



2018 MASTERS SWIMMING VICTORIA Annual Report



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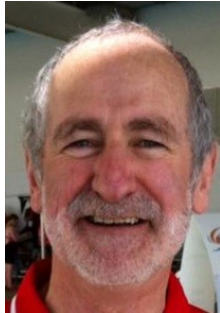
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

GOVERNANCE

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

- Susie Kempson - President (Malvern Marlins)
- Katie Mee – Vice President (Malvern Marlins)
- Tim Boness – Finance Director (Powerpoints)
- Paul Watmough – Recording Director (Surrey Park)
- Neil Mitchell – Technical Director (Victorian Masters)
- Mark Sendecky - Coaching Director (Glamourhead Sharks)
- Rosa Montague – Promotions Director (Powerpoints)
- Leanne Sheehan – General Member (Doncaster Dolphins)
- Rachel Cairns – General Member (Boroughcotas)
- Stephen Cronk – General Member (Powerpoints)

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

HIGHLIGHTS/COMPETITIONS

MSV Championships

In 2018 MSV held 3 very successful Championships with a total of 639 swimmers taking part. Leading up to the MSV Short Course event over \$2,000 was raised for the Maddie's Vision, in memory of Jane Barnes who sadly lost her 2 year fight with Leukaemia. While undergoing her treatment she managed to raise the awareness of blood donation and the bone marrow registry in the Masters Swimming community amongst others. Jane was a BIG part of the MSA/MSV administration team from 2012 – 2018.

Interclubs

Six MSV clubs held their popular Interclub Meets. The 26th Marlins Interclub, the Casey Seals Splash, the Frankston Interclub and the new event on the MSV Calendar was the rescheduled Roughies Races which were postponed from 2017. We also saw the return of the popular Glamourhead Sharks Interclub and Trifle competition where there is fierce competition, both in the pool and in the kitchen and Powerpoints held a fantastic Summer Smash in beautiful weather at the end of the year. The Yarra Roughies also held a very well supported 100 x 100's. Surrey Park Seahorses revival of the Baddaginnie Animal Swim – Postal Swim (held yearly from 1 April - 30 June) is going from strength to strength and will be repeated in 2019. MSV members and Clubs also support the MS 24 Hour Mega Swims around Victoria.

Partner events with Swimming Victoria (SV)

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

2018 MSA SWIM SERIES

Congratulations to the 16 MSV swimmers who won their age category in the 2018 MSA Swim Series - out of 1435 swimmers from across Australia. MSV once again topping the list of winners across the Branches. MSV swimmers sure like to travel! John Cocks (VMV) won his age group (M80 – 84) for the fifth consecutive year and topped the points table for the third year. He deserved to with his attendance at 5 Series Meets. Dorothy Dickey (VDC) won her age group (F85-89) for the fourth consecutive year. Alice Kinnaird (VFR), Daphne Briggs (VMV) & Gerry Tucker (VMV) topped their age group for the third time. Jacinta Humphrey (VPP), Darius Schultz (VPP), Mark Sendecky (VGS) & Rod Clarke (VDC) are dual winners.

MILLION METRES

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

CONGRATULATIONS

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

NORTH LODGE MEMORIAL AWARDS

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

MEMBERSHIP/CLUBS

MSV's membership at the end of the membership/calendar year was a total of 1146 members (including second claims). At the end of 2018 MSV was incredibly saddened to learn that North Lodge will no longer affiliate as a club due to declining member numbers. We are pleased to say that remaining members are transferring to other MSV clubs. The MSV Committee will be looking at how best to honour North Lodge at future Championships. Another club - Hoppers Crossing will also no longer exist in 2019 and we wish them all well. Yarra Plenty are taking time to work on how to best manage Masters Swimming within their Club in 2019 and we look forward to working with them. MSV welcomed 2 new Club sin 2018: DVE Aquatics (VDA) and a virtual club was created to service Second Claims for Invictus Swimmers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support. Vorgee and the The Way Funky Company (Funky Trunks & Funkita) support us throughout the year. Cousins Travel support us with an incredibly valuable partnership in the Great Victorian Swim Series. Thank you to our MSV Ambassadors: Linley Frame and Chloë McCardel who continue to promote Masters swimming within the wider sports community. Thank you to Sal Cuming who continued her 1-day a week for MSV as Sports Development Officer - a key resource in the promotion of MSV.

FINAL WORDS

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

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

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

Susie Kempson

PRESIDENT

TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

2018 has been another year where the MSV volunteers and officials gave so generously of their time and skills. Some officials have used the opportunity of Interstate and National swim meets to develop skills and broaden networks.

This year also saw the continuation of Multi Class events in all State swim meets and this has called for officials to broaden some skills to cater for a more diverse range of competitors. Our ongoing involvement with Special Olympics has been helpful and is a very positive relationship that has prompted a greater awareness of the importance of the General Principles of Officiating as well as the application of specific technical rules.

One noticeable change at State Meets has been the lack of volunteer timekeepers to operate the SAT backup system to the Automatic Timing. In 2018 we simplified the process by removing hand held watches so that the timekeeper simply activated the back up button at the end of an event. In some cases without this backup a swimmer has not registered a time. Despite continual appeals for volunteer timekeepers to assist, this situation continues and so swimmers in the future risk not having a time registered. MSV is an organization that is run by volunteers and, if a swimmer completes several swim meets without volunteering in any role, they are living a charmed life and being carried by many others. Something for anyone and everyone to ponder!

The Open Water Swim rules have been adjusted in the last twelve months with respect to water temperatures and swim suits. It might also be of interest to note that there are 'General Rules' as well as 'Swim Rules' along with 'Open Water Swim Rules' and updated versions of these are available on the MSA website under the Rules and Policies tab.

The very worthy 2018 Official of the Year is Paul Watmough, who is tower of strength as the State Recorder as well as being Meet Director for all of the State swim meets. The spirit with which Paul uses his obvious computer skills, along with his knowledge of the history of MSV and his ability to keep track of the fine details for each meet are a real gift to MSV. His own definition of a Meet Director is someone who 'keeping the temperature down'; and he certainly excels at this. Paul has also been willing to share his wisdom and skills throughout MSA over many years. One of his proud achievements is the ongoing development of Multi-Class swimming in MSA. Thank you and congratulations Paul.

After many years of great service Roy Clee and Deryn Thomas have decided to retire as technical officials. We are extremely grateful for the skill and spirit with which both Deryn and Roy have contributed so much to MSV. Deryn has left a great legacy by conducting training and ongoing support to technical officials for many years. Roy worked diligently to ensure that the standard of officials was top class. It is interesting to note that the procedure of rotating officials during meets (to share workloads and to sharpen concentration) was instigated by Roy many years ago at a Marlins interclub Meet. Both Roy and Deryn attended the Official's thank you lunch and we were able to say personally how much we have valued their contribution.

Needless to say we need more officials.....

NEIL MITCHELL

MSV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

COACHING DIRECTORS REPORT

In 2018 the Club Coach Course was slightly restructured and along with that, the way that it is being presented. The Course planned for 2018 unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of attendee numbers. A course will be held early in 2019 with another one planned later in the year.

Congratulations to Thom Jackson (Yarra Roughies) for winning the 2018 Masters Swimming Victoria Coach of the year. He is inclusive in his approach to his swimmers, he develops challenging and varied sets and is always open to feedback.

MARK SENDECKY

COACHING DIRECTOR

RECORDING DIRECTORS REPORT

Another successful year for recording within the Victorian Branch. While the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre remains the pre-eminent venue for the majority of State meets (Long Course, Short Course & Relay Carnival), we are still looking for alternative locations to run other State Championships. Most of the meets have been regarded as a success with increasing numbers of swimmers attending.

MSV Championships

MSV Long Course Championships: 8 April 2018 (230 swimmers from 35 clubs)

MSV Short Course Championships: 15 July 2018 (213 swimmers from 24 clubs)

MSV Relay Championships: 25 August 2018 (196 swimmers from 12 clubs)

The 2018 Relay Carnival continued with the concept of 'Divisions', where the smaller clubs were able to be awarded, based upon the percentage of members and on the number of swimmers who compete at the meet. This means that while the big 4 compete with each other, smaller clubs like Casey Seals or Surrey Park compete with each other. In 2018, Division 1: was won by the Malvern Marlins for the 3rd year, Division 2: was won again by Melbourne H2O, Division 3: Brunswick Belugas won this division for the 3rd year in a row and Division 4: was won by Inclusive Sports Training for the 2nd year in a row, with a massive 50% of their club competing. Well done to everyone.

With the exception of the Relay Carnival; all State Championships are now Multi-Class (MC) events. The numbers of MC swimmers attending have increased and all attending have an enjoyable time. MC participation reinforces the Masters credo of inclusivity, but at the same time, allows MC swimmers to achieve awards in their own right.

Competitions Committee

The Recording Director is also the lead of the competitions committee. The competitions committee has the role of: Timing (dates) and recommendation/approval of inter-club meets and Timing and recommendation of State meets.

Inter-clubs

2018 saw a resurgence of inter-club meets, with Malvern, Frankston, Casey Seals, Yarra Roughies and the Glamourhead Sharks committing to an inter-club. Powerpoints ran a Summer Smash and the Yarra Roughies ran a 100 x 100's. The Roughies Races which was cancelled in 2017 due to severe thunder and rainstorms was rescheduled early in 2018. Again the weather was questionable, so the meet was switched to the Richmond pool with 72 hours notice and was a resounding success. The Malvern Marlins and the Casey Seals Splash are proving to get stronger and stronger in attendance and competition. The biannual Glams Interclub and Trifle Competition shows that competition is fierce in the pool and in the kitchen and is a popular meet to attend. Whilst the Frankston meet has been running for a number of years; it doesn't get the exposure and attendance it deserves. While some swimmers don't want to attend a meet where they can't get records, the Frankston meet perhaps proves the exception to the rule. The meet is a time trial with the winners being those who swim closest to their nominated time. In 2018 the attendance has grown and MSV are working on supporting it to grow larger each year.

Regional Meets

Kyabram/Echuca

This was held as a dual sanctioned event with Swimming Victoria in Echuca in 2018. The pool has been surveyed short and therefore is a time trial. This was an enjoyable meet and we look forward to it growing year by year.

Shepparton Shootout

Following a number of years trying to arrange a Masters regional meet, MSV had agreed to have a 2 day meet (both Long and Short Course) at Shepparton, called the "Shepparton Shootout" to be held on the 24/25th November 2018. Both pools have been surveyed and meet the length criteria, so State and National records would be achievable. Unfortunately there was a low entry rate and the Shepparton Council could not provide any funding due to this lack of numbers. Added to this, the pool only wanted to have it has a one-day event which we were unable to do. This meet was cancelled and the MSV Management Committee are working on how to sustain Regional Meets with the assistance of local clubs, city clubs and Regional Councils.

Ballarat

A possible meet at Ballarat, which has an (AOE) Automated timing system (pads and buttons), which will enable us to achieve World records and Top Ten did not eventuate due to it being heavily utilised. We will be looking at a possible meet in 2019.

PAUL WATMOUGH

RECORDING DIRECTOR

PROMOTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT

The changing and demanding nature of the role of Promotions Director has been masked by the fact that MSV has until recently employed a Sports Development Officer (Sal Cuming). Sal was ably helped by Kath Davis in the MSV office with social media stuff. Kath is still working for MSV but, her main role is as a part-time administrator. Thank you both for all the extra work you have done in the last year – including Kath polishing the MSV open water swimming cup!

My year (from May 2018) in this role has convinced me that MSV need to re-think how promotion and marketing should work in 2019-2020. For example, how do we exploit the new social media outlets as well as new fields with money to spend such as women's sports and exercise for better health especially mental health? How can this be done given the limited time and energy we all have as volunteers? I seriously doubt that this can be achieved without a paid employee whose responsibility is the marketing and promotion of MSV, but I am happy to be proved wrong. Back to 2018: initially, I adopted an ad hoc approach with contributions to e-news etc and then tried setting up a marketing/promotional subcommittee to divide up the work, but that didn't get off the ground. My third and final proposal is to divide promotions into four separate areas: (1) clubs + their development; (2) competitions; (3) the wider swimming community specifically open water swimming; (4) projects such as grants, sponsors, Nationals (next in 2022). Here goes:

Clubs: information about fund-raising opportunities – e.g. Bunnings sausage sizzles in newsletter plus photos from ones run by Casey Seals and Powerpoints. Attempted visit to DVE, our latest club, but frustrated by everyone's work commitments. Articles in e-news on two "different" clubs who won their relay divisions: IST with its base of multi class members; MH2O which is our most successful "one club." Discussion about social media training for the clubs at the moment, but we need a budget.

Competitions: this year's focus was on Shepparton, MSV's first regional/long distance meet, planned for November. While the idea was supported by clubs in the strategic plan, the crush of events in November 2018 (Pan Pacs, beginning of OWS and even Christmas get-togethers) meant its appeal was diminished. Paul Watmough worked hard to get a regional grant to support the meet, but, on reflection, more promotion and greater clarity about the event both within the metropolitan Melbourne clubs and in Shepparton itself would have helped. The 100 x 100 at Fitzroy was strongly promoted and great fun. The Relay carnival had some silly events at the end that made us laugh. Tried to help small clubs put together a relay team for the relay carnival – perhaps we need to work out how our smallest clubs can "borrow" a 2nd claim member to make up a team of 4 as relays are a great way to build team spirit and club development.

Open water swimming: sorted out the rules and results of the MSV cup which is presented at the GVSS awards night. A productive meeting with Gina Harris who runs GVSS – MSV should have members + leaflets with her team + tent at early OWS events. I will be taking an OWS swimming policy + rules to a Board meeting for future discussion.

Special projects: MSV applied for a grant at Vicsport to give extra training on multi class to technical officials at MSV carnivals. No success this time but let's exploit future grant opportunities. A competition to win advertising on the side of trams intrigued us but MSV is not a registered charity so didn't qualify. The President re-negotiated a deal for MSV members with Funky Trunks/Funkita to purchase their products with a 20% discount with a small payback for MSV. Finally, Darwin are holding the Nationals in 2021; Melbourne's turn again in 2023.

As a volunteer with limited time, I will not be standing for the role of Promotions Director again. However, the promotion and marketing of MSV is an exciting area and I would be happy to be a small part of that if this area can be broken up into smaller, more manageable parts.

Rosa Montague



Powerpoints - Bunnings sausage sizzle



Casey Seals - Bunnings sausage sizzle

Finance Directors Report

Welcome to the Finance report for the twelve months ending 31 December 2018 for Masters Swimming Victoria.

This financial report is lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria. All Business Activity Statements have been lodged with the ATO and paid on the due date. MSV does not lodge a tax return and is not required to pay tax.

Masters Swimming Australia continues to service MSV and the administration fees are annually adjusted using CPI. Thank you to Noeleen, Kath and Gerard for all their work. Thank you again to Susie Kempson and the board for all their work also.

Income

The membership numbers at year end were as follows:

2016 - 1280

2017 - 1178

2018 -1146

The Swim Meet Committee again planned the year out very well. There was good participation at most events. Training courses and special swims continued throughout the year through our Club base.

Profit and Loss

A Net loss of \$4,613 was recorded. Part of this loss was depreciation of \$3,960 and stock used for medal and ribbon presentations of \$6,785.

\$50,000 of our funds were placed into a term deposit. This improved interest income. We also paid a \$1,000 contribution for the development of masters swimming websites which is allocated to computer expenses. Despite the reported loss, bank balances increased by 11,109.

Balance Sheet

MSV current assets declined by \$4,622. However, working capital remains strong. The total equity reduced by the loss of \$4,613. There were no other capital acquisitions in 2018.

In accordance with the MSV constitution and current Consumer Affairs guideline, we again decided that an audit was not required for the 2018 year.

All the best for 2019.

Regards

TIM BONESS

FINANCE DIRECTOR



MASTERS SWIMMING VICTORIA INC

FINANCE REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2018

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Masters Swimming Victoria
Income Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
Income		
	\$	\$
Club Affiliation fees	680	720
Interest	541	173
Member registrations	42,892	48,944
Swim Meets	27,199	31,024
Training courses	2,183	509
Sponsorship & grants	1,129	-
Total Income	74,624	81,370
Expenses		
Administration fee to MSA	31,474	30,629
Affiliation fee	568	552
Bank Charges	1,347	1,779
Board expenses	534	478
Clubs online admin fee	2,617	2,655
Computers expenses	1,288	-
Depreciation	3,960	3,960
Filing Fees	56	56
Insurance	100	100
Marketing expenses	434	404
Printing	292	360
Rent	2,197	2,135
Room hire	238	199
Sports Development Officer	5,000	10,000
Swim Meet Expenses	28,430	23,495
Training Courses	702	215
Total Expenses	79,237	77,017
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(4,613)	4,353

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Masters Swimming Victoria
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2018

	Note	Dec-18 \$	Dec-17 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	2	95,934	84,825
Accounts Receivable		2,314	5,919
Inventory		9,065	15,850
Prepayments		-	5,340
Total Current Assets		107,312	111,934
Non Current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	3	2,359	6,319
Total Non Current assets		2,359	6,319
Total Assets		109,671	118,253
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other creditors	4	8,569	13,781
GST Liabilities		1,272	29
Total Liabilities		9,841	13,810
Net Assets		99,830	104,443
Equity			
Accumulated funds	5	99,830	104,443
Total Equity		99,830	104,443

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Masters Swimming Victoria Inc.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECMEBR 2018

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.

Masters Swimming Victoria Inc.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECMEBR 2018**

1 (e) Comparatives

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

	Dec-18	Dec-17
2 Cash	\$	\$
Commonwealth bank- cheque account	9,834	47,522
Commonwealth bank- on line saver	18,693	13,238
Commonwealth bank- debit card account	948	1,237
Commonwealth bank- term deposit	50,482	-
ANZ- cheque account	15,977	22,828
	<u>95,934</u>	<u>84,825</u>
 3 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment	49,498	49,498
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(47,139)</u>	<u>(43,179)</u>
	2,359	6,319
 4 Trade and other creditors		
Trade creditors	150	4,699
Unearned income	8,419	9,082
	<u>8,569</u>	<u>13,781</u>
 5 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated fund brought forward	104,443	100,090
Net income / (loss) for the period	<u>(4,613)</u>	<u>4,353</u>
Closing balance	<u>99,830</u>	<u>104,443</u>

Masters Swimming Victoria Inc.


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 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the (i) 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 31/03/2019

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Administration

Masters Swimming Australia has continued to service MSV throughout 2018. We welcomed Jane Barnes back part-time in the role of Communications Manager in late 2017, with Kath Davis continuing as Administrator, Lynne Sheehan left MSA as Project Manager mid way though 2018, Gerard Russell continued as Book keeper, and Noeleen Dix, General Manager, directed the team and supported the Branch. We were incredibly saddened when our beloved colleague Jane Barnes 'The General' lost her hard fought battle with Leukaemia in April 2018. The MSV Management Committee, MSV Clubs and Masters Swimming all over Australia came together to raise money for Maddies Vision (a charity supported by Jane and her family) in WA during the 2018 Nationals and at the MSV SC Championships and we will continue her fight.

Membership and Clubs

Membership of Masters Swimming Victoria decreased slightly in 2018 – there were 1146 members in 2018. MSV welcomed news clubs DVE Aquatic and Invictus Virtual Club and we said goodbye to Eltham ESSDolphins who did not affiliate in 2018. On a very sad note we farwelled Clarise Artis and Kay Gravell. We send our best wishes to the families , friends and swimming family of these long time members.

Social Media

The MSV website, online monthly e-newsletter and regular Facebook updates are the primary communication resources for MSV, providing members and clubs with timely and up to date information. At the end of 2018 MSV had 1120 followers on Facebook, up from 1015 at the end of 2017. We posted 314 times on the MSV Facebook page. The top 10 most popular posts from 2018 were:

- Celebrating the MSV LC Championships
- Celebrating George Coronos breaking the 100m World Record
- Celebrating the life of our beloved friend Jane Barnes
- Post on Linley Frame training with the Invictus members
- Yarra Roughies training on the coldest day in 2018
- The Frames winning at the Vic Sport Awards
- MSV winning the Trifecta at the Vic Sport Awards
- Can Simon Joscelyne "Butterfly Swim" the Heads ?
- Lisandra de Carvalho and Brenton Ford taking out fastest female and male in The Rip Swim
- Glams you really know how to put on a show. Balmy weather, racing, dinner and some glorious trifles

As we continue to develop our social media resources we encourage our audience to continue their support by sharing their stories and photos, tagging #mastersswimmingvictoria #msv #fitnessfriendshipfun. The e-news 'On the Blocks' continues to be well received by clubs and members. Based on the statistics we receive, the most popular items continue to be club updates, photos from events as well as coaching and technical articles. We rely on members and clubs to provide us with stories and photos to keep everyone up to date with what is happening in the Masters Swimming Victoria community. We thank our regular contributors, Club Delegates and Secretaries for supplying the news and photos so willingly.

Ambassador Program

MSV was pleased to have Linley Frame and Chloë McCardel continue as Ambassadors of MSV. They both lead by example with Linley working closely and training the Invictus members in the lead up to the 2018 Invictus Games and receiving many well deserved accolades. Chloë ran Open Water Clinics in preparation for the Rottneest Challenge and the GVSS.

Great Victorian Swim Series

Congratulations to the 2017/18 winners of the Great Victorian Swim Series - the Brunswick Belugas. Thank you as always to Gina, Amander and team from Cousins for making this the go-to Open Water event in Victoria.

In Conclusion

MSV have had another very successful and busy year. We would like to thank the volunteers who continue to give their time so freely to the Branch and to their Clubs. Without their support and passion for swimming we wouldn't be able to provide opportunities for adults around Victoria to join swimming clubs and enjoy participation and competition at State and Club Meets. We would like to also thank the MSV Management Committee for their guidance over 2018.

Club	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
*Batman Avenue Maulers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	6
*Badaginnie AUSSI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3
*Bendigo Breakers	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5	4	8	14
* Bendigo Hawks Aquatic	0	0	0	5							
Boroughcoutas Masters	61	61	58	66	64	51	39	45	40	47	30
Brunswick Belugas	57	55	41	25							
*Bundoora Torpedoes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	9	7
Carnegie Masters	5	0									
Casey Seals	41	45	46	52	44	50	41	28	23	29	26
Diamond Creek	0	0	0								
Doncaster Dolphins	92	100	108	101	100	100	95	102	105	103	87
DVE Aquatics	2										
Eltham ESSDolphins	0	0	0								
* Footscray SW &WP	0	0	0	0	2						
Frankston Peninsula	51	55	51	45	43	49	32	43	28	37	41
Geelong Catfish	6	7	7	8	7	8	8	9	7	7	7
Gippsland Flippers	10	13	13	14	17	12	14	9	7	6	11
Gisborne Thunder	2	3									
Glamourhead Sharks Aquatics	78	70	77	79	65	71	63	65	67	61	71
Goulburn Valley Crocs	22	21	35	31	24	11	24	19	20	6	38
Hoppers Crossing	1	1	6	7	6	5	9	9	9	7	9
Heidelberg Flyers	27	33	43	37	30	34	30	29	29	36	34
Inclusive Sports	30	20									
M1 Swimming Club	3	2	11								
Maccabi Ajax Masters	31	28	34	33	23	22	14	5	24		
Malvern Marlins	169	178	172	161	149	145	147	127	120	117	129
Melbourne H2O	62	62	77	82	41						
Melbourne Vicentre	3	4	14	14	2						
North Lodge Neptunes	5	10	11	20	15	23	13	12	18	22	21
* Northcote Yabbies	0	0	4	2	6	9	8	7	11	13	14
Northern Masters	4	1	8	12							
Nunawading Orcas	38	41	43	42	36	33	46	39	36	35	37
Portarlington Mussels	5	5	11	6	13	9	13	0	1	10	
Powerpoints	149	152	175	156	166	164	154	141	125	130	105
*Sale SADAST	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	12	17	21	23
* Silver Sharks Masters	0	0	0	7	9	10	11	13	10	11	14
Surrey Park Seahorses	42	37	40	35	35	33	36	36	37	33	32
Swimland	10	12	14	9	3						
Victorian Masters	23	23	24	20	10	15	9	5	2	5	1
*Wangaratta AUSSI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	11
Wangarratta Swimming Club	0	0	0								
Warrnambool Whales	67	68	70	70	53	66	60	61	65	69	69
Western Alligators	26	29	30	46	39	41	30	38	36	32	25
* Wimmera Masters	0	0	0	4	10	13	5	2			
Wodonga City Swim Club	0	0	4								
Yarra Plenty	1	12	15	9							
Yarra Roughies	23	30	38	25	17	17	23	13	18	23	29
Total	**1146	**1178	**1280	**1223	1040	1015	947	885	879	896	893

*please note these Clubs are no longer affiliated with MSV and MSA

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MSV CLUBS

In 2018 there were 35 Victorian Masters Swimming clubs. The following clubs have provided reports on their activities throughout 2018.



Carnegie Masters



BOROUGHCOUTAS

CARNEGIE MASTERS

CASEY SEALS

DONCASTER DOLPHINS

FRANKSTON PENINSULA

GEELONG CATFISH

GIPPSLAND FLIPPERS

GLAMOURHEAD SHARKS

HEIDELBERG FLYERS

INCLUSIVE SPORTS

MALVERN MARLINS

MELBOURNE H2O

NORTH LODGE NEPTUNES

POWERPOINTS

WARRNAMBOOL WHALES

WESTERN ALLIGATORS



WESTERN ALLIGATORS



MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

The following MSV clubs were unable to provide reports.



YARRA ROUGHIES

Boroughcoutas Masters Swimming Club



The Boroughcoutas have had a busy and fun filled year. The club banner got a great workout with teams fielded at most open water swims, the Victorian short course and relay championships and the Pan Pacific Masters Games. While all of our swimmers participate and compete for the fun, friendship and fitness, our top swimmers clearly thrive on the excitement and challenge of competition. Our club swimmers walked away with more medals than I have space to write about. Our club captain, Mark Stone is worthy of special mention. He continues to excel in the sport with dozens of places at his various events this year.

I have listed a few of the clubs highlights from the year below.

Pan Pacific Championships

Congratulations to our contingent of six swimmers who competed at the Pan Pacific Masters on the Gold Coast . The team came home with a haul of 17 medals. Medal placings were - Mark Stone (1 km 2nd; 2.5 km 1st), Alan Collett (1 km 3rd; 2.5 km 2nd), Mike Nicol (5 km 2nd), Lauren Fleetwood (1 km 3rd; 2.5 km 1st), Kate Mathias (1 km 1st; 2.5 km 2nd) and Sherif Haggag (400m IM 1st; 200m free relay 3rd; 50m backstroke 2nd; 100m breaststroke 1st; 200 IM relay 2nd; 200 IM 2nd; 100 butterfly 2nd; 100 backstroke 2nd)

Rip Swim

A team of past and present members successfully swam Port Phillip bay's notorious Rip this year. Ten of our swimmers made the crossing in 1 hour and 59 minutes in less than perfect conditions. Well done to Geoff Ridgeway, Chris Jones, Sue Gook, Bruce Gook, Jenny Bigelow, Anne Bryant, Jodie Quinn, Pip Williams, Paul Woolfson and Rex Death. Tidal conditions on the day stretched the usual 3.4 km swim to over 5 km.

Social events

The Boroughcoutas are a very social club. We regularly get together for social open water swims and other gatherings. The year starts with the Broken Flipper handicap, a fun dash swum in Feb or Mar each year; we follow this up with a longer swim from Nun's beach to Easter buns at Point Lonsdale. Brave swimmers then get together for our winter solstice swim and a regular group assemble most Sunday mornings over the warmer months to swim at Point Lonsdale. We don't always swim, we also get together for lunches and dinners at some of the Bellarine's local venues. This year we visited 'One Day Estate', the Drysdale Hotel and Curlewis driving range.

Rachel Cairns

PRESIDENT - BOROUGHCOUTAS



Carnegie Masters

Carnegie Masters commenced in 2017 with its first full year.

2018 has been a year of consolidation and really establishing our Club at, and relationship with, the home pool Carnegie Swim Centre. A big thank you to GECC pool staff and lifeguards . The 50m outdoor heated pool was constructed in 1966 and has the lovely old world charm with shade sails on a grassy bank. There is a dive pool and two kiddies pools. In 2018 we consistently had 5 swimmers with a number of others dropping in and out.

We have been able to successfully obtain GECC Community Grants to assist with the purchase of club equipment including lockable wheelie bin, kick boards, pull buoys, stop watches and signs. Thank you to the team at GECC Community Grants.

The competition for swimmers time is immense with families, other sports and work. In the end it is the true swimmers that keep attending because they make time and really love it. Many swimmers have been pleasantly surprised with their improvement in swimming efficiency with stroke correction from the coach and following the swim programs.

Focus has definitely been on fitness, fun and friendship. We have had a few members also participate in swim throughs in the bay. More popular though is the coffee and friendship at the Del Mar Cafe in Carnegie after the swims where swimming is analysed and world problems are solved.

Linton Broomhall

PRESIDENT AND COACH - CARNEGIE



Casey Seals

Trains at: Casey Aquatic & Recreation Centre (ARC), Narre Warren.



2018 has been a positive and packed year at Casey Seals.

We had some stunning results during the year, including:

- Ebony Ebenwaldner breaking three national backstroke records at the long course championships in Hobart
- Sarah Byron breaking Victorian records in the 800m IM and 200 and 400 m breaststroke
- Sarah also completing 100 x 100's at Fitzroy pool in November
- Scott Beasley doing a PB competing in his first Pan Pacific Masters Games in Brisbane.

This year's Casey Seals Splash was held in June and was an outstanding success, with 88 competitors. We would like to thank MSV and the Masters Swimming Community for their ongoing support.

The club held a very successful Bunnings BBQ on a beautiful Saturday in October. It was a team effort, with many members helping out with purchasing food, preparing, selling snags and drinks on the day and we made a profit of over \$2,000. There were many discussions held about the correct order for assembling sausages and sauce.

We also had a flood of babies being born late in 2018. Club members Megan Gooley, Soon Kok Wee and Andy Coppa all had new babies. There must have been something in the water early in 2018! Congratulations to all of them.

We have regular new swimmers come along to training, some staying and joining.

A number of club members competed in the open water swims across Victorian beaches over summer. Gary Ullmann and Yolande van Oosten also swam throughout winter in Port Phillip Bay and completed the Winter Solstice Swim at Black Rock without wetsuits.

Our President Manisha Brown and committee member Oliver Hutt organised a great end of year Christmas party and awards ceremony in Mordialloc. Molly Thwaites was the clear winner of the Open Water Swimmer Award. Ebony Ebenwaldner deservedly won Swimmer of The Year and Scott Beasley was awarded Most Improved after his efforts at the Pan Pacs.



Doncaster Dolphins



2018 was another eventful and successful year for Doncaster Dolphins.

A new President, Secretary and News and Social Media Editor were appointed at the AGM. Members again travelled widely in Australia and overseas to compete in numerous pool and open water events, achieving great results.

Membership

Doncaster Dolphins membership dropped slightly this year to 95 at the end of 2018. A wide selection of club and Aquarena training sessions are available to our members.

Swim Meets

Doncaster Dolphins' members were actively involved in Club, State and National swim meets during the year, both in the pool and open water.

In the MSA National Swim Series two members were placed first in their age group (Dorothy Dickey and Rod Clarke) and another two members were placed in the top ten (Ewen Templeton and Dee Sheffrin).

We thank our members Brian Walsh, Colin McCraith and Alan Pask for their continued efforts in officiating at swim meets on behalf of our club.

Around 40% of Dolphins members participated in open water competitions with five swimmers (Peta Harvey, Ros McLean, Jackie Ellul, Frank Christian and Rohan Fanning) being placed in the Great Victorian Swim Series. Jackie Ellul also completed the Rottnest Channel Swim and Cynthia McLarty completed the Ironman New Zealand.

Other Highlights of the Year

Doncaster Dolphins celebrated its 35th Anniversary in August 2018. The event was well attended by present and past members and we were also joined by the Master Swimming Australia President, Gerry Tucker, and his partner Jan Jeffrey. The evening included an inspiring presentation by guest speaker, triple Olympian, Belinda Hocking. Our popular Swim for Life program was run for the 12th time in 2018. This program promotes a healthy lifestyle and increases the awareness of masters swimming in the local area. The 2018 program was oversubscribed and resulted in 9 new members to the club. Thank you again to Bendigo Bank for their continued sponsorship of this program.

To ensure the club is meeting members' needs, the Committee surveyed the membership during 2018. This has resulted in improvements to the club's training program.

Tony Chenco

PRESIDENT, DONCASTER DOLPHINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

Swim for Life



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Frankston Masters



With the motto of Masters Swimming being 'Fitness, Friendship and Fun', our club has continued to be successful in this aim.

We have been able to provide an inclusive environment for like-minded individuals to enjoy their swimming. With the aid of the volunteers of the committee our coaching personnel have provided a great mix of activities each session and across the year.

Our Club financials are extremely sound with good membership numbers the majority of whom attend regularly. On Monday's our training session now accommodates up to six lanes of swimmers across a variety of abilities. Thursday nights have had fewer attendees but this has allowed us to run a few technical nights that provide additional tuition on a particular skill. We have also been able to provide some further interesting training options outside of our standard program most notably successful clinic's in "free diving" and how it can help to improve your swimming. Our change in start time to 6:30am on a Thursday morning has seen an improvement in numbers for this session also.

In closing I would like to offer a large thank you to those members of our club committee who, after many years of services, are stepping down.

Con Duyvestyn, Laurence Westcott and Richard Grant all long-serving Committee members who have generously given their time for many years.



Geelong Catfish



2018 has again been an enthusiastic and successful year for both our open water and pool swimmers, but has also presented us with some challenges.

We had 7 swimmers compete in the open water swim season, competing in 11 different events over the summer, and again, a group continued to demonstrate their commitment by swimming throughout the winter at Torquay. Podium finishes continued to be elusive again this year as our swimmers faced determined opposition in their age groups, but we did manage a creditable one first place and three second places.

This year we only had 5 MSV registered pool swimmers participating in interclub and state titles. We competed at 3 local meets within Victoria, two Victorian State Tiles. Two swimmers travelled to Perth for the National tiles and 1 to the Pan Pacs on the Gold Coast in November.

National titles proved to be elusive, but we managed a creditable 20 state titles across the long course and short course competitions. Our swimmers represented their club with pride, and some achieved National Top 10 status, and World Top 10 status. Unfortunately though, due to illness and conflicting events we were unable to field a team in the State relay competition.

But its not always about the medals and accolades. For both our open water and pool swimmers these results don't demonstrate the achievement of many other personal goals, from the commitment and determination required to overcome injury, to swimming pbs, to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and enjoying the friendship of our fellow swimmers.

We have experienced some challenges during 2018. Our small club became a little more fragmented as the traditional squad at Norlane Waterworld ceased to exist. Our open water swimmers generally train with the squads at Leisurelink and Geelong Aquatic Centre, and meet weekly at Torquay. As a result we moved our meetings to Leisure Link as well. However, the meeting space is away from the pool and we no longer have interaction with swimmers on their way to squad training. This meeting space is also to the south of the city, making it difficult for swimmers from the northern areas to attend. Also, all of our pool swimmers train independently and the lack of a formal squad for the club has hindered our ability to promote our club and expand our numbers. Our challenge during 2019 is to find a meeting space and time that is more inclusive and convenient for all swimmers.

Congratulations to all of our dedicated band of swimmers. We may be small but we are enthusiastic! Thanks to the club office bearers who continue to dedicate their valuable time to the success of our club. Geelong Catfish also appreciate the support of Masters Swimming Victoria and the many volunteers and officials who have organised competitions to enable us to challenge ourselves.

We look forward to the forthcoming open water and pool swimming seasons, enjoying the benefits of the healthy lifestyle that swimming promotes, and appreciating the truth of the Masters Swimming Australia motto 'Fitness and Friendship and Fun'.

Margot Milne

PRESIDENT - GEELONG CATFISH



GIPPSLAND FLIPPERS



2018 started in a delightful, if not somewhat sad, way for Flippers, with the club participating in the Moe Swimming Club annual meet in January, which has been renamed 'The Don Coupe Memorial Swim Meet'.

Flippers members represented our club, along with some parents of MSC in a heartfelt exhibition swim to honour Don. Our President Justin spoke about Don, along with the Coupe family, who awarded Kathryn Marmara-Stewart with a tribute to Don's swimming involvement, having met all the qualities Don thought important for the future of swimming.

February brought the first Masters competition, with two Flippers travelling to Malvern. In June, three of us swam at Casey Seals meet, our closest competition, with everyone bringing home placings. Two of us then swam at Short Course in July, with excellent results, considering this event was the first Masters competition for Louisa. Although we may be low in member numbers, it has to be said that representation from Flippers does happen at swim meets, it's just we only make a small splash!! However, you can't miss us in those amazing and colourful club shirts!!

As far as training goes, we still trained each Wednesday at Churchill Pool, held our awesome Brunch swims each month at Morwell, and joined Moe Swimming Club in a combined training session each Friday at Moe/Newborough pool. We consider ourselves very lucky to have 3 x 25m indoor pools to be able to swim at, as well as 2 x 50m outdoor pools in the Latrobe City.

With our President residing in Warragul, and the new YMCA complex there now functional, we also took advantage of the heated outdoor 50m pool for some swims. We admit it, we're spoiled for choice!!

A wonderful occasion that we don't get to celebrate very often happened in 2018, with the birth of a baby girl to a fellow swimmer, Ricey. We hope to see Ricey back in the pool soon, and meet his family in the near future.

We have to thank our coach Alan Godfrey (yep, it's a popular name!), for his commitment over the past year, despite some small numbers in the pool. He continues to provide top quality coaching with challenging and enjoyable sessions, and is flexible in his ability to change things to suit our swimmers. We sincerely appreciate his efforts over the year.

Flippers next challenge is to maintain and grow our membership over the next 12 months. We hope to entice some more of the public to join us in another year of training, friendship and fun with a great bunch of people. We have some ideas up our sleeve, which we can expand on and put into action, as well as forming friendships with other Swimming Vic clubs to keep us all following that black line!



Glamourhead Sharks



The Glamourhead Sharks Aquatics Club had a strong year in 2018.

There was an increased interest in the club in the lead-up to the Gay Games X in Paris in August. The Glamourheads continue to be a strong participator in the Masters Swimming Victoria community and also maintain its focus on building engagement for LGBTI sportspeople in the community.

Competitions

In 2018 the Glamourheads continued to compete in Masters Victoria and Australia swimming events across the country. Thoughtout 2018 it was encouraging to see first time participants Sajeeva Sinniah, John Welch & Virginie Deswaerte all competing in their first MSV Swim Meets in their first year with club. Joanne Towers continues to represent the club in the country regionals. The highlight of the year was the participation in Gay Games X in Paris in August by 22 of our team. Some stellar performances at the Gay Games were in evidence including 7 gold medals for Kay Gravell. Dave Hann and Mark Sendecky secured top positions in the 2018 Masters Swim Series in their age groups, in addition to national and branch records achieved by club members. The Glamourheads also held their Biennial swim meet in December. Unfortunately, numbers were down for this possibly due to the lateness of the meet and proximity to Xmas. Mark Sendecky also left the coaching team when he relocated to Sydney. He will be missed on the team. The Glamourheads also continue to have a strong open water contingent which saw some new members partake of the open water swim season. A weekend swim camp was held in June with some amazing guest coaches.

Community

The year was one tinged with sadness after the passing of our dear Kay Gravell later in the year. After performing so well in Paris, and after a long battle with cancer, Kay passed away in October 2018. Kay has been a dearly loved member of our team for many years and also a well-loved competitor in the Masters Community.

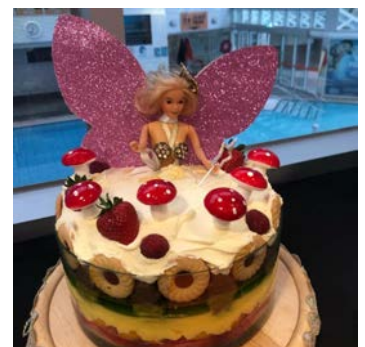
As a community-based swimming club, the Glamourheads seek to provide a safe and inclusive environment to the GLBTI community in addition to promoting a positive image of our community across the wider Masters Swimming Victoria community. Supported by the Thorne Harbour Health, the Glamourheads aim to give back to the community as an established club that has existed for over 18 years. The Glamourheads have also held and participated in events including the 2018 Mud Wet and Queer Sequel (a drag competition between the Glamourheads and the Melbourne Chargers Rugby Team), The annual Midsumma Carnival and Pride March in January. Russell Knee stood down as president after steering the club for over 5 years. Well done Rusty!

Fundraising

As a not-for-profit community organisation, the Glamourheads rely on volunteering efforts and financial support from the community to deliver on the club's goal to provide an inclusive and positive environment from members of the GLBTI community. The Glamourheads committee has delivered initiatives to raise funds both to enable additional development for new coaches and to provide more training sessions for swimmers as the club continues to grows.

The Future

The Glamourheads are excited to be working this year with Melbourne2020 Inc and Melbourne Surge Water Polo to help host the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in Melbourne in February 2020.



Heidelberg Flyers



2018 was an enjoyable year for the Flyers.

As usual it began with a strong showing at several of the Open Water events, including swims at Lorne, Torquay, Sorrento, Brighton, Queenscliff, as well as across Port Phillip Bay for The Rip swim.

In February the Flyers put together a team for the MS Mega Swim at Fitzroy Pool. Over the 24 hours the Flyers swam a total of 75.2km. An impressive effort! Later in the year there were teams at the Roughies Races, and the MSV Short Course, with some great results including age group firsts and personal bests.

The Flyers went without a coach for most of this year, with the role instead being taken over by a rotation of committee members. This has resulted in an enjoyable mixture of programs and styles, keeping the members on their toes!

On the social side, the highlights of the year were a fantastic night at the Alphington Bowls Club, as well as a great Christmas BBQ.

With a new coach in place and strong numbers at training, the Flyers are looking forward to 2019.



Inclusive Sports



Inclusive Sports Training Club has continued to grow in its second year as a Masters Club.

By the end of the year we had 29 members, with 11 of these being youth members classified as S14 swimmers. We expanded our swimming training by adding an additional session, so we now train at Richmond Pool on a Tuesday morning at 10:30am and Thursday evening at 7pm, during school term time.

Club members competed at the MSV State Championships at MSAC, with Multiclass S14 category recognised for the second year. We would like to thank the MSV committee for supporting Multiclass, and in particular Paul Watmough and Neil Mitchell for championing our inclusion, as well as MSV President Susie Kempson.

The Victorian highlight of the year was the Relay Meet, where IST Club won the small club division for the second year running. The Relay format is a brilliant way for our Masters and Classified swimmers to compete together in a wide range of events. It really is great fun!

However, the most outstanding highlight of the year was competing at the Pan Pacs Masters Games in Swimming, with Multiclass awards and recognition, thanks to the MSQ committee. It was a fabulous event, with much swimming and relaxing over the 3-days we competed. You could almost argue some swimming times suffered because we were "having too much fun", but it isn't a valid argument because every swim was an interstate PB for our members, having never competed in Qld before :)



Left is a photo of Michael O'Connell with his son Zac, who is one of our fantastic S14 competitors, competing at the Pan Pacs - we will be back in 2020.



Membership

In 2018 our membership remained high and for the second year in a row we are the largest Masters club in Australia with 169 members including 3 second claim members, and 3 overseas members and 7 members that live outside the metro area.

Training

2018 has been a vibrant and successful year for our club. Training attendance records continue to be broken with 6500 swim training attendances in 2018. Participation at Pool and OW events are strong and membership levels remain very healthy.

Coaching

2018 was MSA's Year of the Coach, which highlighted the important role that coaches play in Masters swimming. In 2018, 17 regular volunteer coaches provided a program that allowed the competitive swimmers to increase their speed and endurance whilst also providing an environment for the fitness swimmers to improve their general condition and technique. Special mention to Elana McNeil who achieved her 25 year milestone coaching the Marlins.

Competition

2018 was another successful year for the Malvern Marlins. A broad cross section of members competed at National, State and interclub swim meets. We also had a number of members competing in the OW events over the summer season.

- Marlins 26th Annual Interclub meet was held in February with 110 swimmers from 15 MSV Clubs attended.
- 26 Marlins members competed at the 2018 National Championships in Perth. Female Swimmer of the Meet was Leigh Rodgers with Jan Jeffrey coming third. Patrick Galvin had an outstanding Nationals meet, breaking 3 National Records in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke. 3 Marlins relay teams also achieved National Records W 240 - 279 200 Medley, Mixed X 280-319 200 Medley and W 240 - 279 200 freestyle
- MSV SC championships - The Marlins won the event with a point score of 2451.50 points. Patrick Galvin swam a National Record for the 85-89 y/o 200m breaststroke and a National Record was achieved by the W240-279 100m freestyle relay.
- MSV Relay championships - Marlins had 44 members entered making up 55 relay teams and we won the event with the final point score of 994 points. We achieved 5 national records in the Women 280 4 x 200m Freestyle, Women 160 4 x 200m, Mixed 280 4 x 100m Freestyle, Mixed 320 4 x 100m Freestyle and Men 280 4 x 100m Freestyle.
- MSSA State Championships Pat Galvin set a new World Record for 100m Breaststroke and a National Record for 200m Breaststroke.
- MSTAS Launceston 12 Marlins entered this event. John Cocks set a new National Record 1500m Breaststroke. Pat Galvin set 3 National Records in 200m backstroke, 100m IM and 25m fly. A National Record was also set in 280-319 Mixed Medley 4 x 25m relay.
- Casey Seals Splash - Patrick Galvin set three National records in the (25m, 50m and 100m Short Course Breaststroke).
- MSA Swim Series conducted over the past twelve months from Masters meets around the country. 7 Marlins won their age group: Daphne Briggs, Sue Boekel, Jan Jeffrey, Mark Huggins, Gerry Tucker, John Cocks and Pat Galvin.
- Vorgee Endurance 1000 Program Malvern Marlins placed 1st in Victoria and 9th Nationally with 8918 points. In 2018 we had 76 Marlins participating in the E1000 program.

Highlights of the year

- Malvern Marlins was awarded the Victorian Community Sports club of the year for 2017. The award was presented in 2018.
- Rod Watkins completed his solo English Channel crossing in September.
- Pat Galvin set a new FINA World Record in the 100m Breaststroke 85-89 yr. old category.
- Kirsten Cameron (O/S member) swam a World Record in the 400m Freestyle at the Dutch Masters LC Championships.
- Daphne Briggs received the 'Higgins Community Service Award' for her contribution to the community at Malvern Marlins.
- John Marshall received the 'Ten Year Conspicuous Service Award' from MSV and the Vorgee 4 Million metres award.
- Gerry Tucker MSA President received the Vorgee 10 Million meters award.
- Kath Rogers received the 'Victorian Masters Official of the Year' from MSV.
- Swimming Australia invitation to participate at the Opening of the Australian SC Titles in an exhibition relay representing Masters Swimming.
- Charity Swims – Marlins raised \$4689.00 MS MegaSwim, \$456.00 for the Against Malaria Foundation (AMF) and \$1000.00 for the Ardoch foundation.
- Swimming Australia initiative 'Australia Swims' was held between the 20-28/1/18. The Marlins recorded a total of 892.47km.
- Caroline Giles provided several Yoga sessions held at Harold Holt and well attended by the members.
- Social Activities during the year included: The Malvern Marlins Interclub, AGM, Pole to Pole open water event, Presentation Dinner, Dandenong Ranges walk, Christmas BBQ and the Coaches lunch and dinner.
- 2018 Thailand swim camp at the world class training complex at Thanyapura in Phuket with Masters Coach Alan Godfrey. Four Malvern Marlins attended the swim camp - Glenda Kerridge, Eric Van Toor, Andrea McNeil and Janette Dickey.

Dear MSV & MSV Members,

MH2O continues its strong success and growth. Contributing to this is:

- the excellent work from the committee that continuously work hard to build the club
- the commitment, energy and expertise demonstrated by all coaches to help all swimmers to achieve their best
- the generosity of the full committee, sponsors and swimmers for their time, participation and continuing support.

In 2018 we continued to promote swimming in all of its forms. We have:

- Maintained affiliation with Swimming Victoria and Master Swimming Victoria to achieve both their and our outcomes.
- Administered the club for the benefit of our members and swimmers whilst upholding the standards, quality and reputation of the club
- Demonstrated ongoing compliance and support of the Victorian Legislation of Child Safety Standards.
- The club economic position is strong and well managed.

We continue to recognize and appreciate our sponsors:

- Kez's Kitchen – thank you to Emma and Michael Carp for their continuous generosity
- Malvern East Physiotherapy – thank you to Jason Lee

The club's sporting success and individuals' achievements have been demonstrated across masters and all age groups. We have proven success with more swimmers achieving qualifying times for States, Nationals and other competitions. We have also been well represented at meets and have moved up the ranks in our club results. Our team's growing success and results are a credit to the commitment of our swimmers, coaches and the team culture we enjoy at both training and competitions. It is important recognize the very positive impact the coaches have on the club and individuals. Our Coaches are the foundation and backbone of the club and have provided us with the coaching stability and direction

In 2018 we smoothly transitioned from Michal Skrodski who accepted an overseas opportunity and welcomed Matt King as Head Coach.

Fundamental to us as a club and committee is the promoting, encouraging and the development of swimming for the benefit of our members. These objectives have been accomplished in many ways throughout the year including:

- We continue to keep the swimmers looking like a team whether it be on pool deck or at training and introduced new uniforms.
- Our sponsorship and financial management has also allowed us to start developing our brand further.
- Our acquisition of the club Marquee and flags have been a great success being proudly displayed at the 2017/18 open water series at the pool events.
- Our club championships was a great success. In June we hosted an enjoyable and successful club championships and it was great to see every squad well represented.

Thank you to everyone at MH2O and MSV for your support and efforts in 2017 – 18 and let's continue to enjoy our swimming and grow the club.

Mitchell Faiman

PRESIDENT - MH2O

North Lodge



The history of Masters Swimming Victoria and the North Lodge Neptunes Adult Swimming Club is inextricably linked because the birth of one was the start of the other.

AUSSI (Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International) was incorporated in 1975 and in 1976 Barbara Wilson (Brooks) and Bob Barrett swam in the AUSSI National Meet in Sydney. The AUSSI National Secretary, Gary Stutsel and John Brownjohn, approached Bob and Barb to see if they “could get something moving in Victoria” for adult swimmers.

Barb had swum in the first AUSSI Meet in Australia against a team of visiting Masters Swimmers from the USA in Sydney, in March 1974 and she was excited about the opportunity to form clubs of adult swimmers in Victoria and allow them to continue competing. Barb was heavily involved in the Surrey Park Amateur Swimming Club, in Box Hill, as her children were swimming there, so she made inquiries to friends in the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association (VASA) about allowing adult swimmers who wanted to continue to compete at top level to do so; but they couldn't because of the interpretation of “professional” and “amateur” swimmers at that time. So the Masters Swimming pathway seemed to be the answer.

They approached Jim and June O'Doherty about using their North Lodge Pool in Dandenong for Masters Swimming. Jim and June agreed and notices were distributed in the area, inviting interested people to attend a meeting to form a club. The first meeting and swim was held in November 1976 with 22 swimmers taking part. The meeting decided to form a club and call it North Lodge Adult Swimming Club. And so the first AUSSI swim meet in Victoria was held and the first club formed! Due to the success of North Lodge, other swimmers started AUSSI Clubs in their area – both in Melbourne and country Victoria. Barb travelled around the state to promote the idea to people interested in being involved. In July 1977 AUSSI Victoria was established and was mainly members of the North Lodge Club. The North Lodge Committee took on the organisation of the 4th National Swim at the Footscray Pool on April 8th 1978 and attracted 160 competitors. The 51 North Lodge members who entered, won the “Founders Trophy”. The other Victorian Clubs who competed were Geelong, Syndal, Diamond Valley, Gippsland, Mordialloc, Frankston and Melbourne University.

The Club won three successive Founders Trophies (1978,79,80) and relay shields; and during the 80's, 90's and the 2000's the club members contributed to the growth of the sport in Victoria by organising and supporting Club, Branch and National Championships. Their members set world records, with the most memorable being the 360+ years age group, 4x 50 metre Freestyle Relay. The Short Course Record was set in August 2012 at the Frankston Pool and the Long Course Record was created at the State Long Course Championships in February 2013 at MSAC. The members of the victorious teams were Claris Artis, Trudy Bullivant, Nancy Ayres and Hazel Gillbee.

The North Lodge Neptunes were known as a friendly, successful, competitive, social and team spirited club; but over recent years their numbers had dwindled until most of them were social members meeting up for lunches and catching up with the latest news. North Lodge Neptunes advised Masters Swimming Victoria in 2018 that they would be closing the Club and they forwarded the remaining club funds to MSV. These funds are being used to honour North Lodge Neptunes as the founding Masters Club in Victoria, with awards in memory of Grace Day, Sid Krasey and Trudy Bullivant.



Powerpoints



2018 was another very good year for the Powerpoints club.

We had another successful Nationals' meet in Perth with the 40 Pointers who swam, winning the runners up award, relay awards for two age groups, 120+ and 160+ and Pointer Mark Thompson named as Male Swimmer of the Meet for the second successive year.

We were well represented at the state long course with national and state records tumbling and a great turnout at the State Short course. The relay meet in August was also a popular meet for our members.

Open water swimming proved to be as popular as ever with the highlight for 2018 being a successful crossing of the English Channel by Duncan Cleary. Simon Joscelyn swam 3.8km of Butterfly across the Port Phillip Bay heads to raise funds for charities chosen by the Boden family to honour Kirsty Boden who lost her life trying to help victims of a terrorist attack in London in 2017. Many members signed up for the Cousins series of swims with Pointers winning some age/distance categories. Two of our swimmers, Lisandra De Carvalho and Brenton Ford both won their age group in the highly competitive Pier to Pub swim and both went on to do very well in the Rottneest swim in Western Australia.

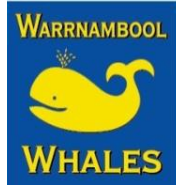
The 2018 Summer Smash was a great success. This has become an annual event to support masters swimming in Victoria with a continued focus on keeping it informal and fun race practice for both masters and non-masters swimmers and to encourage people to try racing for the first time.

Looking ahead to 2019, this year we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club. and hope to see everyone at the celebration in late June.

We finished the year with 143 first claim and 11 second claim members.



Warrnambool Whales



Warrnambool Masters Swimming Club reached 30 years of age in 2018.

The Club retained a healthy membership of 67 with a range of 54 years between its youngest and oldest member. It continues to provide an inclusive, fun and safe environment for our Members to keep fit and indulge in the great sport of swimming.

The swimming diversity amongst our Members is a wonderful bonus. One of our Members swam from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island in WA, a 19.7 open water swim and another swam their first lap after a 15 year hiatus. Each of these individuals received support and encouragement from Club Members and Coaches to make their goal possible. That is something to celebrate.

A highlight for the Club in 2018 year was receiving the Club Development Award at the South West Victoria Amazon Sports Star Award for the Club's Re-Start Program. The Re-Start Program is modelled on the Kick Start Pilot program run in 2016 by Swimming Victoria. Warrnambool Masters Swimming Club has adopted the idea of getting adults back into the water through a supportive and well-structured adult swim program. In 2018 we re-engaged 42 swimmers some of whom have gone on to become Members and a few have even taken up ocean swimming. KickStart has proven to be a great PR exercise for the Club and a great way to attract new members to the Club. The ReStart program is now a permanent component of the Club's calendar.

Another highlight for the Club was the supply of new Club bathers, shown in the photo. The grant matched \$ for \$ by the Club was sourced through the Department of Health and Human Services, State Government Victoria.

The Club looks forward to another 30 years of Fitness, Fun and Friendship through its association with MSV.



Western Alligators

WESTERN ALLIGATORS



MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

In 2018, the Western Alligators' membership number was 27 members.

This is comparable to the previous year of 26 members. The club's main weekly training sessions continue to be on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm under coach, Rex Brown.

Geoff and Rex continue to run our Club Sundays which occur on the first Sunday of the month throughout the year. Due to reduced numbers in last year's events we decided not to have awards this year. Everyone is welcome and we will try to encourage more support for these swims in the future.

Just a special mention that 2018 is the 30th year of Geoff's membership with the Western Alligators.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rex for his continued enthusiasm and encouragement pool side, although his taste in music could be improved. I would like to thank Ashleigh for her role as secretary this year. I would also like to thank Zane for continuing to be Treasurer for the last year. Finally, I thank all our swimmers for being members and supporting the Western Alligators.

The 2018 Coach's Award is awarded to Meredith Henkel. Congratulations, Meredith!

The club logo was given an update.



MSV Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Thom Jackson from the Yarra Roughies who won MSV's 2018 Coach of the Year Award. Thom trains and works with a wide range of swimmers from people who have never swum before to those who have swum at the Nationals and Olympics. He often encourages members of the public who come to the pool to come and join in a training session and try Masters swimming and regularly invites new swimmers into the squad. He encourages a culture of inclusiveness and humour in the Roughies. He runs stroke improvement courses throughout the year and encourages members to do the MSA and ASCTA courses so that they can coach the squad. He understands individual swimmers and the squad goals. If a sprint is coming up he will add more sprints to training, in the lead up to OW season he will adapt training and in the quieter months he will do more drills and technique work. He is open to feedback from his squad. Great work Thom!



MSV Official of the Year

Congratulations to Paul Watmough (Surrey Park Seahorses/Victorian Masters) who won the 2018 MSV Official of the Year Award. Paul has spent numerous hours on administration of Branch and Interclub meets to ensure smooth running of these events. He supports and encourages the use of Club Assistant (CA) software in the administration of National and Branch meets. He continues to use and promote CA which has since been adopted by other Branches. As a member of the VSP Committee, Paul held the roles of MSV Delegate and Club Registrar for the Club during 2018 as he has for around 10 years. Paul hosts MSV Board meetings every second month. He liaises with SportsTG and MSA in regard to technical upgrades/updates on MSA database. He has held discussions with Sports Marketing Australia on the promotion of existing and establishment of new regional meets. Paul's calm, practical and thorough approach to the work he has undertaken for Masters Swimming at the Club, Branch and National levels in 2018 and in previous years has greatly contributed to innovation, strengthening of networks, and the smooth running of events. All this has been done by him not as an active swimmer but as someone who had the desire to update the technical/administrative roles within the sport. Well done Paul!



MSA Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Bruce Allender (Malvern Marlins) for winning the Inaugural MSA 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award presented in 2018. Bruce is a champion for masters swimming coaches and has been a member of MSA since 1978. Bruce successfully petitioned for 2018 to be the Year of the Coach – to promote the role of coaches in the Club network, and for financial support from MSA for training of Club Coaches. As Chair of the NCC Bruce was responsible for liaising with other members of the Committee and in particular in 2017 updating and improving the selection process for the MSA Coach of the Year awards. Bruce revised the ASCTA Coaching Adult Swimmers Course and presented the first course at the annual ASCTA Conference in Brisbane May 2018. He also assessed individuals from all Branches on their suitability to become a Club Coach Presenter for their Branch. When the ASCTA Coaching Adult Swimmers was identified as not "hitting the mark" in 2017, Bruce worked with Mark Erickson and Lynne Sheehan to re-design the course. Bruce received a Meritorious Service award from MSA in 2015 and MSV in 2017. Congratulations Bruce on being awarded the Inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award. Thank you Bruce!



MSV 10 Year Conspicuous Service Award

John Marshall (Malvern Marlins) was awarded MSV's 10 Year Conspicuous Service Award, in recognition of the outstanding contribution he has made to MSV. His service has spanned many years, up to and including 2017. John joined the Marlins in 2001, and has maintained a dedicated involvement in Masters swimming at Club, State and National level since then. Congratulations John and THANKYOU for all your hard work.



2018 Special Achievements

MSA Swim Series

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

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets Attended	Total Points
18 – 24	JACKIE FRASER	Powerpoints	2	1191
25 – 29	JACINTA HUMPHREY	Powerpoints	3	3175
55 – 59	DAPHNE BRIGGS	Malvern Marlins	4	5035
60 – 64	SUE BOEKEL	Malvern Marlins	5	6628
65 – 69	JANETTE JEFFREY	Malvern Marlins	4	6517
70 – 74	ROSA MONTAGUE	Powerpoints	3	3224
80 – 84	ALICE KINNAIRD	Frankston Peninsula	3	2736
85 – 89	DOROTHY DICKEY	Doncaster Dolphins	3	2844
25 – 29	DARIUS SCHULTZ	Powerpoints	3	3896
30 – 34	DAVID HANN	Glamourhead Sharks	3	2661
35 – 39	MARK SENDECKY	Glamourhead Sharks	4	5342
55 – 59	MARK HUGGINS	Malvern Marlins	3	2846
65 – 69	GERRY TUCKER	Malvern Marlins	5	7852
70 – 74	ROD CLARKE	Doncaster Dolphins	3	2795
80 – 84	JOHN COCKS	Malvern Marlins	5	8118
85 – 89	PATRICK GALVIN	Malvern Marlins	2	1417

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

2018 National Trophy Winners

Runner-up Trophy	Powerpoints
Vorgee Female Swimmer of the Meet	Leigh Rodgers (Malvern Marlins)
Vorgee Male Swimmer of the Meet	Mark Thompson (Powerpoints)
Volunteer of the Year	Bruce Allender (Malvern Marlins)
Age Group Trophy – 120-159 years	Powerpoints
Age Group Trophy – 160-199 years	Powerpoints
Age Group Trophy – 240-279 years	Malvern Marlins

MSV Relay championships – Battle of the Divisions

In 2018 the battle of Divisions winners were:

Division 1: Malvern Marlins for the 3rd year in a row

Division 2: Melbourne H20 for the 2nd time (first in 2016)

Division 3: Brunswick Belugas for the 3rd year in a row

Division 4: Inclusive Sports Training for the 2nd year in a row

Vorgee Endurance 1000



The Vorgee Endurance 1000 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.

Congratulations to the all the MSV members who took part in the E1000 in 2018 and especially to the following 7 swimmers who completed all 62 swims.

Brian Walsh - Doncaster Dolphins
Colin McCraith - Doncaster Dolphins
Johns Cocks - Malvern Marlins
Noelene Schofield - Malvern Marlins
Peter Charlewood - Malvern Marlins
Sue Lyon - Surrey Park Seahorses
Catherine Watmough - Surrey Park Seahorses

Vorgee Million Metres

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

Records

MSV swimmers love to compete and have done themselves proud in 2018 with a total of 2 World Records, 61 National Records and 118 Branch Records.

Fina World Records:

PATRICK GALVIN (85 - 89 AGE GROUP) 100m Breaststroke (LC) 1m49.64 (Malvern Marlins) This is Pat's fifth Masters world record but the first achieved in this age group and in his favourite stroke! Congratulations Pat. What an achievement.

KIRSTEN CAMERON (45 - 49 AGE GROUP) 400m Freestyle (LC) 4m35.00 (Malvern Marlins) *(please note Kirsten's Fina World Record was processed by another National Federation)*

National Records:

Out of 236 Individual Records and 32 Relay Records broken in 2018 MSV swimmers broke 54 Individual Records and 7 Relay National Records

Branch Records:

MSV swimmers also broke 79 Individual Branch Records and 39 Relay Branch Records



MSA President and fellow Marlins Member Gerry Tucker presenting Patrick Galvin with his Fina World Record certificate

2018 Special Achievements

North Lodge Memorial Awards

The North Lodge Neptunes Committee proposed Vouchers of \$50 each to be presented in memory of Grace Day, Sid Krasey and Trudy Bullivant, their dedicated and sadly missed members who passed away in 2017 which was approved by the MSV Board in 2018. If no swimmers compete in those particular age groups the Memorial Awards go to the winner of the next higher age group. These Awards were presented at the 2018 SC and LC Championships. Congratulations to the following winners:

Sid Krasey Award

(Men 50-54 years 50m Breaststroke)

Barry Carp (H20)

Alan Shepherd (VGS) pictured below

Trudy Bullivant Award

(Women 60-64 years 200m Backstroke)

Kay Gravell (VGS) (65 - 69 age gr)

Sue Graham (VGP) pictured below

Grace Day Award

(Women 55-59 years 100m Backstroke)

Andrea McNeil (VMV)

Andrea McNeil (VMV) pictured below



North Lodge Neptunes

To the Winner of the MSV Long Course Men's 50-54 years 50m Breaststroke or the winner of next higher age group

Awarded in memory of Sid Krasey

Sid was one of the foundation members of Masters Swimming Victoria. He swam in the first Victorian meet on 14th November 1976, and many others over the years. He competed in Club, State, Inter-State, National Championships, and the Alice Springs Game.

Sid's favourite stroke was 50m Breaststroke. He swam double arm Backstroke with a Breaststroke kick fast enough to break many records. He continued to swim with the RSL into his 90's.

Sid was kind, warm hearted, witty and had lots of remarkable and cheeky jokes to tell. He enjoyed life to the full and had a large number of friends.

Sid was 96 years.



North Lodge Neptunes

To the Winner of MSV Long Course Women's 60-64 years, 200m Backstroke or to the winner of the next higher age group

In memory of Trudy Bullivant

Trudy joined North Lodge Neptunes Masters Swimming Club in 2001 at 79 years of age.

Trudy competed in National swims, Masters Games in Hobart, Perth, Rockhampton, Launceston, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide and Alice Springs in individual and relay events with great success.

Trudy was in the Women's 360 years team which created the World Record for the relay in this age group supported by Masters Swimming Australia and Frankston Masters Club at their inter-club meet. The team set the World Record and received a gold medal.

They participated in the Melbourne welcome home for the 2012 London Olympians, met the Governor at Government House, and were invited by the Mayor of Frankston to morning tea.

Trudy was inspiring. She enjoyed swimming and competing. She was kind, gentle and a real lady.

Trudy was 94 years

North Lodge Neptunes

To the Winner of the MSV Long Course Women's 55-59 years 100m Backstroke or the winner of the next higher age group

Awarded in memory of Grace Day

Grace joined North Lodge Neptunes in 1983 and was always an enthusiastic member. She competed in many Club and State meets and travelled to Nationals in other states and cities. She also competed in Canada at the 6th FINA World Masters swim in Montreal.

Grace was on the North Lodge Committee, was Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and was awarded Life Membership for her efforts.

She taught swimming at the North Lodge Academy and inspired many of her pupils to join Masters swimming.

Grace qualified as an official and worked at many meets for Masters Swimming Victoria, at school and state carnivals for Swimming Victoria where she was held in great respect

Grace was 86 years



2018 Special Achievements

Janes' Raffle

In March 2016 our loved friend and colleague Jane Barnes started her fight against a rare form of leukaemia. Text messages came through every few weeks with updates of her treatments and experiences. Jane fought right to the end and passed away in hospital on Sunday 8th April 2018, just two years after her diagnosis. Throughout Jane's battle she supported and was supported by Maddie Riewoldt's Vision which aims to raise funds to #fightlikemaddie and find new treatments for Bone Marrow Failure. Tickets bought in Jane's raffle help to continue this fight against Bone Marrow Failure in Jane's honour. Well done to all the winners. We hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Thank you to the following organisations and individuals who donated so kindly to Jane's Raffle: Geraldine O'Toole



Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Award



Congratulations to Liz Gosper (left)

Liz from Inclusive Sports Training won the 2018 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Award - Coach of the Year. This award recognises a Victorian coach who works with sportspeople with disability. Very well deserved Liz!



Congratulations Maria 'Maz' Strong (right)

Maz won the 2018 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards - Masters Sports person of the Year. Maz is a member of the Powerpoints club. Fantastic Maz!

#IGLA2020

Congratulations Team Melbourne & Glamourhead Sharks on winning the bid to host the 2020 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships #IGLA 2020. The Games will be held in Melbourne 20 - 25 February 2020.



Higgins Community Service Award

Congratulations to Malvern Marlins Daphne Briggs who is known and loved by many and was recently honoured with a Higgins Community Service Award which is awarded to a resident in the Higgins electorate or volunteer for an organisation that operates in Higgins and who has made a significant contribution to the community in a voluntary capacity. A great night was had with many Marlins in attendance to help celebrate.





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