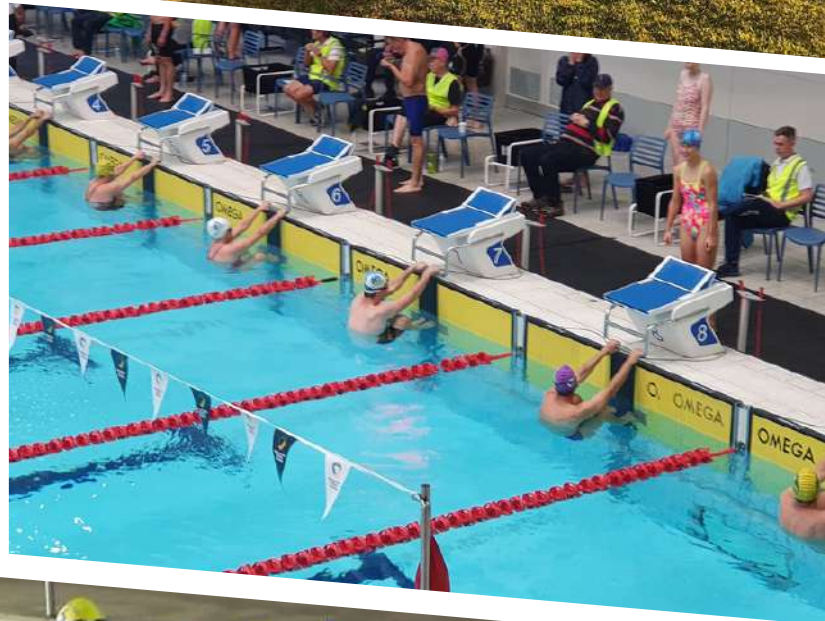




Masters Swimming Victoria

Annual Report 2021



Masters Swimming Victoria (MSV)

PRESIDENTS REPORT



WELL IT WAS A BIT LIKE GROUNDHOG DAY IN VICTORIA IN 2021

MSV started off 2021 with a new energy after the challenging year that we all had in 2020, but again, we experienced the unpredictable impact of COVID-19 on how we lived, how we participate in the sport we love, how we work, our families, our relationships, and our well-being. What has made it all the more difficult this time around is that as we began to experience a resemblance of normality we found ourselves in lockdown repeatedly. Despite the numerous setbacks, we are proud to share and celebrate the remarkable fortitude, compassion, humour and sense of community shown by our MSV members and clubs throughout 2021. Also thank you to the larger masters swimming community who supported MSV and MSNSW members grappling with the extended lockdowns. (PS we had an earthquake as well 😊).

We used the **#whatweneedtodo** tagline on social media again and it was embraced by many Clubs and members with photos being shared from all around Victoria, Interstate and even overseas showing MSV members and supporters following the many different restrictions and keeping connected with others. This exemplifies the incredible spirit that embodies MSV members and was a great initiative to keep members connected. AND we welcomed 2 new clubs in 2021; Melbourne Open Water Swimming and Ringwood Masters Swimming. We cannot wait to see how they grow and flourish!

GOVERNANCE

MSV held the 2021 AGM and Board Meetings via zoom which has proved to be a successful communicating platform, however we are looking forward to some face to face meetings in 2022.

Elected Management Committee: Rachel Cairns (President), Darryl Flukes (Vice President), Simon Bole-Brown (Technical Director), Tim Boness (Finance Director), Alan Godfrey (Recording Director) Amy Jones (Coaching Director) and Jenny Nolch (Promotions Director – resigned November 2021) Committee Member – Brett Davidson resigned November 2021) The elected officers report to the MSV Board on a bi-monthly basis. The MSV Board is made up of a Delegate from each club plus the Management Committee.

MSV consulted with our member clubs throughout 2021 about the recent review process and proposed updates to the MSV constitution. The draft updates include:

- Simplified board structure to a membership of 7 voting members. This replaces the current structure that allows each club to nominate a representative to the board.
- The management committee is discontinued as a constitutionally created committee. However, the existing (and updated) rules allow for sub-committees to be formed. It is proposed that the role of the management committee is covered by the creation of new sub-committees.
- The role of Branch Administrator and Secretary is clarified.
- The purpose statement is updated.
- A range of minor amendments to correct inconsistencies and errors in the current constitution.

MSV will continue to focus on club engagement with the organisation if the proposed changes are accepted. The full draft and information sheet is made available on request. During 2021, MSV set-up a Marketing Sub-Committee consisting of Jenny Nolch (MSV MC – resigned November 2021) Kelly Watts, Tyson Young, Jeremy Francis, Dennice Breeschoten and Susie Kempson (Resigned November 2021). Their aim, to connect people who have a love of swimming and to develop and implement an effective Marketing Strategy that will guide future planning for MSV. The strategy is expected to crystallise the Board's planning objectives as well as to oversee successful swimming events.

In support of this Marketing focus, MSV engaged Anxious to Matter (ATM) to amplify and increase membership of MSV by encouraging the re-joining of masters swimmers and to attract swimmers from other sports (e.g. Triathletes, OW swimmers). Planning commenced December 2021 and campaigns via social media and digital will be rolled out in the first quarter of 2022.

MSV reviewed the Terms of Reference for setting up a Swim Meet Committee late 2021. Such a committee will provide advice and guidance as well as organise the structure of State Swim Meets managed by MSV in relation to the pool swim meet calendar, and pool events. This Committee will commence in early 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

Coming off such a challenging 2020 the MSV MC have committed to utilise in 2021 some of the Victorian Grant money towards a Marketing Strategy to raise its profile to recruit more members and broaden the membership demographic. The MSV Board also agreed to reduce the membership fee from \$47 to \$15 for new and renewing members as part of this incentive and that the amount raised be invested throughout 2021 on a range of member benefits to be agreed upon (e.g., reduced competition fees, events) with the intention to retain and encourage future membership renewal and participation. The fee is to be the same for all members. In addition, \$10k be allocated to promotional activities to encourage new members. MSV membership was 1045 first claim members at the end of 2021 compared to 967 in 2020 and 1112 in 2019.

MSV CHAMPIONSHIPS

MSV LC Championships

Well it was a long time coming – the first MSV event since the Relay Championships in August 2019 (due to COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria throughout 2020) was held on the 24 April 2021.

238 Swimmers from 21 MSV clubs and 4 swimmers from interstate came and competed at MSAC with 14 Branch Individual and 2 Branch Relay Records broken and many PB's swum – which was an awesome effort considering the time between Championships. 2 new clubs also fielded teams for their first ever competitive meet. The vibe was great and it was amazing to see all the Officials in their MSV tops making sure things ran smoothly in and out of the water. Marshalling looked a little bit different and we appreciated how everyone listened to announcements and responded accordingly.

MSV SC Championships

The escalating COVID-19 issues caused havoc again and the MSV SC Championships were rescheduled due to tiling maintenance that MSAC brought forward in June. The SC was then planned to go ahead in October BUT was not to be. Due to the ongoing toughening restrictions in Victoria, MSV Management Committee had to make the heart breaking decision to cancel the SC and the MSV Relay Championships completely for 2021. This was devastating for all involved and we thank everyone who worked so hard in the planning/rescheduling.



Inclusive Sports first timer Nathan Broeren & Harry Mezege at the MSV LC Championships



Mornington Peninsula at the MSV LC Championships



Gippsland Flippers at the MSV LC Championships

MSV CLUB EVENTS

Invasion Day Breakfast Swim - 26 January 2021

One of MSV's newer clubs Melbourne Open Water Swimming Club held an Invasion Day breakfast swim with respect to the elders of the Kulin Nation, past and present on Australia Day.

Nagambie Now Festival - The Club to Pub – 6 March 2021

This event is held in partnership with Goulburn Valley Crocs and is important to the club as it helps them fund their Masters swimming development initiatives in the Goulburn Valley into the future and is one great event to get out and support. The Nagambie Lakes provide both a beautiful and safe 1.1km swim (compared to Ocean swims).

Frankston Interclub – 1 May 2021

57 Swimmers swam at the Frankston Interclub in their 40th Anniversary year – the most so far. This is a Time Trial event where the challenge is to swim nearest your closest time and by all accounts was a fun and very social event.

Baddaginnie Animal Postal Swim

Surrey Park Seahorses sixth Baddaginnie Animal Swim has finally been completed in another challenging year. Congratulations to all 40 swimmers who completed the event this year from around the country. If you're unaware of the event, it consists of swimming 200m of Fly, Back and Breast, an 800m Free and a 400m IM all in one 24 hour period. Welcome to all who have competed for the first time: 2 from our great supporters at Tuggeranong Masters (ACT), our first from the Townsville Aquaholics, the Molongolo Water Dragons, and a Virtual Victorian member. A big shout out to the 7 swimmers from the Devonport Devils who have discovered the swim. We hope you enjoyed (?) the challenge and you are welcomed back again in 2022. Thank you to the other 28 swimmers who have previously been hooked into this annual event. The event will run again in 2022 between 1 April and 30 June.

Great Victorian Swim Series - MSV OWS CUPS 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

Due to ongoing and rolling restrictions both the end of the 2020-2021 and the start of the 2021-2022 seasons were up and down with events being planned and then rescheduled or cancelled as SLSC/Great Victorian Swim Series tried to plan within changing restrictions. It did mean that MSV did not Award an OWS Cup for either season but it was great to see and support MSV swimmers competing in the events that were able to go ahead.

2021 Fitzroy MS Mega Swim - 6pm Saturday 26 February until 6pm Sunday 27 February 2021

Once again, the MS Mega Swim is supported by several MSV Clubs and MSV swimmers and is a fun team relay event where teams have a swimmer in the water for 24 hours to raise money in support for those 25,000+ people living with multiple sclerosis. Glamourhead Sharks, Malvern Marlins, Yarra Roughies and Heidelberg Flyers were all wonderful supporters.

Cancelled events

Unfortunately, the following clubs had to make the difficult call to cancel their ever popular Interclubs during 2021. Cancelling events are not easy as a lot of work goes on behind the scenes months beforehand. However, the decisions were made due a varying of circumstances; to continuing uncertainties surrounding the COVID pandemic, the difficulty in maintaining social distancing for all competitors and officials, and sometimes the unavailability of a pool.

Malvern Marlins 28th Interclub

Glamourhead Sharks Interclub & Trifle Competition

Goulburn Valley Crocs (who planned on holding a LDLC with the Kyabram Swimming Club)

We thank them for all the effort that goes into holding an Interclub and we know they will be back bigger and better in 2022 and beyond!

CELEBRATIONS

Malvern Marlins 30th Anniversary Dinner and Presentation Night

After four attempts, the Malvern Marlins 30th Anniversary Dinner and Presentation Night went ahead (between Lockdowns 4 and 5!) on Saturday 10 July 2021, at Lincoln of Toorak. Celebrations kicked off with a performance from duo 'Starlight Jazz', featuring Marlins own Roger Hogg on sax, and were followed by a three course meal for a hundred guests. During the evening, presentations were made to the winners of 2019-20 Club Awards. Certificates were then awarded for ten, twenty and thirty years of membership, and Club Coaches, Officials and Life Members acknowledged.



Frankston 40th Anniversary

Frankston Peninsula Masters celebrated a birthday earlier this year – the BIG 40. To celebrate they held a Skins handicap race session which is normally held at the end of the year. The winner takes home prize money and gets their name on the club plaque. The winner was Matthew Squires. The club also held a dinner and the Interclub.



Glamourhead Sharks 20th Anniversary

Glamourhead Sharks, the LGBTIQ+ Aquatics Club based in Melbourne celebrated its 20 year anniversary in 2021. “The Glams” is a sporting club focused on fun, fitness and friendship through pool and ocean swimming. An ambitious [Digital History project](#) that documents the 20 years of life and achievements of the club was launched in May 2021 and streamed live. The project concentrated on the most innovative, community engaging and impactful component of this history making – a Digital history that curates club artifacts and features members, leaders, achievements and highlights, and engages club members past and present allowing them to tell their stories and describe what the club means to them. By showcasing the history and achievements of the Glams and directly involving the community in this history making and telling, members past and present can be energised, re-connected (in a time of disconnection through COVID) and inspired; new members seeking fun, fitness and friendship can be recruited; and community partners can be recognised. A small group of Glams were able to make the most of time between lockdowns and attend the Midsumma Pride March in May.



Glams at the Midsumma Pride March

MSA Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2021

A BIG thankyou to the clubs and members who supported the MSA Mental Health Awareness Month through purchasing a MHAM cap and who either donated to a Vic based group/individual, to an interstate group/individual or held an event to help raise awareness for the Black Dog Institute and Mental Health:

- Tracy Bowman-Finn (Mornington Peninsula member) also raised \$126 individually
- Masters Swimming Victoria raised \$104
- Doncaster Dolphins raised \$300
- Mornington Peninsula raised \$334



Doncaster – 3 armed freestyle at MHAM fundraising day

Lake Argyle Swim

Saturday 1 May 2021: Lake Argyle is situated 75 kilometres from the town of Kununurra, Western Australia, Lake Argyle is located 40 kilometres from NT Border and covers 980 square kilometres at normal water levels. It is a freshwater lake 21 times the size of Sydney harbour. The water temp was about 27 degrees and the outdoor temp was aprox 34 degrees... Congratulations to:

- **Sarah Wapling** (Malvern Marlins) did the 20km solo swim in 5 hours and 47 minutes.
- **Mike Hodge** (Brunswick Belugas) did the 10km solo swim in 2 hours 47 minutes

Coach Swap

MSV collaborated with Swimming Victoria and other Victorian Sporting Associations during 2020-2021 and one great initiative is the 'Coach Swap' which is a program that aims to motivate members to get active and try something new. In Week 1 MSV reached out to Coach Jason Bryce (Melbourne Open Water – Masters Club) who gave some great information about how to get into the OW if you have never tried it or have been hesitant to give it a go.

Week 1

- [Open Water Temperature Guide](#)
Presented by MSV & MSA in collaboration with Jason Bryce (Williamstown Open Water)
- [Dryland Swim Training](#)
Presented by [swimnastics](#) and Swimming Victoria
- [Dryland Training](#)
Presented by [Melbourne Surge Water Polo](#)

Week 2

- [Step by Step guide to Open Water](#)
Presented by MSV & MSA in collaboration with Jason Bryce (Williamstown Open Water)
- [Dryland Swim Training](#)
Presented by [swimnastics](#) in collaboration with Swimming Victoria

Week 3

- [Step by Step Guide to Open Water Swimming](#)
Presented by MSV & MSA in collaboration with Jason Bryce (Williamstown Open Water)
- [Dryland Swim Training](#)
Presented by [swimnastics](#) in collaboration with Swimming Victoria
- [At Home Diving Training](#)
Presented by Diving Victoria
- [Throws Training](#)
Presented by Waterpolo Victoria by Tim Crosbie [accompanying article](#)
- [Coach on the Couch, Understanding your Mental Health with Dr Lee Naylor](#)
Presented by Fencing Victoria



Week 4

- [Getting Back in the Pool](#)
Presented by MSV & MSA in collaboration with [Glamourhead Sharks](#)
- [Dryland Swim Training](#)
Presented by [swimnastics](#) in collaboration with Swimming Victoria
- [How to Train with your Friends](#)
Presented by Athletics Victoria
- [Coach on the Couch, Optimising Performance – Bianca Share](#)
Presented by Fencing Victoria

MSNSW Virtual Meet

MSNSW welcomed MSV members to take part in one of their very successful Virtual Meets whilst we were all in lockdown during August 2021. This was where members can take part and earn points for a variety of 'fitness', 'friendship' or 'fun' activities. You don't need to swim to take part (though that is one of the activities for those that have the opportunity), you can take walks & cook healthy meals to earn points. The more activities completed; the more points earned. AND there is a little bit of fun interstate rivalry to add some spice! Thank you to MSNSW for inviting MSV members to take part.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to our sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support. Vorgee and the Way Funky Company (Funky Trunks and Funkita) support us throughout the year.

Cousins Travel support us with an incredibly valuable partnership in the Great Victorian Swim Series.

Thank you to the National Office and other Branch Administrators for all your support throughout 2021.

Thank you to all of the Board Members and Club Delegates who have been able to attend the committee meetings throughout the year – your attendance and support is greatly appreciated.

Rachel Cairns

Masters Swimming Victoria
President





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FINANCE REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Masters Swimming Victoria

Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	30-Dec-21	30-Dec-20
Income		
	\$	\$
Club Affiliation fees	660	660
Interest	18	612
Member registrations	14,270	31,819
Swim Meets	6,431	233
Sponsorship & grants	80,400	1,593
Total Income	101,779	34,917
Expenses		
Administration fee to MSA	33,312	32,773
Affiliation fee	586	586
Bank Charges	567	1,105
Board expenses	369	-
Clubs online admin fee	636	1,165
Computers expenses	492	207
Event costs	-	386
Filing Fees	-	59
Insurance	133	120
Marketing expenses	450	-
Printing	20	20
Rent	1,887	2,259
Swim Meet Expenses	10,567	735
Total Expenses	49,019	39,415
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	52,760	(4,498)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Masters Swimming Victoria

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	Dec-21 \$	Dec-20 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	2	145,122	90,479
Accounts Receivable		3,737	1,024
Inventory		4,497	5,997
Total Current Assets		<u>153,356</u>	<u>97,500</u>
Non Current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	3	0	0
Total Non Current assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		<u>153,356</u>	<u>97,500</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other creditors	4	6,163	3,826
GST Liabilities		(68)	(827)
Total Liabilities		<u>6,095</u>	<u>2,999</u>
Net Assets		<u>147,261</u>	<u>94,501</u>
Equity			
Accumulated funds	5	147,261	94,501
Total Equity		<u>147,261</u>	<u>94,501</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECMEBR 2021**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1 Accounting policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reforms Act 2012.

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

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

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

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(b) Medals on hand

Stock of medals is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value

(c') Revenue

Swim meets, club affiliation fees, members registrations and training courses revenue are recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument

(d) Goods and Services tax (GST)

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

Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown including of GST.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECMEBR 2021**

1 (e) Comparatives

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

	Dec-21	Dec-20
	\$	\$
2 Cash		
Commonwealth bank- cheque account	78,282	16,605
Commonwealth bank- on line saver	60,739	9,428
Commonwealth bank- debit card account	1,558	1,729
Commonwealth bank- term deposit	0	57,619
ANZ- cheque account	4,543	5,098
	<u>145,122</u>	<u>90,479</u>
3 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment	49,498	49,498
Accumulated depreciation	(49,498)	(49,498)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4 Trade and other creditors		
Trade creditors	22	0
Unearned income	6,141	3,826
	<u>6,163</u>	<u>3,826</u>
5 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated fund brought forward	94,501	98,999
Net income / (loss) for the period	52,760	(4,498)
Closing balance	<u>147,261</u>	<u>94,501</u>

Statement by Committees

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee of the Masters Swim Victoria Inc., we state that:

In the opinion of the Committee, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 4:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Victoria as at 31 December 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012. to prepare a financial report.
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Masters Swimming Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Committee

Committee Member



Committee Member

Dated

27/01/2022

2021 COACHING REPORT

2021 saw our Coaches of Victoria being able to coach for a few more months than 2020. In 2021 even with the multiple lockdowns we saw a number of new trainee coaches and new coaches.

At the national level we launch the new Dita platform. Which is MSA Club Coach Accreditation program on the new learning management platform from Dita Solutions.

We also saw a strong welcomed to our Coaches Facebook which is a way for our coaches to share ideas and ask questions from each other.

In 2022 I look forward to continuing my role and continue and grow our strong Coaching group in Victoria.

Amy Jones

Masters Swimming Victoria
Coaching Director

Congratulations to Sharon Newstead (Malvern Marlins) – MSV Coach of the Year 2021

During multiple lockdowns Sharon went to great lengths to keep Marlins members all connected, fit and motivated. She organised other club members with appropriate skills to provide videos on dry land exercises, Pilates, yoga and fit ball exercises suitable for swimmers. She arranged regular Zoom meetings for club members to connect with each other. She designed fitness challenges and a scavenger hunt that they could do at home to keep fit. During times when swimmers were allowed to book 45 minute swims during partial lockdowns she provided training programs for swimmers.

Sharon Newstead – MSV 2021 COY



MSV MEET RECORDER / DIRECTOR'S REPORT

With lock-down continuing until October, we were not able to hold any meets in 2021. Some work was done on preparing for 2022.

- We formed a Swim Meet Committee to discuss State Meets, and Sanction Interclub meets.
- The committee comprised Ross Savedge; Simon Bole-Brown; Mark Huggins; and the Recorder.
- Work was initiated on what was needed for pool surveys. This done so that meets can be held at places other than MSAC which gets extremely busy with Swimming Victoria and Australia meets.

Future work will look at going back to the Club Assist entry system, or examining if there are other possibilities. The aim is also to make sure that MSV holds the 4 State meets in 2022, which has not always been possible in the past.

Alan Godfrey

Masters Swimming Victoria
Recording Director

Club	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Ballarat Beavers	34	21	24							
* Bendigo Hawks Aquatic							5			
Boroughcouthas Masters	44	47	47	61	61	58	66	64	51	39
Brunswick Belugas	54	58	63	57	55	41	25			
Carnegie Masters		5	7	5	0					
Casey Seals	20	28	37	41	45	46	52	44	50	41
Doncaster Dolphins	89	82	91	92	100	108	101	100	100	95
DVE Aquatics	1	0	0							
Frankston Peninsula	48	48	59	51	55	51	45	43	49	32
Geelong Catfish	3	3	6	6	7	7	8	7	8	8
Gippsland Flippers	16	9	10	10	13	13	14	17	12	14
Gisborne Thunder	4	0	4	2	3					
Glamourhead Sharks	68	72	90	78	70	77	79	65	71	63
Goulburn Valley Crocs	43	42	26	22	21	35	31	24	11	24
Hoppers Crossing				1	1	6	7	6	5	9
Heidelberg Flyers	25	21	25	27	33	43	37	30	34	30
Inclusive Sports	27	15	26	30	20					
M1 Swimming Club		0	2	3	2	11				
Maccabi Ajax Masters	4	26	29	31	28	34	33	23	22	14
Malvern Marlins	145	144	159	169	178	172	161	149	145	147
Melbourne H2O	58	42	53	62	62	77	82	41		
Melbourne Vicentre	0	1	4	3	4	14	14	2		
Melton Swimming Club	1	1								
Mornington Peninsula	40	0								
North Lodge Neptunes				5	10	11	20	15	23	13
* Northcote Yabbies						4	2	6	9	8
Northern Masters	4	3	1	4	1	8	12			
Nunawading Orcas	23	22	28	38	41	43	42	36	33	46
Portarlington Mussels	5	4	6	5	5	11	6	13	9	13
Powerpoints	102	109	127	149	152	175	156	166	164	154
Ringwood Swimming Club	16	0								
*Sale SADAST									5	14
* Silver Sharks Masters							7	9	10	11
Surrey Park Seahorses	46	35	39	42	37	40	35	35	33	36
Swimland	10	11	9	10	12	14	9	3		
Victorian Masters	41	31	30	23	23	24	20	12	15	9
Wangarratta Swimming	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Warrnambool Whales	58	61	62	67	68	70	70	53	66	60
Western Alligators	8	16	25	26	29	30	46	39	41	30
* Wimmera Masters							4	10	13	5
Wodonga City Swim Club		0	0	0	0	4				
Yarra Plenty				1	12	15	9			
Yarra Roughies	5	12	23	23	30	38	25	17	17	23
Total	1045	969	1112	1146	1178	1280	1223	1040	1015	947

please note Totals in red includes second claims – all other years first claim only

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Fina World Records

Congratulations to the Jennie Bucknell and John Cocks who provisionally broke the following Fina World Records so far this year:

- **Jennie Bucknell** (Powerpoints) who had an amazing swim in her 55-59 age group
 - 50 freestyle (28.29) at the MST LC Championships 21/03/2021
- **John Cocks** (Malvern Marlins) had a great year in 2021 in his 85-89 age group
 - 400 Individual Medley (7:56.23) at the MST LC Championships 20/03/2021
 - 200 Individual Medley (3:39.66) at the MST LC Championships 21/03/2021
 - 200 Breaststroke (3:58.55) at the MSNSW LC Championships 11/04/2021
 - 100 Butterfly (1:50.27) at the MSNSW LC Championships 11/04/2021



Jennie Bucknell and John Cocks (with another WR holder, Jan Jeffrey)

Masters Swimming Australia - 2021 Masters Swimmer of the Year John Cocks (Malvern Marlins)

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

The 2021 Masters Swimmer of the Year is John Cocks. Coming from Victoria in a year impacted again by Covid, John's determination and dedication to swimming was outstanding winning 4 Fina World Records competing at Championships held in 2 different Branches when travelling was restricted. In an interview back in 2016, John told MSA that "fun, fitness and friendship" really sums up why he takes part in swimming. "However," he says, "there is always the opportunity to improve technique, and then evaluate whether changes are working or not."

Well, it is working John! Congratulations John, your tethered training must have helped (a little)



Queens Birthday 2021 Honours list

Congratulations to:

- MSV Life Member **Paul Watmough** (below left) was awarded an Honorary Medal (OAM) in the General Division for service to swimming.
- Inclusive Sports Training coach and MSV Member **Liz Gosper** (below right) was awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division for service to people with disability through sport.



2021 MSA Swim Series

The MSA National Swim Series boasts a mix of Long and Short Course meets across Australia. It rewards members' participation and performance in any of the Meets, with members only needing to swim two meets to be eligible for prizes. The series comprises of ten events annually, including the National Championships with one nominated meet from each of the Masters Swimming Branches and an extra one from Queensland and WA.

Congratulations to Andrea McNeil (right) from Malvern Marlins who won her age group in the 2021 MSA Swim Series and to the following MSV swimmers who achieved Top 10 ranking in the 2021 MSA Swim Series.

Place	Name	Club	Age Group
6	DARIUS SCHULTZ	VPP	25-29
6	JACINTA HUMPHREY	VPP	30-34
4	LISANDRA DE CARVALHO	VPP	40-44
2	LACHLAN MCDOWELL	VMH	40-44
4	NICKY KERR	VMV	45-49
6	NIGEL FANNING	VPP	45-49
6	LUKE RATTIGAN	VMV	50-54
1	ANDREA MCNEIL	VMV	55-59
9	MARK HUGGINS	VMV	60-64
8	ROD LAURIE	VVM	60-64
4	SUE BOEKEL	VMV	65-69
10	PAULA GILES	VMV	65-69
5	JANETTE JEFFREY	VMV	70-74
10	GERRY TUCKER	VMV	70-74
7	ROD CLARKE	VDC	75-79



Vorgee Endurance 1000

10 MSV Clubs and a total of 84 members took part in MSA E-1000.

Malvern Marlins achieved a Top 10 finish in the Club Champion Award (coming in at 8). This is where 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. The highest scoring club will then be declared the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Champion Club. (Previously known as the Aerobic Trophy winner.)

Surrey Park Seahorses achieved a Top 20 finish in the Vorgee Endurance 1000 Award (previously known as the Tassie Award and National Aerobic Award) which goes to the club averaging the highest number of points per registered member.

Congratulations to the following MSV swimmers who completed all 62 swims.

BRIAN WALSH	VDC	76	75-79	62	1005
COLIN MCCRAITH	VDC	76	75-79	62	888
JOHN COCKS	VMV	85	85-89	62	1005
JULIE COLLETTE	VMV	69	65-69	62	1005
NOLENE SCHOFIELD	VMV	67	65-69	62	1005

Vorgee Million Metres

Congratulations to the following MSV Million Metres recipients in 2021.

Name	Club	Distance
Ingrid McDonald	Powerpoints	One Million
Sue Boekel	Malvern Marlins	One Million
Sue Lyon	Surrey Park Seahorses	Three Million
Catherine Watmough	Surrey Park Seahorses	Three Million
Dee Greenwood	Surrey Park Seahorses	Five Million
Greg Chaplin	Casey Seals	Five Million
Peter Niere	Malvern Marlins	Twenty-Five Million



Sue Boekel and her One Million Metres top



Sue Lyon being represented with her Three Million Metres jumper by MSV Vice President Darryl Flukes

MSV CLUBS

In 2021 there were 32 Victorian Masters Swimming clubs. The following clubs have provided reports on their activities throughout 2021.

DONCASTER DOLPHINS



FRANKSTON PENINSULA



GIPPSLAND FLIPPERS

GLAMOURHEAD SHARKS



GOULBURN VALLEY CROCS



INCLUSIVE SPORTS

MALVERN MARLINS



MELBOURNE H2O



MORNINGTON PENINSULA MASTERS



POWERPOINTS

SURREY PARK SEAHORSES

SWIMLAND SWIMMING CLUB

YARRA ROUGHIES



The following MSV clubs were unable to provide reports.





DONCASTER DOLPHINS

Despite COVID disruptions membership largely remained stable and Dolphins returned to the pool enthusiastically. Head Coach Neroli Nixon continued to challenge us with some excellent sessions, well supported by new assistant coach Brett Comeskey and relief coaches Sue Harbottle, Rod Clarke and Margie Moore. Earlier times for weeknight training significantly increased attendance numbers. A small contingent of swimmers continued to participate in the Endurance 1000 swims, including two who completed the whole program.

Dolphins turned out enthusiastically for the limited pool events with some good performances, including in the multi class events, at the State LC meet. Three swimmers successfully competed in the Great Barrier Reef Games in Cairns in May. 15 Dolphins had at least one top 10 ranking in Australia at year end. Special mention to Dorothy Dickey who achieved the number 1 LC ranking in the world for 5 events. There was also a positive return to open water swimming at the end of the year.

Our Swim for Life program was postponed due to COVID lockdowns but the funding from Bendigo Bank has been rolled over and we plan to hold this program in late 2022.



Happy fundraisers Black Dog Institute - May 21

In May Dolphins held a successful “fun swim session” fundraiser for the Black Dog Institute as part of Mental Health Awareness month for MSA which raised \$300 on the day.

A good working relationship continues with the management at Aquarena where we train, as well as with Manningham City Council who own the facility.

DONCASTER DOLPHINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC.

STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 – 2026

We have contributed to the consultation about the outdoor space Masterplan for the facility. We participated in a series of workshops provided by Manningham Council to assist local sporting clubs in developing a strategic plan. Following this the “Dolphins Strategic Plan 2022-2026” was developed in consultation with members and available on our Club Website. The Committee will monitor progress against the goals and objectives and provide regular updates.

The Club website was further updated to improved accessibility and reflect our commitment to diversity and inclusion. The new uniform roll out continued with an updated colour scheme and new logo including smart new swim caps, polo shirts and deck coats.



Social gatherings were challenging but included a couple of social open water swims at the beginning and end of the year, a number of breakfasts/ brunches and some movie nights.

We wrapped 2021 with the traditional Dolphins Xmas breakfast which was well attended including a visit from Santa.

Thanks to our hard working Committee and other volunteers who have worked hard to ensure we are in a strong position moving into 2022.

Caroline Clarkson,
President Doncaster Dolphins





FRANKSTON PENINSULA

Our 40th year for Frankston saw challenges just like in 2020 with long lockdowns and limited chances of competition in both the pool and open water, just like other clubs in Victoria.

Fortunately, we were able to celebrate our 40th Birthday in style with three events. We started our celebrations in our Birthday month of March with our annual SKINS night, which is a night of racing which is handicapped times. Matt was a first night winner of this event.

Our second and main celebration was our 40th Birthday Dinner in March. We hired out a local Frankston venue for our club members both past and present. This night filled with stories from the early to days to the current days, we learnt from how and why the club start, many talks about competitions and of course the many pools that we have swam at for both training and competition. On this night we also named two new life members present by our Club Present Linus to Diane Cairns who has travelled anywhere to Europe to Frankston to race in swimming. Also, Marion Beulke who might be our most senior member (only by age) but is still very competitive.

Our final celebration was our Inter Club Swim Meet, which was one of the only Inter Club Meets for Masters Swimming Victoria for 2021. We saw record numbers attend our swim meet. All swimmers had a great time being back in the pool and racing, with of course a feed at the end of racing and a chance to catch up with friends from other clubs and make new friends. Frankston would like to Thank the Officials from Masters Swimmers Victoria who took the time to help us out at our swim meet.

I would like to thank the committee of Frankston for all of their hard work. We are looking forward to our 41st year in 2022 which should hold great excitement





GIPPSLAND FLIPPERS

It is difficult to write about any swimming success Flippers may have experienced in 2021, due to the continued challenge to find pools open long enough to develop any swim fitness. Despite all the lockdowns, being in the country was more beneficial than our city counterparts, given that our pools opened earlier than the city pools did.

We have to thank our coach, Alan, who demonstrated flexibility in training us, at a moment's notice, when pools became accessible.

Many of our members found interesting alternative ways to keep fit, although there is definitely only one way to keep SWIM fit! Dogs were especially happy throughout the year...

Paradoxically, our membership in 2021 was the highest we have experienced since 2003, when the late Don Coupe rebooted the club.

A highlight of the year was the great work done by Ann Gibbs in obtaining a grant, to purchase custom club bathers. The club has not had custom bathers for decades.

Ann was supported by Peter Wilson and Kathryn Marmara-Stewart, who designed and sourced the bathers and finetuned the application for the grant. The end product is that the bathers look great, were extremely affordable and are a walking advertisement for the club.

We have to thank Kat's husband, Peter Marmara-Stewart for his generous sponsorship towards the purchase of our new swim wear. Peter runs his own business in financial counselling and accounting.

Our club is historically widespread, being the only Masters club between Berwick and the border, so members live all over Gippsland. Thanks go to our treasurer, Mark, is currently living in Leongatha and conducting our financial dealings long distance, whilst caring for his partner, who is facing many challenges.

Thanks also to our members for their support of the club over these trying times. I hope we can keep building our membership to keep the training, competing and social side of Flippers developing.





GLAMOURHEAD SHARKS

After the COVID-impacted year of 2020, the Glamourheads started 2021 with hope with our 1st training session of the year at Prahran Pool on 9 January. Little did we know 2021 would continue to be a year impacted by COVID lockdowns and restrictions for swimming activities.

Having said this, the committee and club have achieved many things in 2021 which have set the club up for success as we enter our 3rd decade as a Masters Swimming club.

In March of 2021, the club officially reached the age of 20 years and while the we were unable to celebrate the occasion we were able to acknowledge this milestone through the launch of our Digital History project which features an online history component and was also heavily featured in our social media throughout the year. We were able to hold an in-person launch of the History Project in May which was well attended by our members, community partners and guest speaker Rachel Cairns, President of MSV.

After a preliminary brand survey at the end of 2020, the committee spent several months working on a revised branding for the club which was successfully launched at our Christmas party at the end of 2021. In parallel with the brand development the committee focussed on a renewal of the club's values which has also included exploring a new Diversity and Inclusion programme within the club. Our partner Proud2Play has assisted us with this programme including an online workshop held with the team in October. This has expanded to include the club's attendance at various Diversity Swim events held by local councils which has increased our visibility and recognition in our communities. The new values include Health and Fitness, Community and Inclusion, and being Proud and Visible.

Our well-practiced response to COVID restrictions during 2020 were re-ignited in the face of a wave of restrictions and lockdowns during 2021. This included the re-introduction by Head coach Jason Buckner of virtual dry land training sessions on a Saturday to keep us active during lock down and maintain the mental health of our members. It also heralded the return of our much-loved online Trivia nights hosted by the amazing Saj and Dave Hann.

In between lockdowns there have been some memorable occasions during 2021 including the Glamourheads participation in the annual Fitzroy 24HR MS Megaswim. The Glams first participated in 2002 and in 2021 we swam the longest distance of all teams at 79.7km and took our total fundraising tally since 2002 over the \$120,000 mark! When permitted to swim we continued our joint sessions with the Powerpoints on Wednesdays and Sundays which we commenced in 2020.

Other memorable occasions included the participation in the Melbourne Pride March in May, some regular outings by our Salty Glams in Open Water swim events, our annual Golden Goggles awards night held during May.

There was a sad occasion also when in March our dearly loved Christian Rantzau passed away after a long illness with cancer. Christian had been a member of our club for 20 years and was a passionate advocate for the club. His incredible generosity of spirit extended to a bequest left to the club which will enable some of our expansion plans for the club into the future.

Despite the challenges of 2021 the Glams are looking forward to expanding the club to the Northside in 2022 and further growing the clubs newly minted values and becoming a more diverse and welcoming club for our community. We look forward to getting back into the pool with our fellow Masters clubs as well for some fun and competition in near future.





GOULBURN VALLEY CROCS

2021 was a year of uncertainty with lockdown & border closures but as a club we had a very successful year. We managed to stay in touch via our Facebook page & swam whenever & wherever we could. Swimming at Lake Nagambie when the air was 0 degrees & the water 8 degrees in June was a challenge - even with thermal gear!

I think being unable to swim has made us really appreciate when we can & attendance at training has really improved. Our club has benefited from an extended season outdoors in the 50m pool due to the completion of the gas heating project.

Our Nagambie Open water swim in March was a great success financially for the club. We had a great turn out of Crocs both helping & 16 swimming. It is a great team event for us with many podium finishes & lunch at the Pub after.

In April we had a fantastic day at the Shepparton Challenge Triathlon. 9 Crocs competed either individually or as a team & many others were there cheering people on.

It is the first time we've managed to have a relay at the State Long Course- we are trying to encourage more swimmers to get to meets & those who attended really enjoyed the day & posted some great times.

July was a bit disappointing with 9 of us spending weeks training for the Magnetic Island Swim but unable to travel due to the Border closure. Darren was in Townsville already & had a fantastic swim. The Lake Boga swim in December was a highlight- 12 of us swam, many of us camping at the caravan park. Conditions were beautiful- the water clear & flat. The organisers supplied some paddlers but some of us had family members paddle for us.

December saw our annual brunch at Welford Cafe & presentation of dedication/attendance awards & the coveted coaches award for the most improved. We participated in the 50m flutter kick challenge...was going to say enjoyed..but it was painful!





INCLUSIVE SPORTS TRAINING

Our membership started to recover again increasing from 15 the previous year to 25 for this year. The main 'driver' for this was the State Long Course competition in April 2021.

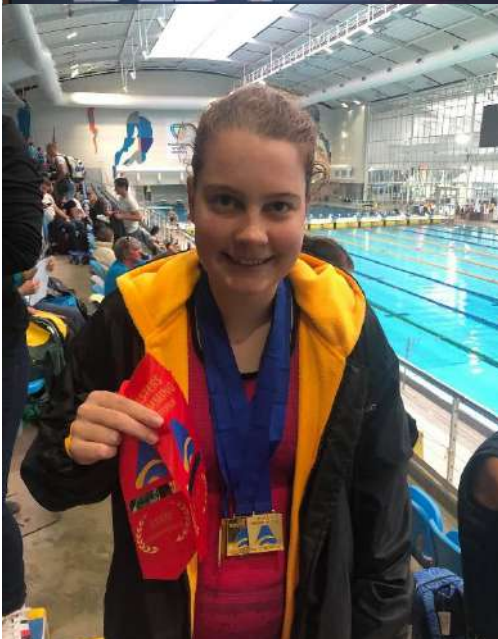
We had a group of nearly 20 swimmers compete and then celebrate afterwards at the Emerald. It was wonderful to be back racing at MSAC - thank you MSV!

Needless to say, Victorian Government (Covid-19) lockdowns certainly had a detrimental impact on the ongoing swimming training of IST club members for a second year running late in 2021. However, club President Liz Gosper once again ran various online Zoom programs during the lockdowns, including Strength & Conditioning and Zoom Yoga, which were a great benefit to our S14 swimmers.

As they say, "staying apart kept us together", and even though we couldn't swim together, we saw each other on Zoom.

Our committee has remained stable and we are hoping to further reinvigorate the club with additional training sessions and social activities in 2022 - watch this space :)

Archer Talbot (secretary)





MALVERN MARLINS

For the second year in a row the Covid pandemic dominated our lives. Training was greatly disrupted by pool closures, cancellation of many competitions and Interstate travel bans. Despite this membership numbers remained high.

In January we learned that our long time member Ian Dear passed away after a long battle with illness. Ian served on both Marlins Committee and the MSV Committee. He made a considerable contribution to Masters swimming.

Sadly, our annual Malvern Marlins Interclub Meet was cancelled due to difficulty in meeting all the Government Covid requirements.

Twelve Marlins attended the MSQ Long Course Meet - most getting medals. Jan Jeffrey set 4 National records and won "Female Swimmer of the Meet". The Marlins won the "Highest Average Award for a large club".

John Cocks travelled to several Interstate Meets and swam with his usual brilliance setting 4 new World Records.

Andrea Mc Neil attended 2 competitions in Queensland winning most of her races and taking out the MSA National Swim Series in 55 to 59 age category.

At the MSV Long Course meet in April, Marlins were well represented both in the pool and officiating on pool deck. Our relay teams were very successful coming 1st or 2nd in all but race. Marlins had 4 women, 4 men and 7 relay teams in 2021 FINA Masters Top Ten. Three Marlins completed all swims in E1000 competition despite Covid interruptions. Highlight of the year was being able to finally hold our 30th Anniversary Dinner and Presentation Night a year late due to multiple postponements. A great night of music, dancing and socialising was had by all.

There was little swim training in the latter half of the year due to lockdowns. Some Marlins kept fit by doing open water swims aided by lots of neoprene. Our Coaching Director and Social Director helped us keep active and connected by organising social evenings via Zoom, virtual competitions and phone calls to all members.

November was a great month as pools re-opened and we were finally able to train together. Social activities also resumed. All looking forward to a better 2022.





Melbourne H2O would like to thank our 2021 coaches Matt King, Arun Karunaratne and Anthony Kattan for their support, commitment and professionalism through what was our most challenging year.

Due to pool closures, lockdowns etc, there was a massive swell in enthusiasm from our Members to ocean swim.

Every day, we had groups of Members taking to the bay in order to keep swimming and stay connected. Despite cool temperatures, it was a wonderful time to build on our friendships and camaraderie.

Many donned their wetsuits, caps and even lights to avoid losing one another in the fog. For the brave, they swam in their skins.

We even found ourselves meeting up with swimmers from other Clubs who shared the thrill of taking on nature's elements. It was a joy to see the open water swimming community grow.

Swimming in the Bay was a life saver for many of us. It was a form of escapism from the lockdowns and other stresses. Sadly, for some, when the 5k rule was introduced, swimming in the bay was no longer possible. However, we still managed to stay connected through various chat groups.

What we learnt is that swimming is part of our spirit and provides us not only with exercise but lifelong friendships. Our swimming buddies are always looking out for us. When are you coming swimming? Are you okay? How far do you want to swim? How cold is it? We can do it! How great was that? Having mates to swim with during the lockdowns will always bring back fond memories.

Since returning to the pool, Melbourne H2O's adult membership has doubled in size thanks to Anthony Kattan who has taken over as our Head Coach and our awesome committee. Anthony brings heaps of enthusiasm and is a master when it comes to technique, training drills and getting the best out of every swimmer.

2021 brought out the best in our club. Not only do we continue to aim for high performance but we are a club that cares and looks out for one another.





MORNINGTON PENINSULA MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB SEA DRAGONS

Formed in early 2020, the club began in a flurry and has not looked back. We are moving from strength to strength enjoying another prosperous year. The club owes much of the successful advancement to a dedicated Committee supported by a host of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout 2021. A new logo was created, so we are now referred to as the MPMSC SeaDragons!

The club enjoyed several firsts throughout 2021: our first new location, our first event as a club, our first relay team win, AND during 2021, our club Coach, Rob Wilson named MSV Victoria Coach of the Year.

SeaDragons biggest achievement was to secure a place we could call home for all our swimmers - the newly built Yawa Aquatic Centre located in Rosebud within the Mornington Peninsula, a spectacular part of Victoria. Even though we couldn't always hold the sessions, the club benefitted by offering both pooled sessions at six times per week as well as Open Water activities. Notable events consisted of an Open Water virtual event held as well as an Injury prevention workshop.

At our first competition meet as a club, we were thrilled to win the relay event at the Frankston competition. Our club captain likened the team's excitement and fun to that of winning an Olympic gold. We expect to attend many more events during 2022 and beyond.

To brighten the days, we held some fun zoom sessions (byo adventure tale and big glass to enjoy); distributed dry land plans and conducted a flower delivery drive to swimmers.

Fancy flower day





The winning Relay team at Frankston Masters swimming event 2021



Thrilled to be at Yawa Aquatic Centre – the home of SeaDragons !



2021 was another year of lockdowns with COVID 19 Pandemic. Formal training and racing were rare in between long lockdowns. We only had one opportunity to race at the MSV State Long Course Champs in April.

We were able to return to training between lockdowns, however it seemed to all blur into one big lockdown. Unable to train at the pool for much of the year, many hardy Pointers took to the bay as temperatures plunged. It was admirable to see the resilience, collaboration and strength of Pointers to take to the bay in the middle of winter, dodging jelly fish, murky waters and often questionable water quality to get through another arduous year.

By late October, lockdown rules were partially lifted, and we emerged like Spring daffodils and formal training resumed early November. Thank you to our coach, Alan Godfrey for securing space at Prahran pool. Stonington have been far more willing to work together and have a great understanding of the swimming community than our previous training venue.

We were also grateful to be able to celebrate various achievement of members in November resuming our annual presentation gala.

Whilst COVID has affected our club we continued to be amazed at our members for supporting each other through two years of prolonged lockdowns. In recognition, we have continued with our reduced membership fees for another year.





SWIMLAND SWIM CLUB

As with all Swimming Clubs over the last two years, SSC faced its fair share of challenges in 2021. With swimming pools closed for the most of the year and travel restrictions in place meaning that anyone not within 5 KM of a beach couldn't access open water, swim training was put on hold for our members. That didn't stop us working very hard throughout lockdowns to keep connected. Our Head Coach, Peter Howes, organised daily workout zoom sessions, zoom chats with all of the swimmers and other workshop type activities that kept all of our swimmers and their families connected. We also ran weekend zoom trivia and games afternoons. Our swimmers themselves got creative with training, using exercise bikes, hours and hours of youtube work out videos and even portable swimming pools with makeshift tension ropes to try and simulate the training environment.

Understandably, not all of our swimmers returned after each lockdown and as the year wore on, we did continue to see a loss of swimmer numbers. Despite the year that it was, we had moments of success to celebrate. In April, our intrepid Head Coach, Peter, swam at Masters State Championships and came 1st place in the 200 Fly, 2nd Place in the 200 IM and 3rd place in the 200 Back. Our masters swimmers also managed to get in a couple of open water swims in 2021 in between lockdowns. Open water swimming continued to be a wonderful opportunity that enables our Masters and younger swimmers to compete together. Our club open water swimming events continue to bring our members together in a way that more traditional swimming events don't always manage to do.

With what is hopefully the worst of the pandemic behind us, we are looking forward to a more successful 2022, with lots of swimming to make up for the laps lost. We are hoping that 2022 brings us a growth in Masters numbers, a smorgasbord of swimming events and uninterrupted training.



Peter Howes at State Champs & The Club
(including some of our Masters Swimmers) at Open Water in 2021.



SURREY PARK SEAHORSE MASTERS

On behalf of the committee and all Club members, a big thanks to our members on the front line of the pandemic and those working in supporting allied health roles. It must be very challenging caring for people in stressed environments, often when under-resourced and with the added requirement to fast-track mass vaccinations.

In 2020, the committee decided to suspend all awards due to the many lockdown situations. However, in 2021, despite the interruptions to the swimming year, the committee determined there were sufficient swimming time blocks available during the year to run both our aggregate and endurance competitions. So, awards are reinstated and were presented at our AGM held in February 2022.

On the financial side the Club is in a sound position owing to high membership which partly off-set the reduced membership fees. The committee agreed to carry this over into 2022 in recognition of the limited member opportunities. Also costs were reduced on operations due to reduced lane hire costs and coaching while shutdown. Our Treasurer presented the detailed accounts at the AGM..

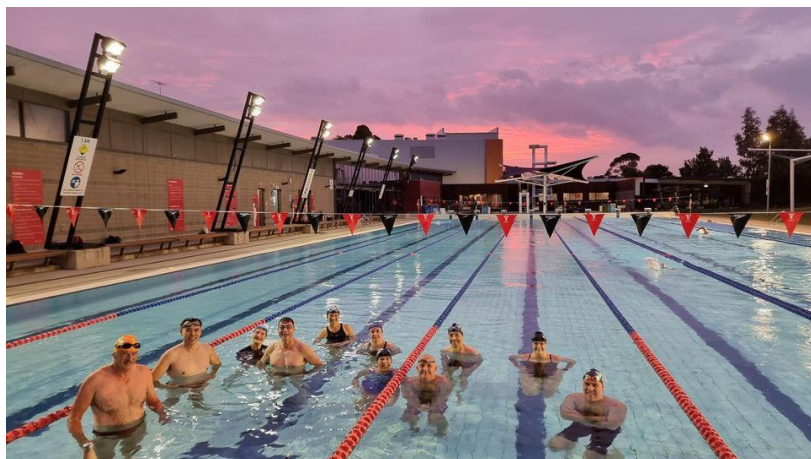
In what was a difficult swim year, with many meetings and open water swims either cancelled or re-scheduled, our Club Captain did a great job keeping all members up to date on what was on *and what wasn't* and, while in lockdowns, coordinated regular zoom meetings to enable Club members to stay in touch.

This extended to include social functions over zoom co-ordinated by our Social Secretary. This all contributed to keeping our membership numbers up and we go into 2022 with 50 members.

Our AGM was held in February 2022 and included awards and presentations. A highlight, of what is always a terrific night, was the awarding of a life membership to Darryl Flukes in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Club over 20 years.

In closing, I lead an excellent committee and it's a privilege to work with an established team that performs very well and I thank all committee members for their service over the last 12 months.

Hopefully 2022 returns to some normality with Club swims, squad training and swim meets going ahead as planned as we learn to live with COVID while taking all the necessary precautions required.





YARRA ROUGHIES

Not a lot to report with the year having been obliterated by COVID-19 Lockdowns. The 2021 year for the club was mostly one of hiatus with few external events and no Yarra Roughies events. We had optimistically thought after the disruption of 2020 that would be all behind us.

Conscious of the drop in activities and resultant reduction in membership numbers, the Committee developed a strategy of rebuilding. Membership fees were reduced and planning commenced to increase membership by broadening the services provided by the club to its members. The plans were placed on hold by further lockdowns and were resurrected late in 2021 with implementation expected in 2022.

MS 24 Hour MegaSwim

For a number of years, the Roughies have supported the 24 hour megaswim at Fitzroy Pool to support people living with MS.

Fortunately the event was able to be held in late February 2021 and the Roughies entered a team. As was the case in many previous years, the Roughies were again amongst the top fundraisers at the event.



OBITUARY – CHRIS LEE



Sadly, the Club was advised of the death of past member and past President Chris Lee. Chris loved swimming and she is fondly remembered as a regular competitor at most swim meets. Her swimming career with the Roughies was from 2006 to 2014 and, during that time, she competed in the 70-74 and 75-79 age groups winning many Victorian State Championships. She especially enjoyed competing at the Mildura Masters Games due to a connection to that area.

She was often age group champion at swim meets and was the Roughies Club Champion for 2013. She was ranked in the National Top Ten for her age group in a number of events.

Chris was appointed Club President in October 2011 and guided the club for a couple of years before stepping down and filling the role of Vice President in the 2013-14 year.

AGM 2021

At the club's 2021 Annual General Meeting, all incumbent office bearers were re-elected unopposed.



WARRNAMBOOL MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

Reflecting back over 2021 with Covid turning all our lives upside down for another 12 months, our wonderful Club came through with a membership of 65. At the start of 2021 every Club Member received a free Club T Shirt, funded through the Warrnambool City Council Community Grant. Our Coaches were also decked out in new uniforms with funding received from the Victorian State Government.

In between lockdowns our adult return to swim program, Re-Start, was able to run and was fully booked with 6 participants all keen to get back to swimming. This program resulted in 3 new members. The Club has been running this program for over 4 years now and is highly regarded and instantly booked out each time it is offered.

Through our Facebook Page and in our quarterly newsletter the Club's Social Media Coordinator published some very informative, funny and reflective Member profiles. These were well received by our Club Members and generated a lot of interest in the broader swimming community.

Club breakfasts at local restaurants were well attended between lockdowns and the Club's Awards Night was held. It was the Club's band of brave ocean swimmers, many of whom swam through summer, autumn, winter and spring who were recognized for their participation and domination in the local Shipwreck Coast swim series.

A highlight towards the end of the year was our Club's AGM. We were fortunate to have Rachel Cairns, President of MSV as our guest speaker. Rachel had travelled from Geelong to address our Club. Rachael was able to broaden our understanding of the work done by MSV and MSA and how their role combined with what each Club does helps keep our Masters Swimming community strong.

Best wishes from the Warrnambool Whales Masters Swimming Club





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