I sincerely thank all committee members, volunteers, coaches, officials and swimmers for their contributions.

Despite ongoing challenges, MST remains a strong, resilient organisation with an enthusiastic membership and a solid foundation for future growth. I wish the incoming President and Committee every success as they lead Masters Swimming Tasmania into the next chapter.

Dr Megan Stronach

President

Masters Swimming Tasmania (MST)



Left: Traralgon swimmers at the MSV SC Championships; Right: Diving in at the MSV SC Championships

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Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Governance

Masters Swimming Victoria is Governed by an Elected Board of Directors. From the AGM of 8 May 2025, the Board is comprised of:

- **President:** Darryl Flukes
- **Finance Director:** David Cowie
- **Recording Director:** Alan Godfrey
- **Technical Director:** Brian Walsh
- **Club Board Member:** Erin Abson
- **Club Board Member:** Victoria Graham
- **Club Board Member:** Richard Murphy

The role of Vice President was not filled by election at the AGM. Michael Daly was nominated for the role of Vice President at the MSV July Board Meeting and subsequently serves in the role.

The MSV Constitution stipulates that the position of Secretary is to be completed by the appointed Administrator. Kara Pogos continued to hold this position in 2025.

Membership and Clubs

MSV continues its strong growth as the below table demonstrates.

Membership year	Number of first claim swimmer members
2025	1573
2024	1428
2023	1347
2022	1285

MSV finished 2025 with 44 affiliated clubs. Of these, 22 are one-clubs (meaning that they are also affiliated with the state swimming association, Swimming Victoria).

Since 2022, there has been a welcome trend of existing Swimming Victoria clubs affiliating with MSV and an increase in the proportion of swimmers aged 18-30 from 12% of membership for 2022 to 15% of membership for 2025.

Efforts to flatten the curve have included collaboration with Swimming Victoria, a focus on making younger members visible in MSV communications, and youth-discounts.



Left: Dorothy Dickey presented with her Female Swimmer of the Meet Award for Nats at the MSV LC Relay Champs; Right: MSV Long Course Championships 2025

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MSV and Interclub Swimming Meets

Name	Entries 2025	Entries 2024
MSV Long Course Championships	229 MSV, 1 SV	267 MSV, 7 SV
MSV Mid-Distance Meet (hosted with Traralgon Swimming Club Masters)	60	Not held in 2024
MSV Short Course Championships	280	250 MSV, 38 SV
MSV Long Distance Championships	82 Short Course	83 Long Course
MSV Relay Championships	299 Long Course	415 Short Course

Name	Entries 2025	Entries 2024
31st Malvern Marlins Interclub	116	118
Powerpoints Summer Smash	94	79
Mornington Peninsula Seadragons Interclub	80	100
Glamourhead Sharks Interclub Swim Meet and Trifle Competition	120	Biennial event (not held in 2024)

Entries for the MSV Long Course Championships were down on 2024, with fewer entries from interstate partially explained by clashes with other state meets (to be avoided in future due to the development of a shared meet calendar) and the proximity of the meet to the Nationals.

Adding a new entry to the calendar, in 2025 MSV held a Mid-Distance Meet hosted with Traralgon Swimming Club.

The Relay Championships continued to be the most popular state event of the year.

Dual Sanctioning

Unfortunately MSV was not in a position to be able to dual sanction meets in 2025. Initiatives to increase MSV's network of technical officials have put it in a strong position to resume dual sanctioning meets in 2026.



From left-right: Erin Abson and Donna Gadsby at the Worlds 25; Glams Worlds 25 Mitch Brown, Beto Caceres, Jason Buckner; Volunteers preparing Nationals registration bags.

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MSA National Championships

715 swimmers from 118 masters swimming clubs from every state and territory in Australia, and even overseas, competed at the 2025 MSA National Championships, hosted by MSV. With abundant buzz generated in the lead up to the event, entries reached capacity prior to the deadline and had to close early (reopening for a limited period to accommodate more members).

The championships involved a relaxed welcome function, a formal opening ceremony, a lively coaches dinner, and a jovial presentation evening among 5 fantastic days of swimming from first-time competitors to masters elites, resulting in an impressive 5 provisional new world records and 55 new national records!

Further details can be found in the Nationals report in this annual report.

Open Water

Victorian Open Water Championships

MSV was pleased to be part of the Victorian Open Water Championships, hosted by Swimming Victoria at Eastern Beach Geelong on December 20 2025. The 2.5km Championship included a category especially for MSV members, with MSV medals on offer. For the first time since the collaboration began in 2023, MSV members also had their own registration station, which garnered positive feedback from participants. 64 MSV members registered for the event.

Officials Workshops

Two workshops for becoming an MSA Technical Official were held in 2025. Members were also invited to attend MSA Technical Official workshops hosted online by other states.

MSV finished 2025 with an improved network of trainee officials and Technical Officials qualified in various roles, including several Swimming Victoria Officials who were cross-accredited or reaccredited in 2025.

Acknowledgements

MSV gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication of its volunteers serving as Board Members, Technical Officials, and 2025 National Championships Committee members, and of its club coaches and executives- many of whom are also volunteers. Thank you for all that you have done for masters swimming. MSV would like to thank the contributing photographers—including Orencio Gueco, Jason Yu, and Graham Hunter—for providing images for the MSV Report.

Thank you also to the team at Swimming Victoria, the masters state administrators, and the staff and volunteers at MSA for their support, collaboration, and guidance.

Kara Pogos
Administrator



STP Volunteers

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Masters Swimming Western Australia (MSWA)

Overview

2025 marked a significant and successful year for Masters Swimming WA (MSWA), highlighted by strong membership growth, high-quality competitions, outstanding athlete performances, and continued organisational development. The year also coincided with the 50th anniversary of Masters Swimming in Australia, providing an opportunity to reflect on the enduring contribution of the sport in promoting fitness, friendship, and community participation among adults.

MSWA continued to deliver on its mission of “Swim for Life,” supporting swimmers of all abilities through structured programs, competitions, and social engagement across Western Australia.

Governance and Board

The Board maintained a strong focus on governance, strategic planning, and long-term sustainability. Key partnerships with government and health agencies continued to underpin program delivery and community impact.

Board Members (2025):

- **President:** Siobhan Tyndall
- **Director of Finance:** Stephen Fidge
- **Director of Pool Competitions:** Richard Hughes
- **Director of Technical:** Wendy Davis (appointed)
- **Director of Open Water:** Jay Prchal
- **Directors:** Fiona Wilkins, Mischa Huts, Graham Cooper, Kate Baxter

Executive and Staff:

- **Executive Officer:** Rhys King (January–March), Richard Johnson (April onwards)
- **Communications and Events Officer:** Lisa Comito

Membership Growth and Participation

Membership growth remained an important success in 2025 across our 32 clubs.

Total membership reached **1,839 members excluding 38 second claims**, a **2.3% increase** on 2024



From left-right: State Championships winners Sally Hunter and Steve Hughes; Singapore World Championships Gold medal Sally Hunter with her son

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Growth was driven by:

- Strong coaching networks
- Inclusive club environments
- Development initiatives such as “Couch to 2K” programs
- Expansion into new and revitalised clubs (e.g., Albany Masters growth and Scarborough Masters establishment)

A key grassroots success was the Albany-based Couch to 2K program, which increased club membership from 4 to 20 swimmers, demonstrating the effectiveness of targeted regional engagement.

Coaching and Workforce Development

Coaching capacity continued to expand, supporting both participation and performance pathways.

- **106 accredited coaches** active in WA
- 17 new coach accreditations
- 23 reaccreditations completed
- 18 trainee coaches progressing
- 16 new program leaders approved

Coach engagement initiatives included:

- Regular networking “Coffee Chats”
- A WhatsApp group now connecting 65+ coaches with weekly knowledge-sharing features

WA coaches also contributed nationally, presenting at the National Coaches Conference and supporting development of advanced coaching programs.

Competitions and Events

Pool Competitions

MSWA delivered a comprehensive pool competition calendar, including:

- **State Pool Championships (Perth High Performance Centre)**
 - 270 entries from 26 clubs which was a 6% increase and highest post Covid.
- **11 sanctioned club hosted pool events** across the year
- Inclusive events such as the Pride Swimming Carnival



Lake Leschenaultia OWS Hikaru Iwata and MSWA board member, Jay Prchal

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Open Water Competitions

Open water swimming remained a core component of the calendar:

- WOW Swim Series (6 events)
- Lake Leschenaultia Swim
- Christmas 10K
- Fremantle Ports Swim Thru
- Swim Thru Perth (Australia's oldest open water swim commencing in 1912, and hosted by Claremont Masters since 1985)
- Mullaloo Mile (including the MSWA state OWS championships)
- Coogee Jetty to Jetty

Participation in the open water events increased by over 10% with the Coogee Jetty to Jetty event now attracting nearly 1,600 competitors.

National and International Events

- Strong WA representation at the **World Aquatics Masters Championships (Singapore)**
- **65 WA swimmers competed**, including 24 from Claremont Masters (equal largest Australian club representation)

Virtual and Community Events

- Swim for Life Mental Health Virtual Swim (140+ participants)
- Solstice Swim (statewide engagement)

Performance Highlights and World Records

Western Australian swimmers achieved strong results in 2025, particularly at state, national, and international levels.

The standout performer was **Sally Hunter**, who set **world records** in the women's 40–44 breaststroke (50m and 100m) at the State Championships. These were improved again at the World Masters Championships in Singapore.



Bus – 3.5km start STP

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Technical and Officiating

Technical officials played a critical role in ensuring the integrity and professionalism of competitions.

- Full officiating coverage across all major pool and open water events
- Focus on building officiating capacity ahead of the **2027 National Championships (to be hosted in Perth)**

Awards and Recognition

MSWA recognised excellence across clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers at its Annual Awards Night.

Major Award Winners (2024 Awards presented in 2025):

- **Club of the Year:** Rockingham Masters
- **Coach of the Year:** Rob Buetler (Fremantle Masters)
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Rob Beckett (Superfins Masters)
- **Official of the Year:** Richard Johnson (Claremont Masters)
- **Event of the Year:** Golden Gropers Act Belong Commit Relay Carnival
- **Most Improved Club:** Perth Rainbow Swans
- **Service Award:** Richard Hughes (Claremont Masters)

Vorgee Endurance Program

The Vorgee Endurance Program remained a key participation initiative.

Highlights:

- **Top Scoring Club:** Claremont Masters
- **Top Scoring Country Club:** Mandurah Masters
- **Highest Average Points:** Somerset Masters WA

Million Metres Achievements:

Swimmers were recognised for milestone distances between 1 million and 10 million metres. This program continues to promote long-term engagement, personal goal setting, and fitness development.



Albany Couch ro 2k

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Major Future Milestone

- **Hosting the 2027 Masters National Swimming Championships**
 - Planning commenced in 2025
 - Committees and structures established

The championships will be held at the Perth High Performance Centre using a 4-day pool program and an open water competition on the 5th day.

Community and Culture

A defining feature of MSWA in 2025 was its strong community culture. Events such as the Pride Carnival and mental health initiatives reinforced MSWA's commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all members.

The organisation is well positioned for continued growth, with strong foundations in participation, performance, and community engagement. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) and Healthway for their continued support of Masters Swimming WA. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the many volunteers across our clubs and committees whose dedication and commitment are vital to the ongoing success of our organisation.

Richard Johnson

Executive Officer

Masters Swimming WA (MSWA)



Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC).

2025 National Championships Report – Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Organisation for the 49th MSA National Championships held in Victoria began in February 2023: involving discussions with the proposed pool, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). It was important to get dates set in advance, given how busy MSAC is and fitting the event in between Formula 1 races, Easter, holidays, as well as Swimming Victoria and school meets. Fortunately, as a national event, even MSV got some priority with the pool, and the proposed dates were given to MSA as 8-12th April 2025.

The ongoing planning and liaison with the MSA office and Nationals Committee is an important part of the process of holding Nationals. Discussions involved the program, entry system, budget and other matters as laid out in MSA's Swim Meet Guide. Given the events of 2016, the 5-day program was chosen with the first day being for the 800m. This helped a great deal with a "softer" first day, and easier registration, and time for the swimmers to get to the pool, get acclimated and have a warm-up. The program itself was developed with calculated times for the events based on the expected entry numbers. The Club Assistant (CA) entry system (used by MST and MSV) did have a few issues more than normal, but the advantage was huge in that there were no NT's and the program was created very quickly - and the actual event ran extremely close to the times predicted. It is also important to note in the planning of the meet that we did not have exclusive use of the pool, and the races had to fit in between the regular training of squads, including the High Performance Squads at MSAC, both their morning and evening sessions.

Hosted at MSAC in Melbourne, these Nationals delivered a high-quality and inclusive competition that spanned five days. The event welcomed the 715 registered Masters swimmers (one of the largest Nationals entries, similar to 2016) from across Victoria, interstate and internationally. Key activities included Welcome event, a formal Opening Ceremony with a Welcome to Country, 5 days of swimming competition, live streaming of all sessions, an Awards dinner, and a range of community engagement activities such as Coaches Dinner and volunteer recruitment drives. Given the low expected temperature in Port Philip Bay and surrounding area, given current rules, the open water event was not held.



Left: Superfins (WA) Right: And they are off

2025 National Championships Report – Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

The Championships achieved strong results in athlete participation, community visibility, volunteer engagement, and digital reach. The event also aligned strongly with the principles of the Active Victoria framework by promoting lifelong participation, inclusivity, and regional engagement. The combination of well-run logistics, strong club support, and positive media coverage contributed to a highly successful national meet for the Masters Swimming community. MSV was looking to make these Nationals an event that people would want to come to. As such we included the set of 4*100m relays which do not often get the chance to be swum.

During the meet, 5 World Records were set, 55 National Records, and many State Records.

A huge “thank you” goes to Pauline Samson, who helped, the convenor Alan Godfrey, so much over the past two years, particularly going through all the negotiations required with MSA.

As a new initiative for Nationals the Committee proposed, and MSA approved, that the meet be LiveStreamed. MSV proposed that the LiveStream would increase the swimming audience for Nationals, swimmers could review their own races, and those of others, coaches could look at their swimmers and analyse strokes and techniques, and, not least, friends and family could watch the races from as far away as the UK and Spain. It is acknowledged that the LiveStream proposal was expensive (\$9,000), and maybe not all meets can afford this. However, MSV considered it could use sponsorship money to fund the LiveStream.

The LiveStream turned out to be extremely popular - with many favourable comments and hopes that future Nationals can continue with the project. The World Recorder even tuned in and watched from the USA!

Given the entry numbers, the 2025 Nationals were financially successful. Many thanks to David Cowie for all his hard work.

Items of interest to note:

- MSAC costs were over \$10,000 per day.
- MSAC charges for First Aid \$3,000+ and cleaning \$6,000+ over the week. Also MSV had to use the MSAC caterers - which amounted to another \$1,000 per day.
- MSV was very fortunate to get as many sponsors as it did, which helped to pay for various expenses incurred.
- Costs for the officials and volunteer shirts were higher than initially budgeted. Note that MSV is extremely grateful for all the volunteers and officials who did so much to help.
- We were initially not going to get caps but in the end ordered 250. Given the design, and the use of the penguin logo, they proved very popular.



Left: MSNSW TO's at the Nationals; Right: Kerry Blanch (MSNSW President)

2025 National Championships Report

– Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

The benefit of using Club Assist for the entry system was apparent in many ways. The program created from the entry ran very close to actual timing (something which many swimmers commented upon). See table of Meet Manager program and actual times. Also,

- It was far easier to send emails with information to all the competitors. Several emails were sent out before the meet. Many swimmers commented on the quality of the communications that were forthcoming.
- We do acknowledge the higher fee for entries which came to 6.7%, higher than 4% from Swim Central;
- The timing of the event was very close to predicted.
- There was no need to use proprietary apps.
- The results and program were available online for free with SwimPhone and MeetMobile.
- There were no NT's, nor the need to send out emails requesting times and then inputting them into Meet Manager.
- The SwimPhone program associated with Club Assist provides individual information for the swimmer, and individual analysis of swims.

A further benefit of using Club Assist is in the relays.

- The relay entry cut-off time can be different from the individual entry cut-off;
- All swimmers are on the team list and can be added into the relays.
- Relay entries closed 2 weeks before the event and could be changed during the meet.
- Proprietary apps did not need to be used.
- The host can charge clubs only for relay events that have been swum. This saves clubs money when a relay is not swum for some reason.

Given our calculations for the number of required medals, we did over order. It is very difficult to estimate the numbers needed, and we think that too many age groups were used in the calculations. For interest the number of medals issued were quite close to the numbers expected from the report generated by Meet Manager - based on actual entries received. Unfortunately, the Meet Manager calculations came far too late for ordering medals.



Champion volunteers at 2025 MSA National Championships medals table

2025 National Championships Report – Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Medals Calculations – N2025				
Medal	Ordered	Left	Collected	MM Calculated
Gold	860	107	753	796
Silver	750	130	620	676
Bronze	640	120	520	590
Totals	2,250		1,893	2,062

We thank all our sponsors - their support is very much appreciated. We did eventually have Race Sponsors for almost all of the 28 events. We used the second scoreboard at MSAC and the long LED screen to promote sponsors. These were new initiatives employed at this meet. We were also fortunate to have 2 gold sponsors (Victoria Government and Globird), 2 silver, and several bronze sponsors. These sponsors definitely made a significant contribution to our budget and to the event itself.

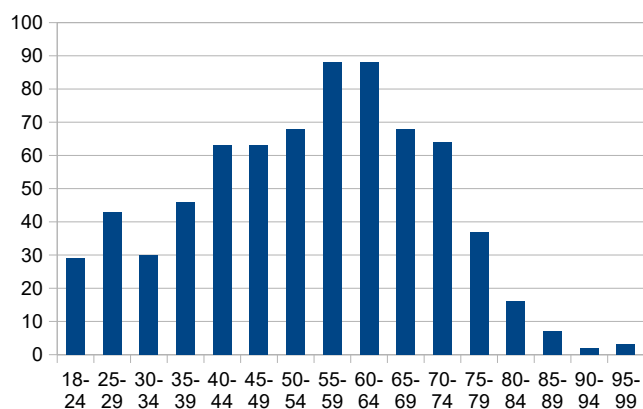
Thanks also go to all the members of the MSV Nationals 2025 Committee, and the MSV Board. Also to Kath Davis (MSA Operations and Membership Manager) for all her help and work, plus our Admin, Kara. Thanks go especially to Yvonne Egan (Social Events); Kirsty Effiong (Sponsorships) and Leanne Sheean (Volunteers) Dave Cowie (Finance) Dennice Breeschoten (Grants, oversight) and Brian Walsh (Technical Officials). Many thanks also to all the officials who volunteered from within the state, and especially interstate. MSV was very grateful to receive assistance with officiating from all Australian states and territories. Every state and territory was represented in the list of officials. Thanks go to all the volunteers and helpers who helped make these National Championships the success that they were.

Masters Swimming Victoria

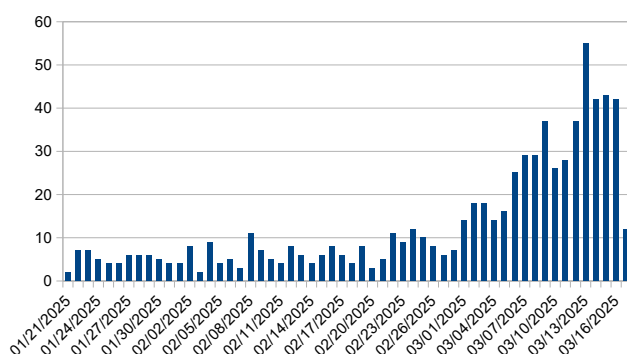
2025 National Championships Report

– Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Swimmers by Age Group



Entries by Date



Jumping for joy

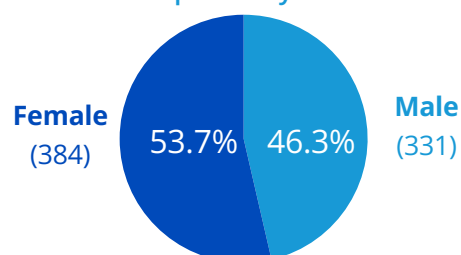
2025 National Championships Program

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th	Saturday 12th
800 Free	Opening 200 Breast 4x100 Free M/F 200 Fly 100 Free 100 Back 4x50 Medley Mixed	400 Individual Medley 4x100 Free Mixed 50 Free 200 Back 50 FLY 4x50 Medley M/F	400 Free 50 Back 4x100 Medley Mixed 100 Breast 4x50 Free M/F	200 Free 4x100 Medley M/F 100 Fly 50 Breast 200 Individual Medley 4x50 Free Mixed

2025 National Championships
Athlete Participation and Attendance

1	Pre-event target	Post-event actual
Intrastate (Victoria)	275	331
interstate	270	379
International	5	5
Total Swimmers	550	715

Participation by Gender



2025 National Championships Report

– Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Championships Trophy Winners - 2025		
Trophy	Description	Winner 2025
Founders' Trophy	For Top Scoring Club	Malvern Marlins VIC
Runner-Up Trophy	2nd Highest Scoring Club	Powerpoints VIC
Visitors' Trophy	For top scoring club from another branch [excluding winners of the Founders' or Runners Up Trophy at this meet].	Blacktown Masters NSW
Life Members Trophy	For Clubs with 5-20 members	Merrylands NSW
Presidents Trophy	For Clubs with 21-50 members	Superfins WA
Vorgee Female Swimmer of the Meet		Dorothy Dickey Doncaster VIC
Vorgee Male Swimmer of the Meet		Tony Goodwin Manly NSW
Swimmer of the Year		Clary Munns Blacktown NSW
Age Group Trophy 72-99		Blacktown NSW / Darwin Buffaloes NT
Age Group Trophy 100-119 Years		Blacktown NSW
Age Group Trophy 120-159 Years		Powerpoints VIC
Age Group Trophy 160-199 Years		Malvern Marlins VIC
Age Group Trophy 200-239 Years		Malvern Marlins VIC
Age Group Trophy 240-279 Years		Malvern Marlins VIC
Age Group Trophy 280-319 Years		Malvern Marlins VIC
Age Group Trophy 320-359 Years		Malvern Marlins VIC
National e1000 Club Trophy		Noosa Masters Qld
Vorgee e1000 Club Trophy		West Auburn NSW





From left - right: Anita Kilmore; Rob Wilson (MSA National Coaching Education Coordinator); National Championship Trophies

2025 National Championships Report

– Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

Session Timeline – Actual and Predicted

Warm-Up 8:30 AM-9:00 AM Races Start at 09:15 AM

Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	Estimated Time	Actual Clock Time	Actual Time Taken	Difference In Time / min
1 Mixed 800 Freestyle Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 255 Entry / Heat Totals:	255 255	26 26	09:15 AM	06:59	09:20 AM	07:04	5
Finish Time			04:14 PM		04:24 PM		

Day 2 - Opening and Races

Warm-Up 8:30 AM-9:00 AM Opening 9:00 AM-9:30 AM Races Start at 09:45 AM

Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	Estimated Time	Actual Clock Time	Actual Time Taken	Difference In Time / min
2 Mixed 200 Breaststroke	182	19	09:45 AM	01:36	09:37 AM	01:33	-3
3 Men 400 Freestyle Relay	18	2	11:21 AM	00:15	11:10 AM	00:21	6
4 Women 400 Freestyle Relay	25	4	11:36 AM	00:33	11:31 AM	00:33	0
5 Mixed 200 Butterfly	67	7	12:09 PM	00:37	12:04 PM	00:37	0
6 Mixed 100 Freestyle	414	42	12:46 PM	01:37	12:41 PM	01:33	-4
7 Mixed 100 Backstroke	245	25	02:23 PM	01:13	02:14 PM	01:16	3
8 Mixed 200 Medley Relay	50	6	03:36 PM	00:30	03:30 PM	00:25	-5
Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 588 Entry / Heat Totals:	1,001	105					
Finish Time			04:06 PM	06:21	03:55 PM	06:18	-3

Day 3 - Races

Warm-Up 8:30 AM-9:00 AM Races Starts at 09:15 AM

Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	Estimated Time	Actual Clock Time	Actual Time Taken	Difference In Time / min
9 Mixed 400 IM	113	12	09:15 AM	01:47	09:16 AM	01:44	-3
10 Mixed 400 Freestyle Relay	29	4	11:02 AM	00:33	11:00 AM	00:37	4
11 Mixed 50 Freestyle	482	49	11:35 AM	01:09	11:37 AM	01:08	-1
12 Mixed 200 Backstroke	186	19	12:44 PM	01:36	12:45 PM	01:39	3
13 Mixed 50 Butterfly	320	32	02:20 PM	00:48	02:24 PM	00:49	1
14 Women 200 Medley Relay	44	5	03:08 PM	00:24	03:13 PM	00:31	7
15 Men 200 Medley Relay	38	5	03:32 PM	00:25	03:44 PM	00:21	-4
Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 628 Entry / Heat Totals:	1,212	126					
Finish Time			03:57 PM	06:42	04:05 PM	06:49	7

Day 4 - Races

Warm-Up 8:30 AM-9:00 AM Races Starts at 09:15

Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	Estimated Time	Actual Clock Time	Actual Time Taken	Difference In Time / min
16 Mixed 400 Freestyle	305	31	09:15 AM	04:07	09:16 AM	04:11	4
17 Mixed 50 Backstroke	316	32	01:22 PM	01:00	01:27 PM	00:51	-9
18 Mixed 400 Medley Relay	22	3	02:22 PM	00:29	02:18 PM	00:34	5
19 Mixed 100 Breaststroke	258	26	02:51 PM	01:12	02:52 PM	01:09	-3
20 Women 200 Freestyle Relay	45	5	04:03 PM	00:21	04:01 PM	00:20	-1
21 Men 200 Freestyle Relay	35	4	04:24 PM	00:16	04:21 PM	00:15	-1
Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 606 Entry / Heat Totals:	981	101					
Finish Time			04:40 PM	07:25	04:36 PM	07:20	-5

Day 5 - Races

Warm-Up 8:30 AM-9:00 AM Races Starts at 09:15

Event	Entries	Heats	Starts at	Estimated Time	Actual Clock Time	Actual Time Taken	Difference In Time / min
22 Mixed 200 Freestyle	374	38	09:15 AM	02:34	09:16 AM	02:34	0
23 Women 400 Medley Relay	19	2	11:49 AM	00:21	11:50 AM	00:22	1
24 Men 400 Medley Relay	17	2	12:10 PM	00:18	12:12 PM	00:17	-1
25 Mixed 100 Butterfly	137	14	12:28 PM	00:35	12:29 PM	00:34	-1
26 Mixed 50 Breaststroke	294	30	01:03 PM	00:49	01:03 PM	00:52	3
27 Mixed 200 IM	235	24	01:52 PM	01:46	01:55 PM	01:41	-5
28 Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay	55	6	03:38 PM	00:25	03:36 PM	00:21	-4
Swimmers Counts for Warm-ups: 612 Entry / Heat Totals:	1,131	116					
Finish Time			04:03 PM	06:48	03:57 PM	06:41	-7



From left-right: Neal Bertam receiving his Unsung Hero award; Tuggeranong Swim Club; Kerry Blanch with her Unsung Hero award

Programs

MSA Programs - 2025	Clubs Participated	Individual Participants	Award Winners
Vorgee Million Metres	136	1656	113 members
Vorgee Endurance 1000 (E-1000)	157	1719	84 members
Postal Swim (stats from 2 of the 3 postal swims)	13	58	n/a
Transition to Masters (T2M)			
Pilot 1	1	10	n/a
Full program	8	63	n/a
Pilot 2	1	6	n/a
50th Anniversary Year Programs			
50 th Anniversary commemorative Vorgee cap	201	7073	n/a
50 x 50m x 50 Weeks MSA Members Challenge	104	653	353 members
MSA 50x50m Club Challenge (18-21 Sep)	10	171	36 members
50 new members / 50% membership increase	30	380	30 Clubs
MSA 'Unsung Heroes' volunteer recognition	39	53	53
40-50 year members	77	165*	*

* This review is ongoing

50th Anniversary Year – A Quick Recap!

The formation of Masters Swimming Australia (formally A.U.S.S.I.) began in March 1974 with one of the first seed sown being the international meet held at Heffron Park Sydney, as organised by Jack Brownjohn at the request of Dr Richard Rahe, USMS, and conducted with the help of Bill Lough and his AIF/Leagues Clubs competition team. The following 18 months saw exchanges of many ideas until on the 22nd September 1975, when A.U.S.S.I., the Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International, was constituted at a meeting of eight founders; Jack Brownjohn, John Kemp, Bill Lough, Alf Sparks, Frank Syke, Gary Stutsel, John Wainwright and Ray Weekes, along with adopting a constitution and structure drafted by Gary Stutsel.



AUSSI sketch from the 1970s

Interesting to note that the first Australian Masters Championships was held at the Harbord Diggers Pool on 8 March 1975. It was a great success, with 112 swimmers (33 women and 79 men) participating from three states.

Programs

It is important to recognise that A.U.S.S.I. (Australian Union of Seniors Swimming International) was formed by competitive swimmers to provide fairer competition for themselves and others, especially for women and for those who wanted to compete over longer distances, in strokes other than freestyle, and against swimmers close to their own age. Over a short period of time the organisation expanded from just providing competition, to encompassing fitness swimming with awards badges and aerobics programs (now Endurance 1000) provided, club group training, then coaching and always against a social and fun background. The rapid growth of A.U.S.S.I. provided the foundation for the establishment and early growth of international masters swimming, first through Masters Swimming International (MSI) in 1983-4 and then through FINA after 1986.

The above information is sourced from the [AUSSI 1974-1984 – The first 10 Years by Gary Stutsel](#) - a fantastic read!

Why are we no longer called AUSSI Masters Swimming – AUSSI Masters Swimming officially changed its name to Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) in October 2009, when members voted to drop the acronym “AUSSI” (Australian Union of Senior Swimmers Internationally) in favour of a simpler, more apt organisational title. The rebranding, which recognised the growing popularity of the organisation, was fully adopted by 2010.

Flash forward to 2025 when MSA celebrated our 50th Anniversary alongside Masters Swimming NSW (MSNSW) who also turned 50! More anniversary celebrations for our other States to come over the next few years!

It was an action-packed year of special activities in 2025 with a number of celebratory activities taking place, some that spanned the full year and some that highlighted specific months.

Activities as linked to a specific month:

50th Anniversary Swim Meets (March) – in honouring the first ever Masters National Championship meet held on the 8th of March 1975 at the old Harbord Diggers Club pool, in the suburb formerly known as Harbord now Freshwater, Sydney, NSW. A number of Meets were held around the country to recognise this significant historical occasion for masters swimming.

Pride Month (June) – MSA proudly showcased Pride Month and highlighted activities supporting LGBTIQ+ inclusion across Masters swimming.

MSA 50 x 50m Club Challenge (September) –

To mark 50 years to the day (22 September 1975), Clubs and members were encouraged to take part in this fun challenge. The aim of the weekend was for members to do one (1) set of 50x50m at their own pace not only for ‘fitness, friendship and fun’ but also as to qualify for MSA recognition and rewards:

- The Club with most Members who collectively swim the 50x50m set together in one session*
- The Club with most Members who swim 50x50m in total over the course of the ‘long’ weekend period*
- The Member/s who swims all 50 of the 50m on the fastest time cycle (both short and long course will be recognised)
- The oldest and the youngest Member to swim a set of 50x50m



Phoenix Masters

(*In order to try and equalise the field, 50x50m / Club participant numbers will be calculated as a % of their total Club membership number up to and including 21 September 2025).

Programs

Many did! Thank you for supporting MSA's 50th anniversary at Club level. 10 Clubs and 179 Members took part over this weekend and we noticed yummy cakes seemed to be a regular theme! Vorgee Vouchers were issued to awardee Clubs and individuals. Well done everyone for taking part. Congratulations to:

- Club with most Members who collectively swim the 50x50m set together in one session
– **Long Tan Legends**
- Club with most Members who swim 50x50m in total over the course of the 'long' weekend period
– **Long Tan Legends**
- Youngest member: **Phoebe Lea (Long Tan Legends)**
- Oldest member: **John Cocks (Malvern Marins)**

Fastest Short Course	Club	State
Elliott Smith	Adelaide Masters	Masters Swimming SA
Ross Eldridge	Adelaide Masters	Masters Swimming SA
Samuel Lungershausen	Adelaide Masters	Masters Swimming SA
Scott Goldie	Adelaide Masters	Masters Swimming SA
Fastest Long Course	Club	State
Alexander Thompson	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Anthony Clements	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Ben Stern	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Bevan Vandersteen	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Chris Dow	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Christina Kiraly	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Danielle Spurling	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Hugh Condon	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Janette Dickey	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Jeremy Blumenthal	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Jodie Dooley	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Joey Wu	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Leigh Rodgers	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Mark Huggins	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Michael Pearson	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Michael Wilson	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Miho Yoneyama	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Nicky Kerr	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Olivia Schenk	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Paul Hawking	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Paul Vine	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Peter Niere	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Rob Joyce	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Roger Hogg	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Simon Horan	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Susie Bratuskins	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Timothy Ayerbe	Malvern Marins	Masters Swimming Vic
Angelos Lakoumentas	Yarra Roughies Masters	Masters Swimming Vic



Bert- Long Tan Legends



Malvern Masters

Programs

Swim for Your Mind Month (October/November) – A five-week campaign focused on mind health and wellbeing. We hope you enjoyed a paddle and felt the clarity and uplift that comes during and post-swim.

Full year activities:

50th Anniversary Commemorative Gold Vorgee Cap – By hook or by crook, MSA issued a FREE 50th Anniversary Vorgee commemorative cap to members throughout the year.

50 x 50m x 50 Weeks Masters Members Challenge – Another one of the exciting programs MSA offered was our very unique 50th Year Anniversary swimming challenge during 2025. Members were challenged to complete at least one base set of 50 x 50m (or a variation 2.5km total) in a single session as recorded once a week for at least 50 weeks.

Four (4) Tiers of target and achievement will be recognised:

Platinum – achieves 50+ weeks completed

Gold – achieves 45-49 weeks completed

Silver – achieves 40-44 weeks completed

Bronze – achieves 35-39 weeks completed^

The program started Wednesday 1 January and finished Saturday 31 December 2025 and aside from the first and last weeks, the weekly cycle to conduct a swim runs from Monday to Sunday. The MSA National Coaching Committee created [50 x 50m x 50 week session plans](#) to help keep members engaged, as did many of the States.

Swims were recorded in the Vorgee Million Metres app which saw an increase in activity on the app.

There were 653 members who took part in the program with:

- 222 members who achieved Platinum and awarded an MSA Umbrella
- 68 members who achieved Gold and awarded a large MSA cooler bag
- 35 members who achieved Silver and awarded a MSA water bottle
- 28 members who achieved Bronze and awarded a MSA metallic Key Ring

All awards were embossed with the Program award level achieved by the swimmer.

MSA's hearty congratulations go out to:

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Peter Holley	Adelaide Masters	53	Platinum
Sharon Beaver	Adelaide Masters	51	Platinum
Matthew Wright	Albany Creek Masters	51	Platinum
Peter Jardine	Albany Creek Masters	50	Platinum
Rodney Hall	Albany Creek Masters	52	Platinum
Karina Horton	Albany Creek Masters	53	Platinum
Bridget O'Meara	Aquadome Otters	50	Platinum
Julie Boyd	Aquadome Otters	50	Platinum
Yumi Brown	Aquadome Otters	53	Platinum
Donna Beikoff	Aqualicious Masters	52	Platinum
Rowena Burch	Armada Masters	50	Platinum
Judith Clarke	Atherton Mountaineers Masters	51	Platinum
Bee Lean Lim	Atlantis Masters	50	Platinum



Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Ebony Ebenwaldner	Ballarat Masters	51	Platinum
Imke Houwers	Beatty Park Masters	52	Platinum
Julie Karen Westbrook	Beatty Park Masters	51	Platinum
Aileen Mackinnon	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	53	Platinum
Deanne Sanderson	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	52	Platinum
Neil Newman	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	50	Platinum
Pam Williams	Bidgee Masters Swimming	50	Platinum
Aaron Cleland	Blacktown City Masters	53	Platinum
Barbara Capellini	Blacktown City Masters	50	Platinum
Bradley Halicek	Blacktown City Masters	53	Platinum
Brett Havron	Blacktown City Masters	50	Platinum
Jordan Henry	Blacktown City Masters	51	Platinum
Kerry-Ann Michels	Blacktown City Masters	50	Platinum
Mark McDonald	Blacktown City Masters	52	Platinum
Lyndall Wilson	Blue Mountains Phoenix	52	Platinum
Robin Griffiths	Blue Mountains Phoenix	51	Platinum
Sally Hatcher	Blue Mountains Phoenix	53	Platinum
Andrew Heath	Brisbane Northside Masters	50	Platinum
Jemma Bayliss	Brisbane Northside Masters	53	Platinum
Lee Nolan	Brisbane Northside Masters	53	Platinum
Liz Little	Brisbane Northside Masters	51	Platinum
Marian Collier	Brisbane Northside Masters	50	Platinum
Rhonda Laws	Brisbane Northside Masters	50	Platinum
Robert Sutherland	Brisbane Northside Masters	50	Platinum
Shelley Parrish	Brisbane Northside Masters	50	Platinum
Stephen Booker	Brisbane Northside Masters	52	Platinum
Carol Rylance	Brisbane Southside Masters	50	Platinum
Chris Campbell	Brisbane Southside Masters	52	Platinum
Paul Nichols	Brisbane Southside Masters	50	Platinum
Paul Ison	Bunbury Masters	52	Platinum
Richard Morris	Bunbury Masters	53	Platinum
Cheree Dodkin	Bush Rangers Masters	50	Platinum
Jen Tindale	Bush Rangers Masters	52	Platinum
Jillian Pateman	Bush Rangers Masters	53	Platinum
Colin Holden	Busselton Masters	50	Platinum
Lesa Hansen	Cairns Clams Aussi Masters	52	Platinum



Devonport Devils

Doncaster Dolphins

Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Helen Cooper	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	50	Platinum
Joanne Maher	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	50	Platinum
Alexandra Rouen	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	50	Platinum
Belinda Meek	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	53	Platinum
Cristan Prain	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	50	Platinum
James Pelosa	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	52	Platinum
Kelly Bowden	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	51	Platinum
Owen Sinden	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	50	Platinum
Suzie Haddad	Campbelltown Aussi Masters	53	Platinum
Hikaru Iwata	Claremont Masters	52	Platinum
Leanne Da Costa	Coffs Harbour Masters	52	Platinum
Lou DAM	Coffs Harbour Masters	51	Platinum
Moiria Wigley	Darwin Buffalos Masters	53	Platinum
Anne-Marie Cruickshank	Darwin Stingers Masters	51	Platinum
Cameron Dawe	Darwin Stingers Masters	51	Platinum
Catherine Way	Darwin Stingers Masters	53	Platinum
Heather Standley	Darwin Stingers Masters	51	Platinum
Marita Fitzpatrick	Darwin Stingers Masters	50	Platinum
Lucy Cochrane	Devonport Devils	52	Platinum
Myra Robertson	Devonport Devils	53	Platinum
Nina Edwards	Devonport Devils	50	Platinum
Wendy Winzenberg	Devonport Devils	52	Platinum
Jacqueline Ellul	Doncaster Dolphins	50	Platinum
Kat Franks	Doncaster Dolphins	50	Platinum
Margie Moore	Doncaster Dolphins	50	Platinum
Murray Burns	Doncaster Dolphins	50	Platinum
Stuart Hayes	Frankston Peninsula	50	Platinum
Kodie Webb	Glamourhead Sharks	51	Platinum
Mitchell Brown	Glamourhead Sharks	50	Platinum
Margreet Stegeman	Goulburn Valley Crocs	51	Platinum
Nicole Dainton	Goulburn Valley Crocs	50	Platinum
Wendy Kingma	Goulburn Valley Crocs	51	Platinum
Catherine Prince	Gympie Gold Fins Masters	52	Platinum
Jennie Bryant	Gympie Gold Fins Masters	51	Platinum

Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Marin Slunjski	Henley Beach Masters	51	Platinum
Stewart Germon	Hervey Bay Masters	52	Platinum
Donna Rickwood	Hobart Aquatic Masters	53	Platinum
Rebecca Laletin	Hobart Aquatic Masters	51	Platinum
Amanda Duggan	Hobart Dolphins	51	Platinum
Auro Almeida	Hobart Dolphins	51	Platinum
Beth Mulligan	Hobart Dolphins	50	Platinum
Elisa McMillan	Hobart Dolphins	52	Platinum
Fiona Ziegeler	Hobart Dolphins	53	Platinum
Jennifer Ford	Hobart Dolphins	51	Platinum
Katherine Anne Daft	Hobart Dolphins	50	Platinum
Leisl Wylie	Hobart Dolphins	52	Platinum
Linda Walsham	Hobart Dolphins	50	Platinum
Megan Marie Stronach	Hobart Dolphins	53	Platinum
Pia Peterson	Hobart Dolphins	50	Platinum
Heidi van der Reest	Huon Valley Aquatic	52	Platinum
James Belstead	Huon Valley Aquatic	51	Platinum
Graeme Williams	Ipswich City Masters	53	Platinum
Kristina Caldwell	Ipswich City Masters	53	Platinum
Shiralee Bielenberg	Ipswich City Masters	52	Platinum
Michael Kettewell	Ipswich Grammar Masters	53	Platinum
Philip Ayre	Lake Macquarie Crocs	50	Platinum
Philippa Sawyer	Lane Cove Masters	53	Platinum
Robyn Cogan	Lara Swimming Club Masters	51	Platinum
Glenn Bryan	Launceston Lemmings	53	Platinum
Erin Abson	Laverton Wyndham Aquatics	51	Platinum
Edward Collyer	Long Tan Legends Masters	50	Platinum
Ian Astill	Long Tan Legends Masters	52	Platinum
Tony Croft	Long Tan Legends Masters	52	Platinum
Lee Caldwell	Maida Vale Masters	51	Platinum
Andrea McNeil	Malvern Marlins	53	Platinum
Janette Anne Dickey	Malvern Marlins	51	Platinum
Louise Henderson	Malvern Marlins	50	Platinum
Matthew koce	Malvern Marlins	50	Platinum
Sue Boekel	Malvern Marlins	52	Platinum
John Cahill	Mandurah Masters	50	Platinum
Marilyn Iris Brack	Mandurah Masters	50	Platinum
Elisabeth Kattenborn	Manly Masters	50	Platinum
Janice Ann Langan	Marion Masters	53	Platinum
Maryanne Heffernan	Marion Masters	53	Platinum
Jo Lewis	Melbourne Open Water	52	Platinum
Nicole Dean	Melbourne Open Water	50	Platinum
Rhonda Maloney	Melville Masters	52	Platinum
Hobe Horton	Miami Masters	52	Platinum
Jacqueline Willmott	Miami Masters	51	Platinum

Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Lisa Rowlands	Miami Masters	50	Platinum
Sheila Fennell	Miami Masters	50	Platinum
Troy Doyle	Miami Masters	50	Platinum
Vanessa Teece	Miami Masters	51	Platinum
Cheryl rix	Mingara Masters - Pelicans	51	Platinum
Lauren Bradley	Mingara Masters - Pelicans	53	Platinum
Sarah George	Mingara Masters - Pelicans	52	Platinum
David Leake	Molonglo Water Dragons	52	Platinum
Karen Titmuss	Molonglo Water Dragons	50	Platinum
Donna Gadsby	Mornington Peninsula Masters	50	Platinum
Kevin Jones	Mornington Peninsula Masters	50	Platinum
Deborah Jane Gill	Noarlunga Masters	53	Platinum
Helen Hayes	Noarlunga Masters	52	Platinum
Matthew Cranley	Noarlunga Masters	52	Platinum
Arthur Douglas	North Mackay Sinkers	50	Platinum
Dee McMurtrie	North Mackay Sinkers	52	Platinum
Lesley Thorpe	North Mackay Sinkers	50	Platinum
Megan Taylor	North Mackay Sinkers	53	Platinum
Melissa Lysaught	North Mackay Sinkers	52	Platinum
Naomi McGilvray	North Mackay Sinkers	50	Platinum
Pierre Craven	North Mackay Sinkers	53	Platinum
Susan Willett	North Mackay Sinkers	53	Platinum
Stuart Ellicott	North Shore Masters	51	Platinum
Jodie Bennett	Oak Flats Aussi Masters	50	Platinum
Steve Raynes	Perth City Swim Club	50	Platinum
Cheryl Chambers	Phoenix Masters	51	Platinum
David Bryce	Phoenix Masters	50	Platinum
Julie Taylor	Phoenix Masters	51	Platinum
Stephen Osborne	Phoenix Masters	51	Platinum
Darius Schultz	Powerpoints	52	Platinum
Allan Morrison	Redlands Bayside Masters	51	Platinum
Robert James Patterson	Redlands Bayside Masters	50	Platinum
Sue Robba	Redlands Bayside Masters	50	Platinum
Dana Richards	Rockingham Masters	52	Platinum
Andrew Dinale	Ryde Aussi Masters	50	Platinum
Gail Milroy	Sapphire Coast	50	Platinum
Helen Gill	Sapphire Coast	52	Platinum
Andrew Weeding	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum
Heidi Roche	Seaside Pirates	52	Platinum
Jacqui Russell	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum
Jean Edge	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum
Jon Hawton	Seaside Pirates	50	Platinum
Linda Buckley	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum
Mark Scullard	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum
Sandi Rigby	Seaside Pirates	53	Platinum

Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Sue Tompkins	Seaside Pirates	50	Platinum
Tim Batt	Seaside Pirates	50	Platinum
Brad Williams	Somerset Masters	53	Platinum
Jemma Schofield	Somerset Masters	50	Platinum
Kylie Mason	Somerset Masters	53	Platinum
Murray Corp	Somerset Masters	50	Platinum
Tara Grout	Somerset Masters	53	Platinum
Teagyn Haines	Somerset Masters	52	Platinum
Philip Lowe	Stadium Masters	50	Platinum
Michelle Stonehouse	Sunshine Coast Masters	51	Platinum
Julie Young	Surrey Park Masters	50	Platinum
Katherine O'Connor	Surrey Park Masters	50	Platinum
Sue Lyon	Surrey Park Masters	50	Platinum
Chris Grueninger	Sutherland Sandbern Masters	51	Platinum
Sandra Mutch	Swan Hills Masters	51	Platinum
Louis Hill	Talays Masters	53	Platinum
Angela Vas	Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers	51	Platinum
Kelly Harley	Hobart Aquatic Masters	52	Platinum
Rebecca Wilson	Toowoomba Masters	51	Platinum
Charlie Pragnell	Traralgon Masters	51	Platinum
Natasha Hughes	Traralgon Masters	50	Platinum
Kady Ibell	TSA Masters	51	Platinum
Ann Clayton	Tuggeranong Masters	50	Platinum
Ann Reid	Tuggeranong Masters	50	Platinum
Anne Smyth	Tuggeranong Masters	51	Platinum
Brenda Day	Tuggeranong Masters	51	Platinum
Caz Makin	Tuggeranong Masters	53	Platinum
Darryl McGill	Tuggeranong Masters	51	Platinum
Jamie McNeil	Tuggeranong Masters	52	Platinum
Kirsten Madsen	Tuggeranong Masters	50	Platinum
Kristi Ruus	Tuggeranong Masters	50	Platinum
Kristine Dillon	Tuggeranong Masters	53	Platinum
Lucy Jesiolowski	Tuggeranong Masters	50	Platinum
Andree Ernst	University Of Queensland	53	Platinum
Alexandra Ridgway	Wangaratta Masters	50	Platinum
Allison Allen	Wangaratta Masters	53	Platinum
Kristen Glenister	Wangaratta Masters	50	Platinum
Megan Barnden	Wangaratta Masters	50	Platinum
Sarah Leslie	Wangaratta Masters	50	Platinum
Charmaine Groppler	Warringah Masters	50	Platinum
Helen Campbell	Warringah Masters	51	Platinum
Jane Hinton	Warringah Masters	50	Platinum
Joanna Rayner	Westcoast Masters	51	Platinum
Viki Shelver	Westcoast Masters	50	Platinum
Pascal blanquer	Wett Ones Swimming Club	50	Platinum

Programs

Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
David Bale	Wodonga City Swim Club	51	Platinum
Alan Caine	Yarra Roughies Masters	52	Platinum
Jacqueline Harper	Yarra Roughies Masters	50	Platinum
Lisa Coutts	Yarra Roughies Masters	52	Platinum
Paul Colch	Albany Creek Masters	46	Gold
Grace Crossland-Scott	Aqualicious Masters	49	Gold
John Francis Oberle	Ballarat Masters	47	Gold
Diane Shepherd	Beatty Park Masters	48	Gold
Rachel Elizabeth Harris	Beatty Park Masters	46	Gold
Stewart Bondarenko	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	47	Gold
Ally Jalvo	Blacktown City Masters	47	Gold
Madhavi Shankarling	Blacktown City Masters	45	Gold
Natalie Clarence	Blacktown City Masters	48	Gold
Sally Driml	Brisbane Northside Masters	49	Gold
Josh Hemelaar	Brisbane Southside Masters	45	Gold
Brian Hall	Bunbury Masters	46	Gold
Sarah Perrett	Bunbury Masters	45	Gold
Tricia Miller	Busselton Masters	45	Gold
Gabrielle Donnelly	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	45	Gold
Anke Schwedat	Claremont Masters	48	Gold
Louise Allan	Claremont Masters	49	Gold
Gay Bradley	Cotton Tree Masters	46	Gold
Christopher Frey	Darwin Stingers Masters	45	Gold
Vida Goodvach	Darwin Stingers Masters	49	Gold
David McIvor	Devonport Devils	47	Gold
Peta Ajkunic	Devonport Devils	49	Gold
Caroline Clarkson	Doncaster Dolphins	45	Gold
Lynda Pedron	Doncaster Dolphins	48	Gold
Rodney Currie	Doncaster Dolphins	47	Gold
Kevin Duffy	Henley Beach Masters	45	Gold
Anne Patricia Gillian	Hobart Dolphins	46	Gold
Steve Richards	Hobart Dolphins	48	Gold
Victoria Wilson	Huon Valley Aquatic	46	Gold
Elizabeth Harvey	Lane Cove Masters	47	Gold
Steve Clancy	Lane Cove Masters	46	Gold
Emily Dawson	Lowood District Masters	46	Gold
Daphne Briggs	Malvern Marlins	48	Gold
Elana McNeil	Malvern Marlins	47	Gold
Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marlins	47	Gold
Janette Jeffrey	Malvern Marlins	46	Gold
Mark Huggins	Malvern Marlins	49	Gold
Peter Duggan	Malvern Marlins	45	Gold
Abi Sweet	Manly Masters	45	Gold
Carolyn Samojlowicz	Manly Masters	46	Gold
Ingrid McDonald	Miami Masters	46	Gold

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Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Judith Grant	Miami Masters	45	Gold
Karen Steilberg	Miami Masters	47	Gold
Kathleen Carlyon	Miami Masters	48	Gold
Leanne Browne	Miami Masters	45	Gold
Mary Liz Partridge	Molonglo Water Dragons	48	Gold
Amy Small	Noarlunga Masters	47	Gold
Jo Matthews	Noosa Masters	49	Gold
Wendy Ann Nothdurft	Noosa Masters	48	Gold
Helen Ann Burgess	North Mackay Sinkers	47	Gold
Suzanne McBride	North Mackay Sinkers	49	Gold
Susanne Milenkevich	Pelican Waters Masters	47	Gold
Fiona Wilkins	Perth City Swim Club	46	Gold
Wendy Mcmurtrie	Port Macquarie Masters	46	Gold
Margaret Rein	Redlands Bayside Masters	46	Gold
Rebekah Weller	Rockingham Masters	48	Gold
Shannon Bowron	Rockingham Masters	47	Gold
Jane Noake	Seaside Pirates	48	Gold
Jeremy George Allen	Somerset Masters	46	Gold
Sharron Burns	Swan Hills Masters	49	Gold
Helena Spykstra	Tamworth Aussi Masters	47	Gold
Howard Roby	Tattersalls Club Swimming	47	Gold
Helen Rainnie	Townsville Aquaholics Masters	46	Gold
Christine Mummery	Tuggeranong Masters	47	Gold
Jeanette Droop	Tuggeranong Masters	45	Gold
Liesl Peters	Tuggeranong Masters	45	Gold
Christina Echols	Twin Towns Services Masters	45	Gold
Michelle Cooper	Westcoast Masters	48	Gold
Philip Gee Kee	Albany Creek Masters	42	Silver
Joseph Laundry	Beatty Park Masters	41	Silver
Noel Ryall	Beatty Park Masters	41	Silver
Colleen Parkinson	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	43	Silver
Vicki Newman	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	42	Silver
Andrew Mark Howlett	Blacktown City Masters	41	Silver
Nathan Moffitt	Blacktown City Masters	43	Silver
Vickey Gorham	Blacktown City Masters	40	Silver
Richard Sargent	Brisbane Northside Masters	40	Silver
Steven Povee	Bunbury Masters	42	Silver
Mark Owen Richards	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	40	Silver
Alison Farmer	Claremont Masters	41	Silver
Adrian Tonkin	Darwin Stingers Masters	43	Silver
Gregory Bellwood	Devonport Devils	43	Silver
Catherine Johnson	Doncaster Dolphins	43	Silver
Rod Clarke	Doncaster Dolphins	43	Silver
Sharon Roberts	Hervey Bay Masters	44	Silver
Melanie Webb	Hobart Aquatic Masters	44	Silver

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Name	Club Name	50x50x50 count	Tier Achieved
Penny Lucas	Hobart Aquatic Masters	42	Silver
David Tarran	Lane Cove Masters	40	Silver
Kay Bailey	Launceston Lemmings	40	Silver
Alexandra Shorter	Mandurah Masters	43	Silver
Roger Pearce	Marion Masters	40	Silver
Justine Padovan	Melville Masters	41	Silver
Therese Crollick	Miami Masters	40	Silver
Tracey Zammit	Miami Masters	42	Silver
Tanya Colyer	Molonglo Water Dragons	41	Silver
Kimberley-Ann de Wet	Rockingham Masters	40	Silver
Reynardt Johannes Carlse	Somerset Masters	40	Silver
Jenny Hookey	Surrey Park Swimming Club Inc. Masters	40	Silver
Kylie Cox	Swim Fast Masters	41	Silver
Bindi Cussen	Townsville Aquaholics Masters	44	Silver
Alan Francis Carlisle	TSA Masters	41	Silver
Kasia Rymarczyk	Westcoast Masters	41	Silver
Byron O'Loughlin	Wyong Wobbygongs	43	Silver
Charles Gravier	Adelaide Masters	36	Bronze
Linda Vale	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	37	Bronze
Elizabeth McLoughlin	Blacktown City Masters	35	Bronze
Peter Arnold	Brisbane Northside Masters	35	Bronze
Catherine Flanders	Brisbane Southside Masters	38	Bronze
Allan Taylor	Bunbury Masters	39	Bronze
Sandra Pearson	Bunna-Barra Masters	39	Bronze
Todd Taylor	Busselton Masters	36	Bronze
Scott peden	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	35	Bronze
Greg Chaplin	Casey Seals	37	Bronze
Jayna Gordon	Darwin Stingers Masters	39	Bronze
Sarah Louise	Doncaster Dolphins	39	Bronze
Lee Gardiner	Goulburn Valley Crocs	37	Bronze
Annemaree Grainger	Hervey Bay Masters	37	Bronze
Paula Hewett	Hervey Bay Masters	37	Bronze
Michelle Sampson	Hobart Dolphins	38	Bronze
Siska Tinie Hocking	Hobart Dolphins	39	Bronze
Dee Greenwood	Malvern Marlins	36	Bronze
Yuan Mei	Melville Masters	36	Bronze
Brenda Robotham	Miami Masters	35	Bronze
Margaret Larkin	Molonglo Water Dragons	37	Bronze
Ian Tucker	Noosa Masters	35	Bronze
Vicky Watson	North Shore Masters	38	Bronze
Courtney McKinnon	Redlands Bayside Masters	36	Bronze
Julie Whiting	Redlands Bayside Masters	35	Bronze
Yvette Ballard	Somerset Masters	37	Bronze
John Miles	Sunshine Coast Masters	35	Bronze
Leisa Cass	Tuggeranong Masters	37	Bronze

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Unsung Heroes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2025, we started off by putting a callout for 50 Unsung Heroes – however, we were delighted that we in fact ended up recognising 53 outstanding “Unsung Heroes”.

The MSA Board created this award to honour those remarkable individuals who have given exceptional volunteer service to our sport, their clubs and their communities over many years. To get to this point we invited our States and Territory, clubs and members to nominate people who embody the true spirit of “I am a Swimmer” and the volunteerism that underpins our great sport and movement. And we’d therefore like to extend our sincere thanks to our States and Territory partners too for their support in reviewing nominations and confirming our 53 “Unsung Heroes” AND to those members and clubs who nominated our “Unsung Heroes”!

The dedication shown by these 53 “Unsung Heroes” (and all our) volunteers across Australia has enriched Masters Swimming in countless ways and fostered an enduring sense of community. MSA is deeply grateful for everything our “Unsung Heroes” have contributed, and we are thrilled to begin celebrating each one and their story of giving.

Congratulations to:



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Diane Gregory Hobart Dolphins TAS	Wendy Ivanusec Noosa Masters QLD	Greg Lewin Ryde Masters NSW	Brendan McMahon Launceston Lemmings TAS	Warren Midgley Toowoomba Masters QLD	Jim Milne Yarra Roughies Masters VIC			
								
Diana Maddaizzo Darwin STINGERS Masters NT	Ewen McDonald Tattersalls Club NSW	Mark McDonald Blacktown City Masters NSW	Geraldine O'Toole Malvern Marlins VIC	Richard Poulter Heidelberg Flyers VIC	Hans Preiss Campbeltown AUSSI NSW			
								
Stephen Richards Hobart Dolphins TAS	Patricia Robinson Rackley Swim Team QLD	Warren Robotham Miami Masters QLD	Daniel Stampa North Mackay Sinkers QLD	Luke Stephens MH20 Masters VIC	Michelle Stonehouse Sunshine Coast Masters QLD			
								
Pete Sharman Tuggeranong Masters NSW	Owen Sinden Campbeltown AUSSI NSW	Clare Somerville Sunshine Coast Masters QLD	Megan Stronach Hobart Dolphins TAS	Pauline Tauschke Darwin STINGERS Masters NT	Mendelt Tilloma Talays Masters TAS			
								
Peter Tindale Geelong Swimming Masters VIC	Phillip Tyrell Hobart Aquatic Masters TAS	Haydn Valle Darwin STINGERS Masters NT						
								
Nigel Van Reyk Lane Cove Masters NSW	John Watson Brisbane Southside Masters QLD							

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40–50 Year Members

We are close to completing our extensive research and consultation to accurately identify this extremely loyal cohort. In 2026, MSA will proudly showcase these members as the embodiment of “I am a Swimmer.” Please take the time to check out the list on the MSA website and submit any additions or suggestions for the list. Thankyou!

50 New Members / 50% increase in Membership

This was a program where we challenged clubs to find “Just One More” member.

Could a club find 50 new members across the course of year 2025?

Or could they increase their membership by a total of 50% over and above their 2024 membership total?

It was a lofty challenge to strive for, however, it takes ‘Just One More’ member to start the momentum. In total, the results were encouraging:

- 19 Clubs with a 50% or over membership increase
- 2 Clubs with 50 or over new members
- 9 Clubs newly formed in 2025

Congratulations to the Clubs below:

Club	State
Aqualicious Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Cairns Mudcrabs Masters Swimming Club	Masters Swimming QLD
Commercial Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Geelong Swimming Club Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Geraldton Masters Swimming Club	Masters Swimming WA
Gippsland Flippers Masters Swimming	Masters Swimming VIC
Glasshouse Masters Swim Team	Masters Swimming QLD
Goodlife Community Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Gosford Seagulls Swimming Club	Masters Swimming NSW
Hornsby Masters Swimming	Masters Swimming NSW
Lane Cove Masters Inc	Masters Swimming NSW
Leichhardt Masters Swimming Club	Masters Swimming NSW
Maitland AUSSI Masters	Masters Swimming NSW
Mansfield Swimming Club - Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Masters Swimming Albany Inc	Masters Swimming WA
MH2O Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Monbulk Marlins Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Mount Barker Masters SA	Masters Swimming SA
Nudgee College Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Pelican Waters Masters Swim Club	Masters Swimming QLD
Pyalong Piranhas Swim Club Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Rats of Tobruk Masters Swim Club	Masters Swimming QLD
South Gippsland Bass Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Swim Fast Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Tattersalls Club Swimming	Masters Swimming NSW
Traralgon Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Waterworx Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Western Aquatic Academy Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Wondai Masters	Masters Swimming QLD
Yarra Roughies Masters	Masters Swimming VIC
Zinactive Murgon Masters	Masters Swimming QLD



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Transition 2 Masters Program (T2M)

The Play Well Participation grant was provided by the Australian Sport Commission (ASC) to deliver inclusive, quality sport and physical activity programs to help Australians get involved in sport and physical activity. Grants ranged from \$10,00 to \$300,000 to support eligible organisations to deliver a program nationally that supports the ASC objective of sport participation. MSA secured ASC funding in 2024 to deliver its' new adult swimming development initiative, T2M, in 2025.



Project Overview

To align with the MSA Strategic Plan 2024-2027 with the vision to “Enrich and Inspire adults to swim for life”, the Transition to Masters (T2M) program was conceived. T2M was designed for adults to progress their swimming and water safety skills, becoming more comfortable around water and to provide physical, mental and social benefits. T2M catered for adults acknowledging not all are the same level of swimming ability and targeted adults that cannot swim over 15 metres with a specifically designed 3-month course involving a 24 session / 12-week program.

A Pilot Program was held at Miami Masters (QLD) and coached by Judy Bonning and Graham Dietrich during 2024 and this pilot (which wasn't initially scheduled in the application of the T2M program) was very beneficial to further refining the weekly session content. for a more effective 2025 program.

The brilliant first year delivery of the T2M was held in the first quarter of 2025, with eight Clubs hosting:

State	Club	Coaches	Assisted by
NSW	Casuarina - Pilot (Billabong Swim School)	Judy Bonning and Graham Dietrich	
NSW	Wests Auburn Masters	Kerryn Blanch	Cameron Jones
NT	Darwin Stingers Masters	Jac Stirrat and Sam Bricknell	
SA	Aquadrome Otters	Craig Zubrinich and Peni O'Shea	
QLD	Albany Creek Masters	Natasha Bletchly and Louise Knauth	
QLD	Miami Masters Swimming Club	Judy Bonning	Katie Lopez
TAS	Hobart Dolphins Masters	Megan Stronach and Steve Richards	
VIC	Mornington Peninsula Masters	Rob Wilson and Donna Gadsby	Alexia Green and Jenni Devine
WA	Inglewood Masters Swimming Club	Jo Stoddart	Anna Brenkley and specialist coaches Trevor Wainstein and Donna Scott

As part of the ongoing evaluations skills assessments were undertaken by coaches at each of the programs, with data collated into a specially designed T2M app \ conceived by Mark Hepple.

Skills were assessed at three points over the 24-week course: at the beginning, the mid- way point and the end. For each of the eight locations where T2M was conducted, the assessor was the same at that location for all three assessments, so there was internal consistency for each individual T2M participant assessed.

The first assessment (review 1 – baseline - start of program) rated participants as good, poor or ok for each of the skills listed; the second (review 2 – middle of the program) and third reviews (review 3 – end of program) included an additional rating: improved.

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The second and third reviews increased the distance the person was able to swim from 15-25m to 15-50m, to capture those who had significantly increased their swimming distance even in the first third of the program. The third assessment also identified whether the individual had improved significantly enough across the duration of the program to move to being involved in a squad swimming program.

Some key statistics:

- 33 participants accepted the offer of the MSA one (1) month free 'Come and Try' Membership: 7 x Albany Creek, 4 x Wests Auburn, 5 x Hobart Dolphins, 3 x Miami Masters, 4 x Inglewood, 3 x Aquadome Otters and 7 x Mornington Peninsula
- 17 participants have gone onto join as a 2025 MSA Member: 6 x Albany Creek, 4 x Wests Auburn, 1 x Darwin Stingers, 3 x Hobart Dolphins and 3 x Aquadome Otters
- The Independent Research/Evaluation results indicated the program had a positive self-reported impact on swimming ability, confidence in water, water safety skills and water safety knowledge. In particular, statistically significant improvements in these measurements were seen between baseline and post-program. In terms of distance swam participants reported an average gain of 129 metres between baseline and post-program. Improvements in self-reported fitness in water were also identified
- Frequency of swimming for both fun and fitness both improved between pre- and post-program time points. By one-month follow-up, 43% were swimming for fitness frequently. Also, by the one-month follow-up point, 62% of respondents indicated they had joined a Masters Swim Club, with 63% of those who said they had not joined yet, intending to do so.

Some examples of some participant feedback:

"It was a very social program which I personally found very important in my transition back to structured swimming as an adult. This program was well structured and delivered, and we all appreciated how hands-on the Coaches were."

"Feeling part of a great team where we were all encouraging each other to do the best of our ability."

"I enjoyed the balance between the social nature of the program and improving my swimming technique and fitness. It was wonderful to celebrate our improvements as individuals and as a group."

"I am blown away what a profound effect learning to swim has had on me. Both coaches were patient, kind and made 'learning' to swim fun. I feel so much more confident in swimming not only freestyle but all strokes. I enjoyed how everything was broken down for us and we got a chance to retest our original swimming tests. I feel I'm the luckiest person to have had this chance to learn to swim properly and I know I have a long way to go but I gained so much knowledge. I would recommend this to everyone who likes a challenge and enjoys learning new skills."

"I found the instructors Rob and Donna to be incredibly knowledgeable, helpful and approachable. They made each swimmer feel safe in the water, and made sure every- one felt good about progressing at their own pace. They catered to each swimmers needs and hence we were all able to benefit from the program. We had a very friendly group of participants and we enjoyed sharing a laugh during the sessions. It was a very social program which I personally found very important in my transition back to structured swimming as an adult. The program was well structured and delivered, and we all appreciated how hands-on Rob and Donna were. They got into the pool on multiple occasions to demonstrate a skill or proper stroke technique and to help correct our technique. At no stage during the program did I feel excluded or unable to ask questions etc. It was a fantastic environment."

Overall, the stories are amazing – the swimmers are now water competent, accomplished in freestyle and form strokes even including butterfly, swimmers doing up to one (1) kilometre sessions and swimmers swimming a distance of 500m straight! Read about one participant, Jane Brown, who used her new skills and confidence developed via T2M to navigate a tricky situation in the surf. [New program helps adults master swimming](#)

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Badge of Honour Merchandise Program

During the year, the National Office progressed the development of a new national merchandise program aimed at enhancing the member experience while establishing a sustainable, low-risk revenue stream for Masters Swimming Australia (MSA).

Following engagement with respected industry experts, MSA adopted a fully outsourced model to deliver both retail merchandise and fulfilment services across key programs and initiatives. This included collaboration with Velocity Brand Management and their delivery partner Badge of Honour (BrandeGroup), both of whom bring extensive merchandise fulfilment experience across sporting organisations, major events and corporate clients.

The program has been designed as a scalable platform to support a broad range of activities, including a core retail merchandise range, program and participation initiatives, targeted offerings for Coaches and Technical Officials, event-based merchandise, and club servicing.

Under the adopted model, the majority of operational aspects are managed externally by Badge of Honour, including product design, sourcing, pricing, e-commerce, fulfilment, warehousing and marketing support. This structure removes financial and operational risk from MSA while ensuring a consistent, high-quality merchandise offering.

The arrangement provides a royalty-based return to MSA, supported by regular reporting, creating a new revenue stream that can be re-invested back into the sport without upfront or ongoing investment.

A staged implementation approach has been adopted, allowing the program to grow in line with member demand and performance insights. This ensures flexibility, sustainability and ongoing alignment with member needs.

This initiative represents a key step in strengthening MSA's commercial, marketing and brand capability and delivering additional value to members through a coordinated national merchandise offering.

2025 Vorgee Million Metres

The Million Metres Awards Program was updated in 2001, with milestones recognised at one (1), three (3) and ten (10) million metres. In 2004, milestones were added for five (5) and seven (7) million metres, with the two million metre milestone added in 2007. In 2008, the program was expanded to recognise swimmers who attain fifteen (15) million metres and since then we've been very excited to add the twenty (20) million metres, and 2021 saw the first member reach the twenty-five (25) million metre milestone, providing ongoing recognition to those who continue to excel in long distance swimming.

In 2021, the development of the [MSA Million Metres app](#) has digitalised results allowing swimmers to log their swims on a mobile device and in 2022, Vorgee caps and e-vouchers have been included as award prizes. The Million Metres program was migrated to a new app created by Mark Hepple (MSNSW Recorder and MSA IT Consultant) July 2024.

In 2025, a total of 780 active swimmers from 136 clubs utilised the app, collectively swimming 182,849,422 metres (excluding historical data added as opening balances). Since 2021, more than 1,600 members have logged into the app. In 2025, the National Office processed a record 113 recipients for the Million Metres Awards, an increase from 87 in 2024 and 65 in 2023.

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The ease of logging swims via the app has been a significant factor in the program's strong participation, alongside the success of the 50 x 50m x 50 weeks initiative. We saw a significant increase in users onboarded during the December 2024/January 2025 period compared to the December 2023/January 2024 period.

MSA members onboarded to the app:

- December 2024: 131 compared to December 2023: 15
- January 2025: 169 compared to January 2024: 20

Swim count, by month in 2025:

- January: 7,378
- February: 6,442
- March: 6,436
- April: 5,840
- May: 5,864
- June: 5,418
- July: 5,688
- August: 5,170
- September: 5,350
- October: 5,720
- November: 5,575
- December: 5,686

	MSNSW	MSNT	MSQ	MSSA	MST	MSV	MSWA	Total Awards
1 Million	8	1	21	3	3	5	6	47
2 Million	6		9	2	5	4	4	30
3 Million	4	3	2	2	1		1	13
4 Million			3	1		1		5
5 Million	1		1				2	4
7 Million	2			1	3	1		7
10 Million	1		1					2
15 Million								0
20 Million	1		1					2
25 Million		1	1	1				3
Total per State	23	5	39	10	12	11	13	113

Well done and congratulations to the following members:

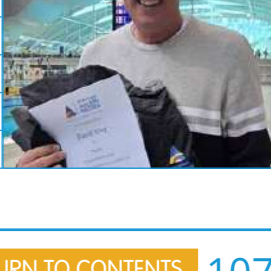
Name	Club Name	State	Award
Aileen Mackinnon	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	QLD	1 Million metres
Anthony Baker	Brisbane Northside	QLD	1 Million metres
Bert Collyer	Long Tan Legends	QLD	1 Million metres
Brian Harding	Brisbane Northside	QLD	1 Million metres
Cassandra Whittome	Cockburn Masters	WA	1 Million metres
Catherine Prince	Gympie Gold Fins	QLD	1 Million metres
Catherine Way	Darwin Stingrays	NT	1 Million metres
Chris Grueninger	Sutherland Sandbern	NSW	1 Million metres
Courtney McKinnon	Redlands Bayside Masters	QLD	1 Million metres
Dana Richards	Rockingham Masters	WA	1 Million metres
Denise DeCarlo	Noosa Masters	QLD	1 Million metres
Elisa McMillan	Hobart Dolphins	NSW	1 Million metres
Greg Bellwood	Devonport Devils	TAS	1 Million metres
Hikaru Iwata	Claremont Masters	WA	1 Million metres
Ian Astill	Long Tan Legends	QLD	1 Million metres
Ian Tucker	Noosa Masters	QLD	1 Million metres
Jane Noake	Seaside Pirates	NSW	1 Million metres
Joan Neal	Twin Towns Masters	QLD	1 Million metres
Jonathan Patterson	Ipswich City Masters	QLD	1 Million metres
Joseph Laundry	Beatty Park	WA	1 Million metres



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Name	Club Name	State	Award	
Juergen Langfeldt	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC	1 Million metres	
Kalvin Ernst	University of Queensland Masters	QLD	1 Million metres	
Kelly Harley	Hobart Aquatic Masters	TAS	1 Million metres	
Kevin Jones	Mornington Peninsula Masters	VIC	1 Million metres	
Leanne Sheean	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC	1 Million metres	
Liesl Peters	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	1 Million metres	
Lisa Trendle	Brisbane Northside	QLD	1 Million metres	
Louise Dam	Coffs Harbour	NSW	1 Million metres	
Mary Liz Partridge	Molonglo Water Dragons	NSW	1 Million metres	
Matt Wright	Albany Creek Masters	QLD	1 Million metres	
Michael Kettewell	Ipswich Grammar Masters	QLD	1 Million metres	
Nina Edwards	Devonport Devils	TAS	1 Million metres	
Paul Ison	Bunbury Masters	WA	1 Million metres	
Paula Hewett	Hervey Bay	QLD	1 Million metres	
Robin Van Kempen	Busselton Masters	WA	1 Million metres	
Sarah Louise	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC	1 Million metres	
Sarnia Rusbridge	Hills AUSSI	NSW	1 Million metres	
Sharon Beaver	Adelaide Masters	SA	1 Million metres	
Stephen Osborne	Phoenix Masters	SA	1 Million metres	
Stewart Bondarenko	Belgravia Masters Swim Team	QLD	1 Million metres	
Stuart Collins	Brisbane Northside	QLD	1 Million metres	
Stuart Hayes	Frankston Peninsula	VIC	1 Million metres	
Sue Robba	Redlands Bayside Masters	QLD	1 Million metres	
Susanne Milenkevich	Pelican Waters Masters	QLD	1 Million metres	
Tess Lang	Henley Beach Masters	SA	1 Million metres	
Therese Crollick	Swim Fast	QLD	1 Million metres	
Vicky Watson	North Shore Masters	NSW	1 Million metres	
Andrea McNeil	Malvern Marlins	VIC	2 Million metres	
Anke Schwedat	Claremont Masters	WA	2 Million metres	
Bruce Muller	Rats of Tobruk Masters	QLD	2 Million metres	
Cheryl Chambers	Phoenix Masters	SA	2 Million metres	
Colin Holden	Busselton Masters	WA	2 Million metres	
Donna Gadsby	Mornington Peninsula Masters	VIC	2 Million metres	
Fiona Ziegeler	Hobart Dolphins	TAS	2 Million metres	
Heidi Roche	Seaside Pirates	NSW	2 Million metres	
Ingrid McDonald	Miami Masters	QLD	2 Million metres	
Jacqueline Willmott	Miami Masters	QLD	2 Million metres	
Jacqui Russell	Seaside Pirates	NSW	2 Million metres	
James Belstead	Huon Valley Aquatic Masters	TAS	2 Million metres	
Jaye Reynolds	Cockburn Masters	WA	2 Million metres	
Joy Cutler	Bushrangers	NSW	2 Million metres	
Leisl Wylie	Hobart Dolphins	TAS	2 Million metres	
Lisa Trendle	Brisbane Northside	QLD	2 Million metres	
Liz Needham	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	2 Million metres	
Lou Hill	Talays	TAS	2 Million metres	
Lucy Cochrane	Devonport Devils	TAS	2 Million metres	
Mark McDonald	Blacktown Masters	NSW	2 Million metres	

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Name	Club Name	State	Award	
Maryanne Heffernan	Marion Marlins Masters	SA	2 Million metres	
Matthew Wright	Albany Creek Masters	QLD	2 Million metres	
Murray Burns	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC	2 Million metres	
Peter Arnold	Brisbane Northside	QLD	2 Million metres	
Pierre Craven	North Mackay Sinkers	QLD	2 Million metres	
Rod Clarke	Doncaster Dolphins	VIC	2 Million metres	
Sharron Burns	Swan Hills Masters	WA	2 Million metres	
Susan Willett	North Mackay Sinkers	QLD	2 Million metres	
Wendy McMurtrie	Port Macquarie	NSW	2 Million metres	
Wendy Nothdurft	Noosa Masters	QLD	2 Million metres	
Allison Cooke	Gympie Gold Fins	QLD	3 Million metres	
David John Smith	Darwin Stingers	NT	3 Million metres	
Kerry-Ann Michels	Blacktown Masters	NSW	3 Million metres	
Leisa Cass	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	3 Million metres	
Margaret Larkin	Molonglo Water Dragons	NSW	3 Million metres	
Matthew Cranley	Noarlunga Master Swimmers	SA	3 Million metres	
Michelle Sampson	Hobart Dolphins	TAS	3 Million metres	
Pascal Blanquer	Wett Ones	NSW	3 Million metres	
Peter Holley	Adelaide Masters	SA	3 Million metres	
Shelley Parrish	Brisbane Northside	QLD	3 Million metres	
Tara Grout	Somerset Masters	WA	3 Million metres	
Valerie Joyce Hristova	Darwin Stingers	NT	3 Million metres	
Vida Goodvach	Darwin Stingers	NT	3 Million metres	
Jemma Bayliss	Brisbane Northside	QLD	4 Million metres	
Lesa Hansen	Cairns Clams	QLD	4 Million metres	
Lyn May	Twin Towns Masters	QLD	4 Million metres	
Sue Lyon	Surrey Park Seahorses	VIC	4 Million metres	
Yumi Brown	Aquadome Otters	SA	4 Million metres	
Anne Edmondson	Stadium Masters	WA	5 Million metres	
Jon Hawton	North Shore Masters	NSW	5 Million metres	
Naomi McGilvray	North Mackay Sinkers	QLD	5 Million metres	
Rebekah Weller	Rockingham Masters	WA	5 Million metres	
Aaron Cleland	Blacktown Masters	NSW	7 Million metres	
Dee Greenwood	Malvern Marlins	VIC	7 Million metres	
Donna Rickwood	Hobart Aquatic Masters	TAS	7 Million metres	
Donna Rickwood	Hobart Aquatic Masters	TAS	7 Million metres	
Jelle Lahnstein	Adelaide Masters	SA	7 Million metres	
Kay Bailey	Launceston Lemmings	TAS	7 Million metres	
Robert Kirkbride	Oak Flats	NSW	7 Million metres	
Hobe Horton	Miami Masters	QLD	10 Million metres	
James Pelosa	Campbelltown	NSW	10 Million metres	
David King	Ryde Masters	NSW	20 Million metres	
Don Taylor	Toowoomba Masters	QLD	20 Million metres	
Diana Fabijan	Adelaide Masters	SA	25 Million metres	
Peter Cain	Cairns Clams	QLD	25 Million metres	
Stu Fitch	Darwin Stingers	NT	25 Million metres	

Programs

2025 Vorgee Endurance 1000

The Vorgee Endurance 1000 (e1000) program was launched as a National event over 20 years ago as the Aerobics program. The program is designed to encourage people to compete in distances from 400 metres to 60 minutes duration in a variety of strokes. Each year the program has enjoyed an increase in the number of swimmers competing, endorsing its popularity with the members. The e1000 is unique to MSA and proud that so many of our members participate year on year. In 2025 we had 1719 members from 157 Clubs participate. Well done!

2025 Award Winners

Congratulations to the following Clubs:

Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club – Top scoring Club (Trophy) – Noosa

This is the Twelfth (12) time that Noosa have won this Award.

This Award points are gained for the completion of each different event. These combine with points gained by fellow Club members and contribute to a total point score for each competing Club.

Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award – Average points per member (Award) – Castle Hill RSL Masters

This is the first time Castle Hill have won this Award. As an extension of the program, the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award (previously known as the Tassie Award and National Aerobic Award) goes to the Club averaging the highest number of points per registered member.

We also would like to congratulate the following 83 swimmers who completed the full 62 swims in 2025 – an incredible testament to the program and the enjoyment clubs and members get from taking part. Make sure you also read the National Recorders report which details some interesting statistics on the e1000.

First Name	Surname	Club	State	Age Group	Swim	Points
Robert	Magin	Darwin Stingers	NT	80-84	62	1005
Matthew	Reidy	Blue Mountains Phoenix	NSW	65-69	62	997
Jordan	Henry	Blacktown City Masters	NSW	25-29	62	1005
Mark	McDonald	Blacktown City Masters	NSW	35-39	62	1005
Annika-Lee	Skulander	Blacktown City Masters	NSW	35-39	62	739
Kelly	Bowden	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	30-34	62	1005
Suzie	Haddad	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	40-44	62	1005
Gregory	Jacques	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	75-79	62	1005
Russell	McLeod	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	75-79	62	1005
Belinda	Meek	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	35-39	62	1005
James	Pelosa	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	60-64	62	1005
Alexandra	Rouen	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	35-39	62	1005
Owen	Sinden	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	70-74	62	1005
Laura	Lawrence	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	45-49	62	884
Cristan	Prair	Campbelltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	35-39	62	794
Wendy	Sheppard	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	65-69	62	1005
Marcelle	Smith	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	55-59	62	1005
Colin	Murray	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	60-64	62	939
Katherine	Di Bona	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	18-24	62	908
Kassandra	Di Bona	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	25-29	62	875
Karen	Di Bona	Castle Hill RSL Masters	NSW	55-59	62	597
Tanya	Colyer	Molonglo Water Dragons	NSW	65-69	62	465
Leanne	Da Costa	Coffs Harbour Masters	NSW	65-69	62	1005

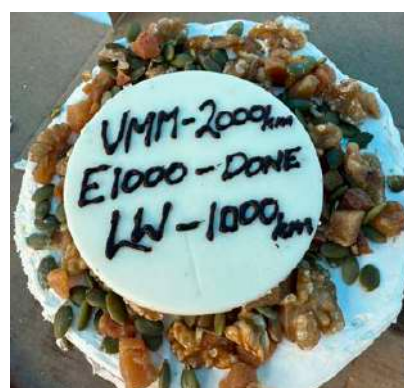
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First Name	Surname	Club	State	Age Group	Swim	Points
Lauren	Bradley	Mingara Masters - Pelicans	NSW	40-44	62	1005
Wendy	Mcmurtrie	Port Macquarie Masters	NSW	55-59	62	1005
Kristine	Dillon	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	60-64	62	1005
Kylie	Lane	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	45-49	62	1005
Christine	Leary	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	70-74	62	1005
Atsuko	McGowan	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	45-49	62	1005
Liesl	Peters	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	55-59	62	1005
Richard	Phillips	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	55-59	62	1005
Ann	Reid	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	60-64	62	1005
Donna	Campbell	Tuggeranong Masters	NSW	60-64	62	916
Charmaine	Groppler	Warringah Masters	NSW	50-54	62	609
Michael	Parkinson	Wests Auburn Masters	NSW	55-59	62	1005
Kerryn	Blanch	Wests Auburn Masters	NSW	50-54	62	810
Cassie	Anderson	Wests Auburn Masters	NSW	45-49	62	465
Anthony	Baker	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	65-69	62	1005
Stephen	Booker	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	75-79	62	1005
Tracy	Clarkson	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	75-79	62	1005
Rhonda	Laws	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	65-69	62	1005
Liz	Little	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	70-74	62	1005
Lee	Nolan	Brisbane Northside Masters	QLD	50-54	62	1005
Jonathan	Patterson	Ipswich City Masters	QLD	75-79	62	1005
Kristina	Caldwell	Ipswich City Masters	QLD	40-44	62	890
Gerard	Pender	Ipswich City Masters	QLD	65-69	62	527
John	Bonning	Miami Masters	QLD	65-69	62	1005
Paula	Harding	Miami Masters	QLD	70-74	62	1005
Hobe	Horton	Miami Masters	QLD	65-69	62	1005
Jodie	Newman	Miami Masters	QLD	55-59	62	1005
Peter	Reaburn	Miami Masters	QLD	70-74	62	1005
Colette	Southam	Miami Masters	QLD	60-64	62	1005
Gordon	Southam	Miami Masters	QLD	60-64	62	1005
Tracey	Zammit	Miami Masters	QLD	50-54	62	1005
Jacqueline	Willmott	Miami Masters	QLD	40-44	62	530
Brian	Hoepper	Noosa Masters	QLD	75-79	62	1005
Liquan	Hussey	Noosa Masters	QLD	55-59	62	1005
Jo	Matthews	Noosa Masters	QLD	70-74	62	1005
Peter	McGahan	Noosa Masters	QLD	60-64	62	1005
Ian	Tucker	Noosa Masters	QLD	70-74	62	1005
Pierre	Craven	North Mackay Sinkers	QLD	55-59	62	1005
Penelope	O'Shea	Aquadome Otters	SA	65-69	62	1005
Eoin	Kim	Tea Tree Gully	SA	40-44	62	944
Steve	Richards	Hobart Dolphins	TAS	60-64	62	1005
Megan	Stronach	Hobart Dolphins	TAS	70-74	62	1005
Kay	Bailey	Launceston Masters Swimming	TAS	70-74	62	1005
Alwynne	McMahon	Launceston Masters Swimming	TAS	70-74	62	1005
Lionel	Randall	Launceston Masters Swimming	TAS	45-49	62	955
Lou	Hill	Talays Masters	TAS	65-69	62	1005

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First Name	Surname	Club	State	Age Group	Swim	Points
Annette	Philpot	Talays Masters	TAS	65-69	62	1005
John	Cocks	Malvern Marlins	VIC	85-89	62	1005
Eric	Van Toor	Malvern Marlins	VIC	70-74	62	1005
Kelly	Paul	Surrey Park Swimming Club	VIC	55-59	62	1005
Andrea	Phillips	Surrey Park Swimming Club	VIC	55-59	62	1005
Sue	Lyon	Surrey Park Swimming Club	VIC	60-64	62	1001
Sarah	Carr	Armadale Masters	WA	40-44	62	1005
Megan	Webster	Armadale Masters	WA	45-49	62	1005
Marcel	Weijers	Armadale Masters	WA	55-59	62	1005
Vivienne	Anthony	Claremont Masters	WA	65-69	62	1005
Theresa	Elliott	Claremont Masters	WA	80-84	62	1005
Richard	Johnson	Claremont Masters	WA	60-64	62	1005
Lee	Caldwell	Maida Vale Masters	WA	70-74	62	1005
Yvette	Ballard	Somerset Masters	WA	70-74	62	1005

State	Swimmers who completed all 62 Swims	Swimmers who achieved 1005 Points
MSNSW	36	23
MSNT	1	1
MSQ	24	21
MSSA	2	1
MST	7	6
MSV	5	4
MSWA	8	8
Total	83	64





Neil Ludvigsen and Stu Fitch (Darwin Stingers) 25 Million Meters swum since 1992!

Programs

Postal Swims

In 2025 there were 3 Postal Swims held by Clubs around Australia. Postal Swims are any swim in which clubs or members from different clubs, compete in an event organised by a Host Club but in which they are not required to swim together at the same venue or time. We have had some going for over 30 years.

Baddaginnie Animal Swim: 1 April – 30 June 2025

The animal was back for 2025 and so was their iconic t shirt!!

39th year of the Baddaginnie Animal Postal Swim and the 10th anniversary of the revival by Surrey Park Seahorses. Unleash the animal within by swimming the following 5 events in one day 200m Fly 200m Back 200m Breast 400m IM and 800m Free

Bunbury Stingers: 2025 Winter 3 x 400m Postal Swim: 1 May – 30 June 2025

This was the 29th year of the Bunbury Stingers 2025 Winter 3 x 400m Postal Swim. The club invited Masters swimmers to swim 400m in 3 different styles over a two-month period. Each 400m swim can be Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly or an Individual Medley.

- Certificates are awarded to everyone who completes the swims.
- Medals (both females and male) to the most improved swimmers, the fastest overall swimmers and the fastest senior swimmers

Tuggeranong Trifecta Postal Swim: 1 July – 31 August 2025

This swim aimed to warm up our masters swimmers – perfect for those wintry days! Double dip – a postal swim for the swimmer, and some Endurance 1000 points for their club. Three swims, each in a different stroke: 400m, 800m, 1500m. All 2025 participants were able to choose to receive one of our fabulous new microfibre towels (30x80cm) in either red or blue as well as a certificate.

Award Winners

2025 Service Awards

Meritorious Award for 5 years service:

Robert Hardie, Wett Ones (NSW) on Masters Swimming Australia National Board

Lynne Duncan, Maida Vale Masters (WA) on the National Technical Committee

Jo Trim, Powerpoints (VIC) on the National Membership Committee

James Watson, Seaside Pirates (NSW) on the National Membership Committee

Conspicuous Award for 10 years service:

Kim Tyler, Freemantle Masters (WA) on the National Coaching Committee

Elena Nesci, Claremont Masters (WA) on the National Coaching Committee

Conspicuous Award for 20 years service:

Frank Braun, Surrey Park Masters (VIC) – A special twenty year Conspicuous Awards is presented to Frank for his commitment and dedication to the Masters Swimming Australia Results Portal

2025 Coaching Excellence Award

The Coaching Excellence Award acknowledges the vital role coaches play in supporting, developing, and inspiring Masters swimmers across Australia. Coaching Excellence may be demonstrated in various ways, whether through high-quality coaching on pool deck, the development of inclusive and supportive training environments, or meaningful contributions to improved swimmer performance, confidence, and enjoyment of the sport.

Their commitment not only enhances individual outcomes but also strengthens club culture, encourages lifelong participation, and supports the ongoing growth of Masters Swimming. These awards celebrate those who embody the values of Masters Swimming Australia and whose dedication makes a lasting and meaningful impact on swimmers and the broader organisation.

Finally – Thank you to each and every coach who stands on deck each training session across the country through rain, hail and shine to enable all our swimmers to achieve their goals and enjoy their swimming.

Congratulations to:



Judy Bonning: Over the last 18 months, Masters Coach Judy Bonning developed, piloted, reviewed, and then, promoted and re-offered the first Transition to Masters (T2M) swim program in Australia, if not the world. The T2M program was designed for adults to progress their swimming and water safety skills to become more comfortable around the water and to provide physical, mental and social benefits. Judy brought professionalism, and coaching excellence to T2M that she has built her reputation on and she is exactly the kind of coach this recognition was created for.



Susan Leech: Susan who swims for Penrith AUSSI Masters and Bushrangers (MSNSW Virtual Club) is a MSA-accredited coach who from early 2025 has developed a series of Swim By Yourself programs that she makes available by email to support masters swimmers. This excellent initiative by Susan targets swimmers who may not have a club coach, those who are unable to attend coaching sessions in their area and those who do not have access to coaching sessions, e.g. swimmers in regional areas. Her initiative in providing an online coaching service is hugely beneficial and has positive impact overall for Masters Swimming and deserves this Award.

Award Winners



2025 Official Of The Year

The Technical Official of the Year Award recognises the significant and lasting impact that Technical Officials make on masters swimming at all levels of the sport. It acknowledges individuals whose dedication, professionalism, and commitment enhance the quality, integrity, and enjoyment of competition for athletes, coaches, and the broader swimming community. The National Technical Committee assesses a Technical Official's innovative and best practice officiating approaches, their leadership and mentorship of other officials, and their willingness to continually develop their own skills and knowledge.

Congratulations to Paul Carter, Darwin Stingrays, Northern Territory, on being named MSA's 2025 Technical Official of the Year.

Paul is the Technical Director of Masters Swimming NT and a member of the MSA National Technical Committee and in these roles, Paul actively promotes officiating and encourages members to pursue accreditation and broaden their technical skills. Paul has volunteered at several National Championships including the 2023 Nationals in Hobart, 2024 Nationals in Darwin, 2025 Nationals in Melbourne and will be on pool deck this week at the 2026 Nationals here in beautiful Brisbane. In 2025 Paul was appointed also to the World Aquatics World Masters Championships in Singapore as a Technical Official. Masters Swimming Australia greatly values Paul's dedication, expertise, and professionalism, which continue to strengthen the development and quality of technical officiating in the Northern Territory.



2025 Volunteer Of The Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award celebrates the remarkable dedication and generosity of our members who give so much of their time, expertise, and energy to Masters Swimming in Australia. This award recognises and rewards an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and leadership as a volunteer at the National level, making a meaningful and lasting contribution to the organisation. It acknowledges those whose efforts go above and beyond, whose passion strengthens our community, and whose service helps ensure the continued success, growth, and positive culture of Masters Swimming across the country.

Congratulations to Jan Saunders on being named MSA's 2025 National Volunteer of the Year.

Jan has been a valued member of the National Diversity and Inclusion Committee since 2024 and was elected as Chair in the same year. In this role, Jan has provided strong and thoughtful leadership, helping to guide the committee's strategic direction and ensuring that diversity, equity, and inclusion remain central to the work of Masters Swimming Australia. Through this work, Jan has actively assisted MSA in supporting swimmers with disabilities and other marginalised groups to enter and remain engaged in Masters swimming as a lifelong sport. Jan is a passionate advocate for the values and benefits of Masters Swimming and consistently promotes participation to both members and non-members alike. This advocacy extends to encouraging involvement in events at both state and national levels, helping to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment across the Masters Swimming community.

Award Winners

2025 Masters Swimmer Of The Year

The Masters Swimmer of the Year Award recognises excellence in competitive performance across a calendar year and is awarded to the swimmer who accumulates the highest total number of points in competition at World Aquatics-recognised meets. Points are calculated using the current World Aquatics points system and are based on the swimmer's best five swims during the year, ensuring the award reflects both performance quality and consistency across events. It highlights not only individual success, but also the commitment to excellence that inspires fellow members and showcases the strength and depth of Masters Swimming competition nationally.

The 2025 Masters Swimmer of the Year is Dorothy Dickey.



Dorothy joined the Doncaster Dolphins in 1984, not having had a career in swimming until then and it was a life changing moment. Dorothy nearly always enters the maximum number of events possible at competitions and ploughs through them all, often looking far less fatigued than others many years her junior. Dorothy has broken many World Records in Freestyle over the years. In 2025, Dorothy in her new age group of 95-99, has broken 7 Long Course Masters World Records and 1 Short Course Masters World Record. Dorothy still holds the World Record for the 90-94 yrs 1500 Fr LCM (which she set at the 2020 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics (IGLA) Championships which were held in Melbourne. Congratulations Dorothy!

Notable mention – International Swimming Hall of Fame 2024 Inductee



Tony Goodwin

Tony Goodwin has been a Masters competitor for over 30 years. Tony was a highly competitive swimmer in his youth, with breaststroke his specialty. When he turned 20, he left the sport. He did not return to the sport to swim competitively for 35 years, although he'd stayed in shape playing cricket. He quickly returned to competitive form, breaking FINA/World Aquatics Masters records. He has broken his own records in the three breaststroke distances, multiple times, including eight times last year and ten times in the previous year. Read more about Tony's induction.



World Aquatics Masters Championships 2025 – Singapore

2025 World Aquatics World Records

MSA is made up of swimmers with varying motivations, participating in extraordinary adventures in and outside the swimming world. Achieving World Aquatics World Records is an exceptional achievement and only attained by very few. MSA swimmers represent in the pool again with an outstanding 15 Individual World Records broken in 2025.

Congratulations to the amazing achievements of the following members:

Name	Club	Age Group	Record	LC/SC	Time
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 100m Backstroke	LC	2:40.80
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 50m Freestyle	LC	1:00.69
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 100m Freestyle	LC	2:14.29
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 200m Freestyle	LC	4:52.61
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 800m Freestyle	LC	20:58.62
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 100m Freestyle	LC	2:12.30
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 50m Freestyle	LC	59.77
Dorothy Dickey	Doncaster Dolphins	95-99	Women 200m Freestyle	SC	4:51.76
Janette Jeffrey	Malvern Marlins	75-79	Women 50m Freestyle	LC	33.61
Leigh Rodgers	Malvern Marlins	70-74	Women 50m Butterfly	LC	34.37
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Masters	40-44	Women 100m Breaststroke	LC	1:11.74
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Masters	40-44	Women 50m Breaststroke	LC	32.30
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Masters	40-44	Women 100m Breaststroke	LC	1:09.24
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Masters	40-44	Women 50m Breaststroke	LC	31:48
Clary Munns	Blacktown City Masters	80-84	Women 200m Breaststroke	SC	42.48
Clary Munns	Blacktown City Masters	80-84	Women 100m Butterfly	SC	1:49.62

World Aquatics Masters Championships 2025 – Singapore

The Championships were held in Singapore 26 July – 22 August 2025 with a very strong contingent attending from Australian masters clubs. Some excellent results were achieved – from PB's to medals to world records...here are some interesting stats:

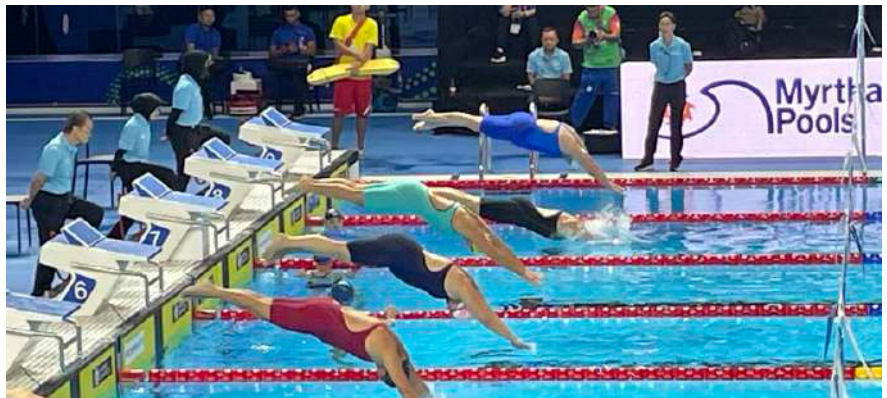
- There were 408 registered members across all 7 States and Territory (note in 2017 we had 132 registered for Worlds in Budapest) this is by far the largest contingent in the last 10 years.
- MSNSW had the biggest contingent and Claremont Masters (WA) and TSA Masters (QLD) had the joint most members attending with 24 closely followed by Powerpoints (VIC) and Darwin Stingers (NT) with 23.

Spread across States and Territory below:

State	OW Only	SW and OW	SW Only	Total Members	Total Clubs
MSNSW	19	4	119	142	27
MSNT	2	5	18	25	2
MSQ	5	1	91	97	21
MSSA	1	0	4	5	4
MST	1	2	7	10	4
MSV	1	1	62	64	16
MSWA	13	2	50	65	13

Congratulations to all the swimmers, accompanying supporters and Coaches that attended and also enjoyed the wonderful Singapore environment, food and hospitality.

Make sure you look at the States and Territory Facebook pages as there are some amazing posts and photos from the Championships. MSNSW created a special edition newsletter which is definitely worth the read as it has some great stories.



World Aquatics Masters Championships 2025 – Singapore

Sponsors



Vorgee Australia P/L

Masters Swimming Australia is proud of its 18+ years partnership with Vorgee Australia. We are so proud of the National programs that Vorgee sponsor (Million Metres and E1000) and we saw Vorgee on display at the 2025 National Championships in Melbourne, Victoria. Thank you to John Vorgias and the team in supporting over the very long term all masters swimmers in Australia. We continue to support Vorgee by purchasing the annual MSA logo caps and for various MSA program awards. The National Office promotes Vorgee through digital, social and e-newsletters. Thank you to the States for supporting our loyal National partner – Vorgee.



2025 MSA National Championships Female Swimmer of the Meet Dorothy Dickey (VIC)

Partnership

V-Insurance

Following a comprehensive due diligence process MSA entered a new insurance cover arrangement and partnership with V-Insurance Group (VI), effective from 1 January 2025.

VI is Australia's largest specialist sports and leisure Insurance Broker with their Managing Director, Mr Rob Veale bringing over 30 years of experience to Masters Swimming insurance affairs. Further, VI has client experience with circa 38 national and peak body sports organisations including Tennis Australia, Triathlon Australia, Paddle Australia, Rowing Australia, Basketball Australia, Netball Australia, Diving Australia and Athletics Australia and are also the well regarded insurance brokers for Swimming Australia.

ASC / Play Well affiliate

At the back end of 2024, MSA was delighted to be selected and in 2025 further extended by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) out to 2027 as an Affiliate for the Play Well Affiliate program. As part of the Australia's Sport Participation Strategy, MSA works closely with the ASC endeavouring to create a more connected and collaborative Masters Swimming environment and broader sport industry that supports all organisations to provide consistently safe, welcoming, inclusive and fun sporting experiences for all.

A message from the ASC (MSA's valued partner):

"We've made some great progress as we celebrate one year since the strategy was launched and we're delighted to partner with these organisations who play a key role in helping Australians be active."

The ASC looks forward to working with the Affiliates to complement the ongoing work with the National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for people with Disabilities to bring the Play Well strategy to life around Australia.

These sport and recreation organisations are aligned with our mission to create safe, welcoming, inclusive and fun sporting experiences and will help us deliver on our Horizon One outcomes which includes creating a connected, collaborative and aligned sporting sector."

Richard McInnes,

ASC Executive General Manager Sport and Community Capability and Chair of the Play Well Leadership Group.

Read more about our involvement here: www.ausport.gov.au/playwell



Top: Perth Rainbow Swans Above, left: John Vorgias (Vorgee) and National Coaching Education Coordinator Rob Wilson; right: Doncaster Dolphins

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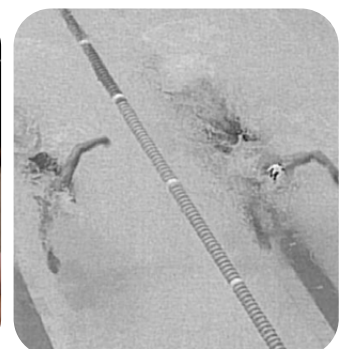
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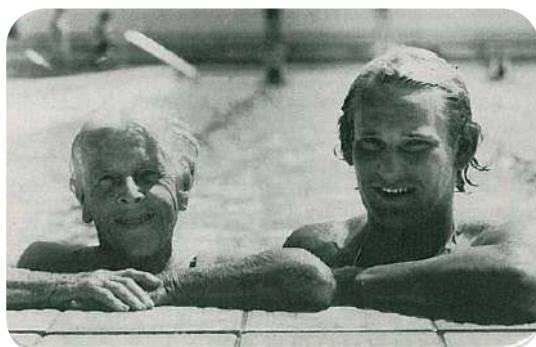
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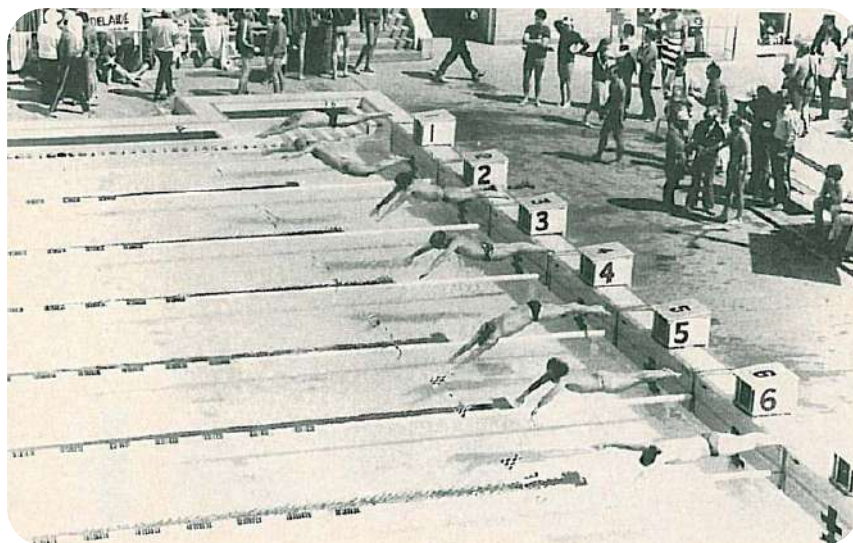
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