



MASTERS SWIMMING NSW INC.

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Happy 50th Birthday Masters Swimming NSW

If you own a rewards card but never swipe it, you'll never get any benefits!!

To celebrate our 50th birthday in 2025 MSNSW offered a myriad of opportunities for our members both at a state and national level to swim and celebrate 50 years of Masters Swimming in NSW and Australia.

In addition to the regular carnivals, coaching, social and in water events, many other events were included into the 2025 calendar.

Special events such as 50 x 50 x 50, BPS swimmer of the meet, unsung heroes, special 50th birthday merchandise, limited edition 50th medals and a fantastic birthday dinner to top it all off! All of the special events, merchandise and awards were subsidised by the branch—giving back to our members for this very special celebration. Thank you to the members who were involved in all of our events and made it such a special year.

It was lovely having past members at our 50th birthday dinner celebrating with us, especially Gary Stutsel and Brian Hird.

We held a 50th revival meet on the same date as our first nationals in 1975 (8 March). Unfortunately, the pool we held it in 50 years ago no longer exists, so we had to go to the next closest pool—Narrabeen.

During the year, our Coaching Coordinator Anne Smyth saw the fruits of her labours with the National Coaches Conference that was held in Canberra. The conference was well attended by coaches from all over Australia. Sessions ranged from in-water demonstrations and guides to specific coaching to keynote presentations from Peter Reaburn. And, more importantly, coaches had the chance to network with like-minded coaches from around Australia.

A particular note of thanks goes to our outgoing state recorder, Mark Hepple, who has dedicated too many hours to count working behind the scenes not only as the recorder, but developing apps and trying to find ways to make the system better. On behalf of all of our members and the board of Masters Swimming NSW, I thank Mark for all he has done and achieved. NSW has now welcomed Craig Smith to the ranks as our new recorder. Thank you for stepping in and already becoming a regular fixture at carnivals, as well as creating new systems for recording, specifically in the area of NT entries.

In the background, the board has once again worked tirelessly to bring all of these initiatives to our members in addition to the regular governance tasks. Thank you to Mark McDonald, Lawrence Powderly, Nigel van Reyk, Suzie Haddad, Donna Campbell and Bec Shepherd for their hard work behind the scenes.

Masters Swimming has come a long way in 50 years and I hope we can keep growing and building from strength to strength. But these things cannot happen without a dedicated team driving them. We have many stakeholders who invest time and energy into all of the Masters activities. In particular the board and sub-committees, coaching directors, technical directors

and meet directors. My sincere thanks to all of the members who keep Masters growing strong.

My final thanks go to our administrator, Lauren, who keeps me in check and is the life-line of the branch.

Happy birthday—here's to 50 more wonderful years!!

Kerryn Blanch

President

VICE PRESIDENT—COUNTRY’S REPORT 2025

This year, 2025, saw Masters Swimming take the Regional Development Weekend to not one but two great locations in the country area. The Masters Swimming NSW coaching team led by Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley and Greg Lewin held a freestyle clinic at Bowral Pool on 22 March 2025 (summer season) and a similar clinic in Orange on 7 June 2025 (winter season).

BOWRAL is the largest town in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, Australia. It is 132 kilometres south-west of Sydney and 169 kilometres north-east of Canberra. It is the main business and entertainment precinct of the Wingecarribee Shire and the Southern Highlands.

The Bowral clinic was for swimmers who were interested in improving their technique and efficiency in freestyle. This was held at the Bowral Olympic Pool on the request from a few local adult swimmers within the Mittagong region who were interested in starting a Masters club in the area. Mittagong’s pool was damaged a few years ago after a very heavy rainstorm and repair work had not been completed when we held this clinic. Bowral pool made themselves available for it to be held there.

There was a maximum of 20 swimmers who took up the workshop, which went for 2½ hours on the day. Greg G filmed each swimmer above and below the water to get an up close and personal look at the swimmer’s technique. After the clinic swimmers were shown the footage and along with Anne and Greg L advised swimmers on how they can go about improving their stroke if it was required. Swimmers got a lot out of the video recordings of their freestyle stroke.

We could have held another session as we had to cap the numbers, and we had many more requests from locals who would have loved to participate. MSNSW will look at another session within the area in the coming year.



From this clinic, Mittagong registered as a Masters Swimming club at the end of 2025.

ORANGE is a city in the Central Tablelands region of New South Wales, Australia. It is 254 km west of the state capital, Sydney at an altitude of 862 metres. Orange had an urban population of 41,920 at the 2021 Census, making the city a significant regional centre.

The Orange clinic was held over the long weekend in June 2025 and was held indoors as the weather in Orange was a little fresh to be outdoors swimming. The freestyle clinic was held on the Saturday and on the Monday Orange recorded snow in the region.

This clinic, like Bowral, was also for swimmers who were interested in improving their technique and efficiency in freestyle.

The first session for the Saturday sold out within a couple of weeks and MSNSW asked the Orange Council could we hold another clinic later the same day, as we had a waiting list, to which they and the pool staff agreed, allowing us to run another session. Anne and the other coaches decided to hold one starting in the morning, have a break to grab something to eat and drink then run the second clinic.

There was enough interest in this clinic that I am sure we could have held another couple of clinics the next day but as like any of the carnivals / workshops that MSNSW run it depends on the pool availability as to when we hold these events.

Like the Bowral workshop, there was a maximum of 20 swimmers in both sessions, which also went for 2½ hours. Greg G again filmed each swimmer above and below the water to get an up close and personal look at the swimmer's technique.



A BIG THANK YOU must again go out to Anne, Greg G and Greg L and their team of wonderful coaches for volunteering to help at both Bowral and Orange. Without them we would not be able to hold these Regional Development clinics.

Lawrence Powderly
Vice President—Country



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Celebrating 50 years of MSNSW 1975–2025

GOVERNANCE

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

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

- ❖ Kerry Blanch, President
- ❖ Mark McDonald, Vice President
- ❖ Lawrence Powderley, Vice President Country
- ❖ Bec Shepherd, Treasurer
- ❖ Suzie Haddad, Ordinary Board Member
- ❖ Nigel van Reyk, Ordinary Board Member
- ❖ Donna Campbell, Ordinary Board Member

Lauren Bradley continues her employment as MSNSW Sports Administrator.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

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

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

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

NSW STATE SPORTS AWARDS

MSNSW had 1 finalist in the NSW Sports Awards.

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

Kay had an incredibly successful 2025, winning 4 gold medals at the World Championships in the 100 m breaststroke, 100 m butterfly, 200 m IM & 400 m IM. Throughout the year Kay broke 2 national records & 9 state records.



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

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

COACHING TEAM

In 2025 we held multiple clinics:

- ❖ Bowral, 22 March
- ❖ Canberra x 2, 10 May
- ❖ Orange x 2, 7 June
- ❖ National Coaching Conference, 21 & 22 June
- ❖ Pambula, 26 July



NATIONAL COACHING CONFERENCE

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

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

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



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



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

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

Anne Smyth's work on the NCC in 2025 was outstanding, with a huge amount of research, preparation and time put in to make sure this event was successful. MSNSW would like to thank Anne for her continued dedication to coaching.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

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

February 8	IoT	July 19	Starter
March 19	Starter	August 12	CoC/CS/Marshal
April 26	JoS	September 9	IoT
June 3	CTK	November 22	CTK
June 14	CoC/CS/Marshal		

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

Referee: 19

CS/CoC/Marshal: 42

Starter: 21

CTK: 32

IoT: 18

JoS: 2

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

SWIM MEETS

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

Our Relay Meet was again the highest attended meet of the year, with a recording breaking number. We had 439 swimmers attending to make a massive 508 relay teams. We saw 26 national & 44 state records fall on one day!

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

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Club / state</i>	<i>Swimmers</i>
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 1	01/01/2025	Club	184
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 2	15/02/2025	Club	174
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 3	01/03/2025	Club	221
Aquatic Revival 50th Anniversary	08/03/2025	Friendly	84
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 4	15/03/2025	Club	112
MSNSW LC Championships	29–30/03/2025	State	374

NSW Branch Pointscore Round 5	15/05/2025	Club	241
SNSW SC Preparation Meet	24/05/2025	Dual Sanctioned	14
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 6	15/06/2025	Club	203
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 7	05/07/2025	Club	153
MSNSW Relay Meet	13/07/2025	State	508 relay teams 439 swimmers
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 8	15/07/2025	Club	144
NSW Long Distance Championships	31/08/2025	State	109
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 9	14/09/2025	Club	198
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 10	20/09/2025	Club	104
MSNSW SC Championships	11–12/10/2025	State	280
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 11	02/11/2025	Club	151
Hornsby Swimming Club	08/11/2025	Dual Sanctioned	17
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 12	15/11/2025	Club	104
NSW Branch Pointscore Round 13	06/12/2025	Club	99



RECORDS IN 2025

WORLD

We saw 2 world records fall in 2025:

- ❖ 17 May 2025: Clary Munns 80–84
50 m backstroke 42.15
- ❖ 12 October 2025: Clary Munns 80–84
100 m butterfly 1:49.62

NATIONAL

- ❖ 36 women
- ❖ 51 men
- ❖ 29 relay

STATE

- ❖ 116 women
- ❖ 104 men
- ❖ 27 relay



Most Female Records: Kelly Bowden (Campbelltown): 31 state, 10 national

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

Most Club Relay Records: Blacktown: 13 state, 6 national

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

After an incredible 26 years of service, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mark Hepple, our much-loved MSNSW Recorder, as he steps down from his official role. Mark's Masters Swimming journey began by accident in 1997 when he stumbled across the nationals at SOPAC while heading to the gym—and thank goodness he did! Joining The Hills club that year, he soon became a powerhouse behind the scenes, serving as president, secretary, recorder and treasurer before relocating to the Mid North Coast in 2005. While rarely spotted in the water (unless it's for a cheeky 50 m or 25 m sprint!), Mark's impact on the sport has been monumental. From updating IT systems to launching online entries, live results, virtual meets, and even entire websites—his innovation and dedication have truly brought MSNSW and MSA into the 21st century. MSNSW would like to thank Mark for everything he has done.

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

Lauren Bradley

MSNSW State Administrator

Not-For-Profit - Association Report

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc.
ABN 42 468 116 472

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Directors' Report

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

Your committee members submit the financial report of The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Committee Member	Position
Kerryn Blanch	President
Lawrence Powderly	Vice President (Country)
Mark McDonald	Vice President
Bec Sheppherd	Treasurer
Nigel Van Reyk	Committee
Suzie Haddad	Committee
Donna Campbell	Committee

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were the promotion of sport, in particular, that it is a national organisation founded to encourage all adults regardless of age or ability, to swim regularly in order to promote fitness and improve their general health.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$20,145 (2024 profit \$26,078), as per the financial statements.

Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the association to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The members of the association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:



Signed: Kerryn Blanch
Dated: 27 March 2026



Signed: Bec Sheppherd
Dated: 27 March 2026

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc.
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income		
Grant Operating		
Realisation of Grant Income	79,716	35,861
Total Grant Operating	79,716	35,861
Event Income		
Function Tickets	4,818	-
Coaching Income	6,417	2,627
Event Income - Long Course Championships	20,041	20,324
Event Income - Long Distance Championships	3,260	3,030
Event Income - Other Branch Events	18,140	16,092
Event Income - Relay Meet	15,131	13,495
Meet Sanction Fee	860	645
Registration Fee - Member	74,797	60,801
Registration Fees – Club	2,625	2,550
Total Event Income	146,089	119,564
Other Income		
Newsletter & Promotional Income	580	500
Gear Sales	4,544	710
Total Other Income	5,124	1,210
Total Income	230,929	156,635
Cost of Sales		
Carnival Expenses	59,196	42,076
Coaching Expenses	2,100	917
Officials Training & Courses	903	-
50 th Anniversary Expenses	23,673	-
Merchandise	37,479	-
Recorder Expenses	6,137	9,553
Total Cost of Sales	129,488	52,546
Gross Profit	101,441	104,089
Other Income		
Interest Income	1,105	2,898
Total Other Income	1,105	2,898

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (continued)

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc.
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Expenditure		
Accounting Expenses	704	704
Advertising Expenses	-	220
AGM Expenses	960	831
Audit Fees	195	2,475
Board Meeting Expenses	-	263
General Expenses	231	430
Insurance	(14)	196
MSA Affiliation Fee	500	225
Office Expenses	1,482	680
Postage, Printing & Stationery	1,421	1,099
Subscriptions & Dues	4,608	3,896
Superannuation	6,964	6,300
Telephone & Internet	86	181
Training & Development - Member & Club	80	143
Travel	343	529
Wages and Salaries	64,841	62,737
Total Expenditure	82,401	80,909
Profit Before Income Tax	20,145	26,078
Profit for the Year	20,145	26,078
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	20,145	26,078

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. As at 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	2,244	-
Cheque Account	207,887	152,612
Online Saver	237,552	236,447
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	447,683	389,059
Other Current Assets		
Inventories	-	20,932
Total Inventories	-	20,932
Total Current Assets	447,683	409,991
Non-Current Assets		
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	5,339	5,339
Total Fixed Assets	5,339	5,339
Total Non-Current Assets	5,339	5,339
Total Assets	453,022	415,330
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables		
Deferred Income - Grants	20,283	4,804
Registrations fees In Advance - Member	29,538	31,296
Registrations fees In Advance - Club	3,334	2,744
Memorial Trophy in Advance - Member	770	-
Audit Fees Accrued	-	2,500
Total Trade and Other Payables	53,925	41,344
Employee Benefits		
Annual leave Payable	11,042	5,467
Superannuation Payable	1,827	1,915
Wages Payable - Payroll	54	54
PAYG Withholdings Payable	2,644	3,165
Total Employee Benefits	15,567	10,601
Total Current Liabilities	69,492	51,945
Total Liabilities	69,492	51,945
Net Assets	383,530	363,385

Statement of Financial Position (continued)

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc.
As at 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Equity		
Capital Reserve		
Current Year Earnings	20,145	26,078
Retained Earnings	360,593	334,515
Total Capital Reserve	380,738	360,593
Financial Instruments		
Corpus	2,792	2,792
Total Financial Instruments	2,792	2,792
Total Equity	383,530	363,385

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc.
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Equity		
Opening Balance	363,385	337,307
Profit for the Year	20,145	26,078
Total Equity	383,530	363,385

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Operating Activities		
Receipts From Customers	153,457	120,773
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(211,889)	(133,455)
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	80,821	38,760
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	22,389	26,078
Investing Activities		
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	-	(5,339)
Other Cash Items From Investing Activities	18,688	(20,933)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	18,688	(26,272)
Other Activities		
Other Activities	17,547	5,252
Net Cash Flows from Other Activities	17,547	5,252
Net Cash Flows	58,624	5,058
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	389,059	384,001
Net change in cash for period	58,624	5,058
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	447,683	389,059

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors.

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets.

All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

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

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Financial Assets

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

2. Significant Items and Prior Period Related Expenses

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the Association incurred non-recurring expenditure of \$23,673 in relation to the organisation's 50th Anniversary celebrations. These costs are one-off in nature and have been recognised within Cost of Sales as *50th Anniversary Expenses*

In addition, the Association recognised venue hire expenses of \$14,360 relating to SOPAC events conducted in the 2024 year. The supplier invoice was received in September 2025 and, as a result, the expense has been recognised in the 2025 financial year in accordance with the Association's accrual accounting policy.

These items should be considered when assessing year-to-year expense comparability.

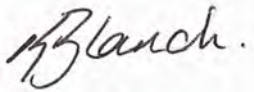
True and Fair Position

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Kerryn Blanch, and Bec Sheppherd being members of the committee of The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc., certify that –

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 31 December 2025.



Signed: Kerryn Blanch
Dated: 27 March 2026



Signed: Bec Sheppherd
Dated: 27 March 2026

Certificate By Members of the Committee

The NSW Association of AUSSI Masters Swimming Clubs Inc. For the year ended 31 December 2025

I, Bec Sheppherd of Hornsby NSW certify that:

1. I am a committee member of the Association,
2. I am duly authorised by the committee to make this statement, and
3. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Sheppherd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Signed: Bec Sheppherd

Dated: 27 March 2026

**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT
TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF AUSSI MASTERS
SWIMMING CLUBS INC.**

Report on Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying special purpose financial report, of The NSW Association of Aussi Masters Swimming Clubs Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the certificate by the members of the committee. The financial report has been prepared to fulfil the financial reporting requirements of the committee under the constitution.

Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the constitution, and for such internal control as committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial report. We conducted our review in accordance with Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2400, Review of a Financial Report Performed by an Assurance Practitioner Who is not the Auditor of the Entity. ASRE 2400 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This Standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial report in accordance with ASRE 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the association, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the financial report.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that this financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The NSW Association of Aussi Masters Swimming Clubs Inc., as at 31 December 2025, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

Basis of Accounting, and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the committee to comply with the financial reporting requirements under the constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for members and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the members.

CABEL Partners
Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Khalil", with a horizontal line underneath.

Ray Khalil - Partner
Date: 27 March 2026

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COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2025

MSNSW coaching has had a very active and productive year. MSNSW coaching have continued to support coaches in developing their knowledge to provide quality programs for their members.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

NSW has provided a range of quality workshops for coaches and swimmers over the 12 months, with the highlight being the National Coach Conference held in Canberra in June.

This event was attended by over 50 coaches from around Australia and was an outstanding success as coaches enjoyed networking and learning new skills to assist with their coach development.

MAY 2025–MAY 2026 WORKSHOP SUMMARY

- ❖ 10 May: Freestyle Workshop, ACT (Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley and Tuggeranong coaches)
- ❖ 7 June: Freestyle Workshop, Orange (Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley, Jeanette Droop)
- ❖ 26 July: Stroke Workshop, Pambula (Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley, Sue Keey, Kylie Lane, Kristi Russ, Jeanette Droop, Leisa Cass)
- ❖ 21–22 June: National Coach Conference, Canberra (Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley, Greg Lewin, MSA coaches and guest presenters)
- ❖ 18 August: Freestyle Workshop, Blayney (Anne Smyth)
- ❖ 26 February: Freestyle Workshop, Bowral (Anne Smyth, Greg Gourley, Jeanette Droop, Leisa Cass, Kristi Russ)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- ❖ 4 July: Overcoming Anxiety when competing, Sydney
- ❖ 18 July: All Strokes Workshop, Woy Woy

COACH QUALIFICATIONS

CLUB COACH COURSE: Anne Smyth, Di Coxon-Ellis and John Kulhan have been busy managing NSW renewals and new candidates for Club Coach Course involving online marking and mentoring. Thank you to Di and John for your continuing support.

NSW has currently 116 members on DITA. There are 89 qualified coaches (an increase of 10 from 2025), 15 are in the process of gaining qualification and 5 are expired. Seven have completed the Club Coach workshops, enabling them to be a Coach Leader.



I am announcing my resignation as NSW Coaching Director and will also step down from the National Coach Committee (NCC) in September.

I have thoroughly enjoyed making a contribution and developing coaching in NSW and nationally, but feel it is time to step aside and allow someone to take on the role and add new ideas and direction. I am still very happy to be involved in workshops and events.

During my time as NSW Branch Coaching Director (from 2020) and previously as NSW Coaching Team Leader (from 2016), I have organised and run over 40 workshops and swim camps around NSW and interstate.

To develop coaching knowledge, I initiated events such as the coaching forums held at state meets, developed a coaching community through frequent emails, written numerous articles for the NSW website, organised a successful 2023 NSW Coach Conference and the recent National Coach Conference in 2025. All these events have assisted in developing coaching knowledge, resulting in enriching our training programs the coaches provide for our members. As we say, *coaching is the backbone of Masters Swimming*.

Thank you to Lauren for all her help and support over the years.

Thank you, Kerry and the board, for your support and assistance.

Anne Smyth
NSW State Coaching Director

NSW MEET DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2025

2025, our 50th year of "AUSSI" Masters swimming in Australia and in NSW, could not have been any more exciting and fulfilling.

Firstly, a massive thank you to Gary Stutsel and others who had the "vision" to start our organisation and in Gary's case to still be swimming 50 years later. We were able to honour Gary and others at the NSW 50th birthday celebration in September.

I would also like to thank Kerryn and the Masters NSW board for all the effort they put into the celebration during the year—the special merchandise range, the commemorative medals, the birthday party, the prizes to acknowledge swimmers at meets—it all added to a wonderful year of celebration which I am sure was the reason our membership increased and our swim meet numbers were at record highs.

NSW is fortunate to have so many club meets to choose from each year, thank you to those clubs who organise BPS swim meets, and thank you to those officials who support each club.

AS well as our state meets in 2025, we held a special meet to honour the 1st ever national championship meet held on 8 March 1975 at Harbord Diggers Club. Unfortunately, the Harbord Diggers Club pool is no longer suitable for swim meets so we held our "Aquatic Revival" meet at the Narrabeen Swim Academy on 8 March 2025. It was a small friendly meet with prizes for the best 1970 outfit, fastest female and male in 50 m freestyle, youngest and oldest swimmer at the meet and closest to the winning time of 1975 in the 400 m freestyle event. Afterwards we celebrated with afternoon tea, a lovely way to finish a memorable day.

The four NSW state meets held during the year had record numbers of swimmers, there were large numbers of NSW swimmers at the national championships in Melbourne and a large team of NSW swimmers represented our state at the World Championships in Singapore.

Our Long Course Championships were held at SOPAC in late March, with a record 375 swimmers from 34 NSW clubs. Congratulation to Warringah for winning the Division 1 trophy, Seaside Pirates who won Division 2, Coogee Randwick were the winners of Division 3 and Hornsby won Division 4. Female Swimmer of the Meet was Kelly Bowden and Male Swimmer of the Meet was Bradley Halicek. The Biddy Hall trophy for the average points winner was Campbelltown and John Bates won the Peter Gilmour trophy for the best butterfly swim. Congratulations to all who swam, it was a memorable weekend and a wonderful initiative of the NSW board to hold the awards night for NSW awards on the Saturday night to honour those members who had achieved during the preceding year.

Our Relay Meet was held on 13 July at SOPAC, again with a record number of swimmers—439 swimmers—what a wonderful achievement and so much fun was had on the day. Blacktown won the club pointscore trophy and Coogee Randwick won the average pointscore trophy. Thank you to the NSW board, who awarded the special 50th anniversary medals to the top 3 teams in each event and age group—a monumental task to distribute those medals

but they were so well received by all, that we have now made the Relay Meet a championships event, where medals will be awarded every year.

Our State long distance meet was short course in 2025 and was held at Knox school pool on 31 August. Twenty state and 11 national records were broken at this meet and again we had a record number of swimmers. Congratulations to Robert Butcher, Clary Munns, Alexandra Southern, Paul Lemmon, Mark Cooper, Brad Halicek, Liam McHugh and Aaron Cleland, who broke national records at this event.

Congratulations to Blacktown who won Division 1, Seaside Pirates who won Division 2, Coogee Randwick who won Division 3 and Gosford who won Division 4.

The State Short Course Meet was held at Peninsular Leisure Centre on 11 and 12 October, again a record number of swimmers from 31 NSW clubs. Division 1 was won by Warringah, Division 2 by Maitland, Division 3 by Tattersalls and Division 4 by Gosford. Campbelltown won the Des McCormick Trophy for the average points and Blacktown won the Gordon Cozins Trophy for the total relay points over the weekend. Female Swimmer of the Meet was Paris Zhang from Tattersalls and Male Swimmer of the Meet was Tony Goodwin from Manly.

None of our swim meets run without volunteers: officials and timekeepers. It is so encouraging that we have many new officials joining our teams, both at club meets but also at our state meets. Thank you to the many members who have put up their hands to be an official and help on pool deck—the more officials we have the more rest we get in between our events and it ensures the longevity of our wonderful organisation.

It is, however, not so encouraging to see that a few members do not feel they need to help out with timekeeping even though they want someone to time keep their swim and they would be the first to complain if they did not get a time. Timekeeping is an essential part of our sport; everyone should take their turn. It is not hard and you may even have fun and get to know other swimmers. Thank you to the many swimmers who constantly answer the call to time keep, we truly appreciate the time you give to our sport.

2025 was a special year for many reasons: our 50th birthday, record attendance at meets, wonderful results and heaps of fun at every meet.

Thank you to all our members who make all of this possible. Whether you break a record, swim a PB, try a new event, or just finish your race you are part of our wonderful organisation. We are truly lucky to have so many wonderful members who all enjoy swimming and getting together to enjoy the fun and friendship of Masters Swimming.

Jane Noake
NSW Meet Director

STATE MEET RECORDER'S REPORT 2025

SWIM MEET RECORDING

The year started with learning from Mark Hepple how to do his side of the swim meet setup and recording role, with Mark's remote help while he recovered from surgery. Previously my role was as a Meet Manager admin/helper. This was a glimpse into becoming the Meet Recorder later in the year.

October 2025, Mark resigned as MSNSW Meet Recorder and I took over.

It has been quite the learning curve since then. There was a lot to do away from the pool and meets. Probably still tasks I have to learn . . .

The APP (programme/results/relay entry/entry time edit) subscription was not renewed under Mark's name, so Mark created a new Relay Entry app (Glideapps), and I created (mostly AI) a website to display: programme/results/points etc. Also, a script to email swimmers with their entry times, and another website to edit their time. This is all still a work in progress and being refined.

NT REPLACEMENT

NT entries from Swim Central are now not automatically replaced with an average time. Entrants can edit their own times via the website, or select the Avg Time suggestion. For State, NT entries were not allowed. IPS meets so far this year, NT have been allowed. Some swimmers prefer to keep NT, as they are unsure of what time they will swim, which means they will be in the first heat or two of an event, and we do not know how long these heats will take.

WYLAS TIMING

Wylas timing is used at meets without AOE/touchpads. This system works well most of the time. The timing devices are sometimes easily "broken" by timekeepers. Either accidentally swiping away from the Wylas app or other. Need to lock them down further. New phones/timers working well, and plunger/buttons are good.

Looking at how to display finishing times for swimmers via Wylas scoreboard or another method.

Training more recording helpers . . .

Will need to document most tasks for the recorder, and find other people to help and train at some point. Also try to minimise the manual tasks via automating them, where possible.

Craig Smith
MSNSW Meet Recorder

E1000 ENDURANCE RECORDER'S REPORT 2025

There were 38 NSW clubs with members who swam e1000 swims (1 less than 2024). A grand total of 61,710 points were accrued by NSW e1000 swimmers (in 2024, it was 66,072). Total NSW participants (swimming at least one e1000 swim) was 340 (in 2024, it was 368).

Gender distribution of e1000 participants: Male = 157, Female = 183 (in 2024, Male = 169, Females = 199).

For those that swam all 62 swims (regardless of points accrued), the age group with the most swimmers was 55–59 (last year it was 60–64). Overall, participants ranged from the 18–24 to the 75–79 age group.

CLUB POINTS TROPHY: **CAMPBELLTOWN** again achieved top NSW spot (3rd nationally), followed by **TUGGERANONG**, with **CASTLE HILL RSL MASTERS** achieving third.

CLUBS WITH HIGHEST E1000 POINTS 2025

1st	NCA	Campbelltown	14736
2nd	NTN	Tuggeranong	13547
3rd	NCL	Castle Hill	5958

VORGEE AVERAGE POINTS AWARD: It was the same 3 clubs as last year but **CASTLE HILL RSL MASTERS** achieved first place with a significant lead. **CAMPBELLTOWN** achieved second spot and **WESTS AUBURN** third.

CLUBS WITH HIGHEST AVERAGE E1000 POINTS PER REGISTERED MEMBER 2025

(Minimum members = 6)

1st	NCL	Castle Hill	662
2nd	NCA	Campbelltown	409
3rd	NWS	Wests Auburn	310

HIGHEST PROPORTION OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING 2025

(Minimum members = 6)

1st	NCL	Castle Hill (9/9)	100%
2nd	NCA	Campbelltown (33/36)	92%
3rd	NWS	Wests Auburn (13/19)	68%

SWIMMERS WITH MAXIMUM (1005) POINTS 2025

BOWDEN, KELLY	NCA	31	30-34
BRADLEY, LAUREN	NET	41	40-44
DA COSTA, LEANNE	NCX	65	65-69
DILLON, KRISTINE	NTN	60	60-64
HADDAD, SUZIE	NCA	40	40-44
HENRY, JORDAN	NBT	29	25-29
JACQUES, GREGORY	NCA	78	75-79
LANE, KYLIE	NTN	48	45-49
LEARY, CHRISTINE	NTN	71	70-74
MCDONALD, MARK	NBT	38	35-39
MCGOWAN, ATSUKO	NTN	46	45-49
MCLEOD, RUSSELL	NCA	75	75-79
MCMURTRIE, WENDY	NPM	58	55-59
MEEK, BELINDA	NCA	36	35-39
PARKINSON, MICHAEL	NWS	55	55-59
PELOSA, JAMES	NCA	63	60-64
PETERS, LIESL	NTN	55	55-59
PHILLIPS, RICHARD	NTN	57	55-59
REID, ANN	NTN	63	60-64
ROUEN, ALEXANDRA	NCA	35	35-39
SHEPPARD, WENDY	NCL	65	65-69
SINDEN, OWEN	NCA	70	70-74
SMITH, MARCELLE	NCL	59	55-59

SWIMMERS WITH MAXIMUM (62) SWIMS 2025

ANDERSON, CASSIE	NWS	45	45-49	465
BLANCH, KERRYIN	NWS	52	50-54	810
CAMPBELL, DONNA	NTN	63	60-64	916
COLYER, TANYA	NCN	65	65-69	465
DI BONA, KAREN	NCL	55	55-59	597
DI BONA, KASSANDRA	NCL	26	25-29	875
DI BONA, KATHERINE	NCL	23	18-24	908
GROPLER, CHARMAINE	NWG	52	50-54	609
LAWRENCE, LAURA	NCA	46	45-49	884
MURRAY, COLIN	NCL	62	60-64	939
PRAIN, CRISTAN	NCA	37	35-39	794
REIDY, MATTHEW	NBM	69	65-69	997
SKULANDER, ANNIKA-LEE	NBT	35	35-39	739

SPLITS: If a split time in a longer distance is faster than the individual respective swim, it may be submitted online for a Top Ten time. See under 'Forms' on the national webpage.

Jenny Whiteley
NSW e1000 Recorder

RECORDS RECORDER'S REPORT 2025

WORLD RECORD

Congratulations to Clary Munns of Blacktown Masters, who broke a world record in the 50 m backstroke in the 80–84 age group, short course, in a time of 0:42.15 on 17 May 2025 at Ettalong Pelicans BPS Meet.

NATIONAL RECORDS

NSW swimmers broke a total of 88 individual national records in 2025. Congratulations to the following swimmers, listed with the number of national records they broke:

Aaron Cleland	1	Kay Burton	4
Abel Bornstein	1	Kelly Bowden	11
Alexandra Southern	1	Liam McHugh	1
Bradley Halicek	1	Luke Bibby	1
Clary Munns	7	Margaret Jopling	1
Craig Magnusson	10	Mark Cooper	1
Elizabeth Merenda	1	Paris Zhang	2
Gordon Whyte	1	Paul Lemmon	3
Guy Farrow	5	Robert Butcher	19
Jeanette Brits	1	Sophie Elphick	1
Jennifer Thompson	4	Stephen Lamy	4
Kat Asterova	4	Tony Goodwin	3

We also had the following clubs break national relay records in 2025, 30 in total:

<i>Club</i>	<i>Age group</i>	<i>SC / LC</i>	<i>Event</i>
Blacktown	072–099 Male	Short Course	4 x 25m Freestyle
Blacktown	072–099 Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Medley
Blacktown	100–119 Female	Short Course	4 x 25m Medley
Blacktown	100–119 Mixed	Long Course	4 x 50m Medley
Blacktown	200–239 Male	Short Course	4 x 100m Medley
Blacktown	200–239 Male	Long Course	4 x 100m Medley
Blacktown	200–239 Male	Long Course	4 x 100m Medley
Campbelltown	100–119 Female	Short Course	4 x 25m Medley
Coogee-Randwick	100–119 Mixed	Short Course	4 x 100m Freestyle
Coogee-Randwick	100–119 Female	Short Course	4 x 100m Freestyle
Coogee-Randwick	100–119 Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Freestyle
Coogee-Randwick	100–119 Female	Short Course	4 x 100m Medley
North Shore	240–279 Male	Short Course	4 x 100m Medley
Manly	320–359 Male	Short Course	4 x 25m Freestyle
Manly	320–359 Male	Short Course	4 x 25m Medley
Penrith	072–099 Male	Short Course	4 x 100m Freestyle
Penrith	072–099 Mixed	Short Course	4 x 100m Freestyle
Penrith	072–099 Male	Short Course	4 x 100m Medley
Penrith	072–099 Mixed	Short Course	4 x 100m Medley

Penrith	072-099	Mixed	Short Course	4 x 25m Freestyle
Penrith	072-099	Mixed	Short Course	4 x 25m Medley
Penrith	072-099	Male	Short Course	4 x 50m Medley
Penrith	072-099	Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Medley
Penrith	120-159	Male	Short Course	4 x 100m Freestyle
Penrith	100-119	Mixed	Short Course	4 x 25m Freestyle
Warringah	280-319	Male	Long Course	4 x 50m Medley
Wett Ones	100-119	Female	Short Course	4 x 25m Freestyle
Wett Ones	100-119	Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Freestyle
Wett Ones	100-119	Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Medley
Wett Ones	100-119	Female	Short Course	4 x 50m Medley

STATE RECORDS

Individual

- ❖ The breakdown of individual state records by age:

18-24	2	40-44	11	60-64	23	80-84	9
25-29	14	45-49	10	65-69	1	85-89	21
30-34	53	50-54	16	70-74	29	90-94	11
35-39	2	55-59	13	75-79	5	95-99	0

- ❖ 104 state records were set by males, 116 by females.
- ❖ 51 backstroke, 28 breaststroke, 55 butterfly, 54 freestyle, 32 individual medley.

Honourable State Record Mentions

Kelly Bowden	31
Robert Butcher	25
Kay Burton	14
Craig Magnusson	12

Relays

- ❖ The breakdown of state relay records by age groups:

72-019	15	100-119	25	120-159	5	160-199	5
200-239	7	240-279	6	280-319	6	320-359	4

- ❖ 32 state relay records were set by males, 22 by females, and 19 by mixed teams.

Lauren Bradley
Administrator

TRAINING COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2025

Masters Swimming NSW extends its sincere thanks to all our technical officials, who willingly stand on pool deck, often for long hours, to ensure our swim meets run smoothly and professionally. Your devotion, expertise, and commitment to fairness are essential to the success of every Masters Swimming competition. Your work allows our swimmers to compete with confidence, knowing each race is conducted to the highest standard at all swim meets.

Courses were conducted through Zoom. Thank you to Lauren Bradley, state administrator, for your help and support with these Zoom courses.

Thank you to all valued members of the MSNSW board, course coordinators and presenters for their many hours of dedication during 2025.

All swimmers should consider becoming qualified timekeepers.

CURRENT QUALIFIED OFFICIALS 2025

(Please note: some officials are accredited in multiple positions)

	<i>Metro</i>		<i>Country</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	
Referees	7	6	2	4	19
Inspectors of Turns	9	5	4	1	19
Judges of Strokes	0	2	0	0	2
Starters	6	9	1	5	21
Call Room	11	11	15	4	41
Chief Timekeepers	10	6	8	7	31
Timekeepers					284
Total	43	39	30	21	
Total Metro / Country		82		51	
Total Officials 225 incl. Timekeepers					417

REACCREDITATIONS 2025

Chief Timekeepers	8
Call Room	5
Starters	15
Inspectors of Turns	1
Judges of Strokes	0
Referees	0

ACCREDITATIONS 2025

(Please note: some candidates accredited in multiple positions)

Timekeepers	17
Chief Timekeepers	6
Call Room	3
Starters	2
Inspectors of Turns	3
Judges of Strokes	0
Referees	1

OFFICIALS' COURSES 2025

(Please note: Individual clubs conduct Timekeeper courses)

	<i>No. of courses</i>	<i>Candidates</i>
Timekeepers	Gosford, Ryde Maitland clubs	23
Chief Timekeepers	2	7
Call Room	2	9
Starters	2	4
Inspectors of Turns	1	2
Judges of Strokes	1	1
Referees	0	0

COURSE COORDINATORS

Diane Partridge

COURSE PRESENTERS

Diane Partridge
Lawrence Powderly

FORMAT

Zoom
Zoom

DiP—Diane Partridge
Training Coordinator

BOARD MEETINGS 2025

Date Held	Kerryn	Mark	Lawrence	Suzie	Nigel	Donna	Bec	Lauren
Jan	06/01/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Feb	09/02/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
March	16/03/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
April	27/04/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May	26/05/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
June	29/06/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
July	27/07/25	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
August	24/08/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sept	22/09/25	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oct	13/10/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Nov	03/11/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dec	01/12/25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Attended		12/12	11/12	11/12	10/12	10/12	11/12	12/12

<i>Committee member</i>	<i>Position</i>
Kerryn Blanch	President
Lawrence Powderly	Vice President (Country)
Mark McDonald	Vice President
Bec Sheppherd	Treasurer
Nigel Van Reyk	Committee
Suzie Haddad	Committee
Donna Campbell	Committee

CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2025

	2024	2025		2024	2025
Armidale AUSSI Masters Swimming Club	8	6	Myall Masters Swimming Club	48	47
Bidgee Masters Swimming Club	8	7	North Shore Masters Swimming Club	36	31
Blacktown City Masters Swimming Inc	82	88	North Sydney Masters Swimming Club Inc	57	52
Blue Mountains Phoenix Adult Swimming Club	21	22	Novocastrian Masters Swimming Inc	16	15
Bushrangers	13	17	Oak Flats AUSSI Masters Inc	13	15
Campbelltown Collegians AUSSI MSC Inc	40	39	Penrith AUSSI Masters Swimming Inc	60	56
Castle Hill RSL Masters Swimming Club	10	9	Port Macquarie Masters Swimmers Club Inc	44	39
Cessnock Masters Swimming Inc	33	23	Ryde AUSSI Masters Swimmers (RAMS) Inc	57	47
Clarence River Masters Swimming	63	70	Sapphire Coast Stingrays Inc	44	47
Coffs Harbour Masters Swimming Inc	19	16	Seaside Pirates Inc	26	20
Coogee-Randwick Master Swimmers Inc	29	40	St George Masters Swim Club Inc	19	14
Dubbo RSL Ducks Masters Swimming Club	4	2	Sutherland Sandbern Masters Swim Club Inc	38	39
Gloucester Thunderbolts	1	2	Tamworth Masters	0	3
Gosford City Seagulls AUSSI Masters	10	61	Taree Torpedoes	4	6
Hornsby Masters Swimming	5	16	Tattersalls Club Swimming	19	34
Hills Masters Swimming Inc	22	20	Trinity AUSSI Masters Swim Club	25	22
Lake Macquarie Crocs Masters Swimming Inc	13	18	Tuggeranong Masters Swimming ACT	89	97
Lane Cove Masters Inc	19	31	Warringah Masters Swimming Inc	115	133
Leichhardt Masters	20	26	Westes Auburn Masters Swimming Club Inc	18	21
Maitland AUSSI Masters	26	37	Wett Ones Swimming Club Inc	184	207
Manly Masters Swimming Club Inc	80	89	Woden Valley Masters	4	16
Mingara Masters—Pelicans Inc	38	46	Wollongong Masters Swimming Inc	15	21
Merrylands Swimming Club	8	7	Wyong Wobbygongs Swimming Club	4	5
Mittagong Masters	0	3			
Molonglo Water Dragons	58	67	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1565	1749

ARMIDALE MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Armidale Masters Club with six members in 2025 has much to report.

One member competed frequently bringing home gold, silver and bronze medals in all strokes. It's a family affair with her husband and children all swimming and competing, and enjoying the experiences.

Other members have trained for and participated in ocean swims, avoiding marine critters.

Another member regularly swims in the Nambucca River where the temperature is generally 20–25°C. There can be 20 or so swimmers, each doing their own thing at their own pace; swimming with the tide and turning as it ebbs. Nambucca River joins the ocean about 1 km away so it has its risks but you can swim close to the banks or stand on the sand bar.

As a Club, we met on Sundays at 0900 at the Monckton Aquatic Centre or in winter at TAS indoor pool. However, we sacrificed this slot to support the first of its kind in Australia, [The Sunday K Community Swim](#).

Armidale boasts the inaugural Sunday K, a community 1 kilometre swim, based on Park Run structure. The regular event is open to the community, is free, and all Masters members participate.

A local coach, James Harwood of *High Country Swimming*, masterminded this regular Sunday morning swim where anyone can register, submit a time for 1 km, turn up at the Monckton Aquatic Centre (during summer months) for the swim at 0900. Swimmers of all abilities and all ages participate. To date, between 30 and 80 people regularly participate, and receive their individual time, placing and more, within a few hours of each event, via a cleverly constructed website designed by another local identity, Nick Oxley.

The Sunday K is now operating simultaneously in three pools including in Guyra, 35 minutes north of Armidale, supported by a band of enthusiastic volunteers who assist with registering, time keeping, set up, etc. James is promoting The Sunday K in other regional towns, and further afield, to expand the spread of this wonderful community event and highlight the benefits of social swimming.

Armidale Masters Swimming Club



BLACKTOWN MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 was another stellar year for Blacktown Masters Swimming Club!

Our membership base grew again for the 4th consecutive year, with us finishing 2025 with 86 members.

In the pool, we continued to excel. Our main achievements were:

- ❖ Winning the visitor's trophy at the Nationals event in Melbourne. This was the 3rd year in a row that we won this trophy. We also won the relay age group trophies for the 72–99 (tied with Darwin) and the 100–119 age groups for the second year in a row, further reinforcing that much of our strength lies in our younger swimmers.
- ❖ Winning the MSNSW Relay Meet for the 4th year in a row. We had 58 members compete in 2025, marking the biggest turnout we have had for this carnival.
- ❖ Winning the MSNSW Long Distance Championships.

We had swimmers compete at National, State and BPS meets, as well as getting positive turnouts at the Australian Masters Games, the Masters Swimming Queensland State Championships and with World Aquatics Masters Championships in Singapore. At the latter, two of our swimmers—Aaron Cleland and Brad Halicek—returned with bronze medals.

We had 3 swimmers complete the Endurance 1000 program, which is a little down on previous years. We also had 2 swimmers reach significant milestones in the Vorgee Million Metres, with Aaron reaching 7 million metres and Kerry-Ann Michels reaching 3 million metres.

At the beginning of the year, Jordan Henry completed his starter qualification, and Mark McDonald completed his referee qualification in the middle of the year. Blacktown continues to support our members to add to the growing list of officials that we have to contribute to the successful running of our sport across NSW and Australia.

Our club training sessions continue to thrive, and we publicly acknowledge the support of the pool staff at Blacktown and of Blacktown City Council. Our two coaches Kerry (Tuesday nights) and Aaron (Thursday nights) have kept our squad running like a well-oiled machine. In 2025 they were joined in our coaching ranks by Annika-Lee Skulander, who has done an excellent job filling in for Kerry and Aaron when required.

At our 2025 Blacktown BPS meet, we had the honour and privilege of presenting Clary Munns with her induction into the International Master Swimming Hall of Fame. We were joined by the Blacktown Mayor Brad Bunting and Kerry and Jane as presidents of MSNSW

and MSA respectively to bestow this honour. Clary continued her fine swimming form in 2025, breaking another world record at the Mingara BPS meet in May.

We have had several social events that bring our club together for the 'fun' and 'friendship' moments of fun, fitness and friendship. At each of the state meets we took the opportunity to have club dinners, and we took to Hawkesbury Race Course for our annual Christmas party.

We are looking forward to 2026, and making it another banner year for the club!

Blacktown Masters Swimming Club



BLUE MOUNTAINS PHOENIX ADULT SWIMMING CLUB, INC
ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 has been a great year for our club.

We had twenty-one members and one 2nd claim member. We had a few members leave and four new people join, which was very encouraging and brought our numbers back up.

Masters had fifteen meets / carnivals during the year and Phoenix members competed in ALL of those events.

- ❖ Long-Course State 7 members
- ❖ Short-Course State 5 members
- ❖ Long-Course Nationals 4 members
- ❖ Long-Course Long-Distance State 2 members

Our 320+ women's relay team of Sue Wiles, Kay Burton, Anita Saviane and Nerida Murray still have hold of our fourth place in World Aquatics Top Ten for 2025 in the short-course 4 x 100 freestyle.

In and out of the pool the club's focus of promoting friendship and fun has enhanced the club 'feel' and led to some amazing results.

Nerida unfortunately broke her knee just before Nationals so was unable to participate with Sue Wiles, Kay Burton, Sally Hatcher and Anita Saviane. Sally was able to slot into the 320+ women's relay with the girls in her place, which was great. All Phoenix members received medals at this prestige meet. Such good results.

Nerida Murray attained her accreditation as a Masters Club Coach. Although incapacitated, she was still able to conduct regular squad sessions at Springwood Aquatic Centre. These sessions were available with free lanes allotted to the club by Blue Mountains City Council. Phoenix purchased a white board for squad use. We also had large lane signs printed to alert the general public, which mostly worked. We have had up to 10 members attending squad.

Kay Burton and Anita Saviane travelled to Worlds in Singapore. Anita Saviane medalled in her 400 m individual medley event. Kay Burton's results are well known and her achievements since then have been gazetted in the Masters NSW newsletter. Her achievements this year and being awarded Masters Athlete of the Year was beyond belief.

Robin Griffiths continued all year organising and publicising the Endurance programme in which our members excel.

As to the MSA 50 x 50 x 50 in one session challenge, Sally Hatcher, Robin Griffiths and Lyndall Wilson completed it, receiving the Platinum Level award. Matt Reidy completed all 62 swims in the E1000 programme, including 5 x 800 m butterfly.

The club thanks Sally Hatcher for her work as our treasurer and Robin Griffiths as e1000 coordinator.

Murray Garlan
President

Nerida Murray
Secretary



CAMPBELLTOWN AUSSIE MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

2025 has been an exceptionally successful year for our club.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank all members, both past and present, who have contributed to making our club what it is today. Whether through holding official roles, assisting at fundraising events, or supporting our regular club swim days, every member has played a part. These collective contributions truly make our club a welcoming, supportive, and enjoyable place to belong.

The year commenced with our annual carnival, which achieved record entry numbers. A total of 184 entries were received, surpassing the previous year. The carnival ran smoothly and received very positive feedback from members of the wider swimming community, reflecting the professionalism and teamwork of everyone involved.

In 2025, we were pleased to welcome new members to our club: Grant B, Micah, Donna, Derek, Alexandra, and Bronte. It has been wonderful to see these members actively engage, support the club, and become part of our swimming community.

With increased membership, we also saw greater participation at carnivals. This contributed to our club winning the Highest Average Points Trophy at both State Championship meets. Additionally, we celebrated five Age Champions across their respective age groups. Congratulations to Micah, Owen, Kelly, Bel, and Suzie on these outstanding achievements.



Importantly, increased carnival participation did not impact our success in the E1000 Endurance Program. For the 26th consecutive year, our club was crowned State Champions. At a national level, we finished third overall and third on average—an exceptional result. These outcomes reflect the dedication and commitment of our members. Congratulations to Kelly, Greg, Russell, Belinda, Jim, Lexie, Owen, and Suzie for completing all swims with maximum points. A special mention goes to Lexie for achieving maximum points for the first time—well done. Honourable mentions also go to Laura and Cristan for completing all swims. Special recognition is given to Heather for completing the NSW Pathway Program and achieving 1,000 points. Your determination and resilience continue to inspire us all.

Our internal E500 program also saw strong participation, with congratulations extended to Helga, Kay, Lesley, and Hans for completing the program. It is always encouraging to see members embracing distance swimming and making use of this internal initiative.

For the first time in many years, five members represented our club at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships in Singapore. This allowed us to field a relay team and compete on the world stage. Congratulations to all members who attended, with special recognition to Kelly, who not only secured bronze medals but also set national records, further adding to her impressive achievements.



In September, Masters Swimming NSW turned 50 and celebrated in style. We formed a table and members went along to enjoy this milestone.

In October, the club held a Bunnings BBQ fundraising event at Gregory Hills. This was the most successful fundraising effort the club has undertaken to date, exceeding expectations. The profits generated will be reinvested to support the club's future activities and initiatives.

In 2025, Masters Swimming Australia introduced the 50 x 50 x 50 Challenge, encouraging members to swim 50 x 50-metre laps each week for 50 weeks. At club level, seven members achieved Platinum status: Bel, Kelly, Jim, Lexie, Cristan, Owen, and Suzie. Awards will be distributed by Masters Swimming Australia in due course.



Masters Swimming Australia also introduced the Unsung Heroes awards in 2025. Two nominations were submitted from our club—Hans and Owen—and both were successful. Congratulations to both members on this well-deserved recognition.

Throughout the year, several social events and morning teas were held. Thank you to Angelica for organising these occasions and fostering our strong sense of community.

We also pause to acknowledge and pay our respects to past members, family members, and friends who were lost during 2025. It was a difficult year for many, and the support shown within our club was deeply valued.



Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Russell, Greg, and the late Lindsay Risk for establishing the Wednesday swims. These mid-week sessions continue to grow in popularity, offering members an opportunity to swim, socialise, and contribute valuable points to the club. I am deeply appreciative of the effort that goes into maintaining these sessions.

I look forward to 2026 and the many achievements that lie ahead for our club.

Suzie Haddad
President

CLARENCE RIVER MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

This year is my fourth and final year as president. I have really enjoyed my time as president but feel it is time to hand over the reins.

Over my four years in office, we have achieved a lot. COVID and a local flood impacted my first year in 2022, but we managed, re-establishing our online *Clarence Ripples Newsletter*, thanks to Ruth McCarthy; we successfully achieved 2 grants for new T-shirts, coaches course fees, and hosting a coaching weekend facilitated by Anne Smyth & Greg Gourley. We ran a very successful fund-raising Elvis Movie Night and conducted our first postal swim. We also won the Wests Auburn postal swim prize for the most entrants and won 2 stopwatches. Also, in 2022 we had the highest percentage increase in Branch Point Score (BPS) & championship points for Division 3.

In 2023 we celebrated our 20-year anniversary birthday as Clarence River Masters. We had a fantastic night at the Yamba Golf Club celebrating past members' contribution and funny swim stories, historical treasures, trivia, great food, company, and dancing.

Three of our dedicated volunteers, Jane Lawrence, Judy King and Matthew Eke, received the first NSW Masters Volunteer Awards for their ongoing commitment and dedication to Clarence River Masters.

In 2024 our Social Committee—Jillian Bowles & Nicole Lancaster—set up Clarence River Masters Swimming Facebook page. Our Registrar Pam Smith and our Public Officer Alan Schofield retired from their positions at the end of 2024. We had a celebration luncheon at Harwood Hotel earlier this year to thank them for their 20 years' service to our club, which was well attended, with lots of members sharing their experiences with Pam and Al, reminiscing old times.

We have 69 members and are now in Division 4 and in the point score tally coming 3rd out of 13 clubs.

This year our swimmers entered various carnivals including Myall Lakes, Miami and Port Macquarie plus ocean swims at Yamba, Coffs Harbour, and Byron Bay. Many of our swimmers placed very well in their respective age-groups. Three members—Bobbie, Jane and Dubbo—competed in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships at Kirra on the Gold Coast and did extremely well. Many of our swimmers have successfully completed long-distance swimming goals and various distances for the Vorgee Endurance Program.

Our Annual Presentation Luncheon was held at Sedgers Reef Hotel in Iluka at the end of our season on 29th May. It was well attended, and awards were presented. We had over 30 members celebrating the achievements of our swimmers and coaches. A fun time was had by all.

Helmut won the newly established Betty Grant Award from NSW Masters Swimming, which is a prestigious encouragement accolade presented to a swimmer who is aged 60 years or over.

Clarence Valley Council has taken over the running of Yamba pool. We had extended negotiations fighting the proposed lane fee charges. Thanks to our dedicated team led by Nicole Don we were successful in having the lane fees waived.

Our wonderful Social Committee of Jillian Bowles and Nicole Lancaster have done a great job organising social events for our members, including a Movie Day for *Maria* with Angelina Jolie and get-togethers. Socially our members get together for regular breakfasts after Saturday morning training to celebrate birthdays and Master of the Month as well as dinner on Wednesday nights at Maclean plus selected Friday night drinks at various local venues.

A HUGE thank you goes to all our fabulous coaches, Jane, Bobbie, Lou, Judy, Sue-Ellen, and Doug. We presented them with new coaches shirts in September. All our coaches give up so much of their own swimming time to teach us new skills and implement great programs. The coaches at Maclean have had to go the extra mile getting their Life Saving certificates as well. They have a pivotal role in the success of our club and without them we wouldn't exist. Unfortunately, Doug Jeffrey will not be coaching next year, a massive loss to our Yamba coaching team. Our fabulous secretary Nicole Don is also retiring from her position after many years of service along with Jillian Bowles, member of the Social Committee. We will miss you all. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Many of our members keep fit with gym workouts as well as competing in Surf Life Saving events. Lots of our members also love ocean swimming and are regulars at Main Beach & Whiting beach Yamba.

A big thank you to all our dedicated coaches, hard working committee & volunteers who look after pool keys, help with pool covers, organising social activities, compiling certificates etc, all helping to keep our wonderful club running smoothly.

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Yours in Fun, Fitness and Friendship,

Leonie Daley
President



COFFS HARBOUR MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

The 2025–26 season has been another strong and encouraging year for the Coffs Coast Masters Swimming Club. With 15 current members, although small in number our club continues to live up to its reputation as *the little fish with a big bite*, showing that despite the difficulties associated with being a smaller, rural club, swimming is a shared and valued part of our lives. Our members have represented the club quietly and with little fanfare across multiple states, in both pool and open-water events, and have continued to build a culture of friendship while pursuing life-long fitness.

Club Identity

We remain committed to promoting friendship through swimming—whether for social connection, fitness, or competitive goals. Our home base at the Coffs Aquatic Centre on Park Beach Road continues to be a hub for training and semi-regular get togethers for some racing practice. The club swims are held periodically on Saturdays at 3 pm throughout the year. Members also train regularly at the Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool and engage in the Saturday morning Jetty swims that have been popular among locals.

Membership

We currently have 15 active members, and this number ebbs and flows depending upon everyone's personal circumstances at the time, for example, long-term member Richie Goddard is having a pause while he pursues a 20 km open water swim. An event like this is an amazing personal challenge for Richie, which all club members are excited for him to achieve. As already alluded to, our club punches well above its weight. The dedication of our swimmers has meant that every meet—local, state, interstate, or even international (thanks to Leanne Da Costa)—has featured Coffs Masters swimmers performing with determination and increasingly becoming recognised with the mix of the social and competitive.

Competitive Highlights 2025

Our swimmers have travelled far and wide over the last year, and have represented Coffs Harbour in Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and even the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Singapore.

Queensland

- ❖ Miami Masters LC Meet—22 Feb 2025 Michael, Michelle & Tienielle Stubbs, Leanne Da Costa, Jemma Werrell, and Paul Edwards all delivered strong performances across multiple events.
- ❖ Brisbane Southside Masters SC Meet—28 June 2025 Paul Edwards, Leanne Da Costa, and Jemma Werrell contributed significantly to age-group points.

- ❖ Brisbane Northside—6 September 2025 Jane and David Rudgley, Michael and Michelle Stubbs, and Paul Edwards also represented the club.
- ❖ QLD State Championships—6 November 2025 A standout performance from Jemma Werrell, who claimed nine medals: 4 gold, 4 silver, and 1 bronze.

Victoria

- ❖ National Championships—Melbourne, 12 April 2025
Leanne Da Costa (65–69 yrs): bronze in 100 m & 200 m butterfly, and 400 m IM
Michael Stubbs (60–64 yrs): silver in 100 m backstroke, bronze in 200 m freestyle
Anthea Barnfield (65–69 yrs): 4th in 100 m breaststroke, 5th in 50 m breaststroke
Michelle Stubbs: Achieved multiple personal bests.

New South Wales

- ❖ Woy Woy Carnival—17 May 2025 Paul Edwards (55–59 yrs) set a NSW state record in the 25 m butterfly.

Northern Territory

- ❖ NT Interclub Swim—Parap Pool, 24 May 2025 Jamie Marschke (55–59 yrs) represented the club strongly across a range of events.

National Rankings

Seven Coffs Harbour swimmers achieved Masters Swimming Australia Top Ten national rankings in 2025: Tenielle Stubbs, Jemma Werrell, Paul Edwards, Jamie Marschke, Michael Stubbs, Leanne Da Costa, and Anthea Barnfield. These rankings spanned butterfly, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and medley events—an exceptional achievement for a club of our size.

Open Water Achievements

The Coffs Coast Ocean Swim, 6 April 2025, once again showcased the strength of our masters' swimmers against much younger competitors.

- ❖ Jemma Werrell (30–39 yrs): 14th overall in the 600 m; 15th overall in the 2 km.
- ❖ Jodie Gordon (40–49 yrs): 24th of 97 in the 600 m.
- ❖ Jane Rudgley (50–59 yrs): 80th of 177 in the 2 km.
- ❖ Richie Goddard & Michael Morton (30–39 yrs): 1st and 6th respectively in the 600 m.
- ❖ Daniel Bannerman (40–49 yrs): 12th in the 600 m.
- ❖ Dave Johnson (40–49 yrs): 25th of 85 in the 600 m.
- ❖ 2 km Men's Race: Richie 5th overall; Michael 7th.
- ❖ Paul Edwards (50–59 yrs): 12th of 164 and 2nd in his age group.

Early Highlights for 2026

The momentum has continued into the new year:

- ❖ Myall Lakes Short-Course Carnival, 14 February 2026. Represented by Anthea Barnfield and Paul Edwards.
- ❖ Miami Carnival, 21 February 2026. Strong club turnout from Louis Dam, Michelle & Michael Stubbs, Molly Greenaway, Jemma Werrell, Derek Wright, and David Johnson.

Upcoming Events

NSW State Long-Course Championships.

National Short-Course Championships in Brisbane.

Planning underway to co-host a Masters carnival with the local swimming club later in 2026 or 2027.

Acknowledgements

A big thanks to long-time President Hilary Young, who after several years had to step aside due to prioritising her health.

Closing Remarks

As we look ahead to the remainder of 2026, our goals remain clear: to foster friendship, encourage participation, and support every swimmer—whether they're chasing medals, fitness, or simply the joy of being in the water.

Paul Edwards

President



GOSFORD SEAGULLS SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL / PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Club Status (at the time of writing)

- ❖ 58 members (incl. 3 second-claim); 35F, 23M; largest decade 41–50 yrs.
- ❖ 4 club swim and 1 dryland session per week.
- ❖ Average of 45 participations per week.
- ❖ 3 coaches plus 5 program leaders.
- ❖ A complete turnover of Club Executive in the AGM of July 2025, as long-time role-holders were grateful for a break. Full list of role-holders here.
- ❖ The 2005 club logo updated in 2025.
- ❖ Club colours of red, white & yellow established.
- ❖ The promoted club name revised from *Gosford City Seagulls AUSSI Masters Swimming Club* to *Gosford Seagulls Swimming Club*.
- ❖ A club MPIO nominated and trained.
- ❖ MSNSW accredited meet officials increased from 1 to 5.

Notable Achievements

Financial challenges were avoided thanks to support by the local business community. They understand the Seagulls don't offer increased sales in return but value the association with our fun and healthy lifestyle.

Preventing the suddenly increased membership from triggering a 'club implosion' was a key goal for the Seagulls. This was achieved by introducing the Acuity booking system for session planning and safely limiting participant numbers; our coaches expanding fitness activities to take pressure off lane-space; and the revived Gosford BPS mobilised the new team towards a shared objective.

The Seagulls were immensely pleased to welcome back MSNSW's swimmers to Gosford Olympic Pool for the BPS in January 2026. We had spent over a year planning the event, so we share the disappointment that the storm cancellation meant many didn't get to swim. The consolation is that the people, processes and equipment already prepared means repeating the event in January 2027 should take less effort.

Challenges & Concerns

The Seagulls are negatively affected by the poor state of Gosford Olympic Pool. Club responses to planning drafts or private meetings have not resulted in the Central Coast

Council addressing raised maintenance or access concerns. Due to the 70 yr age of the facility, Council is instead reserving funds for a major overhaul in 5–10 years' time.

About 15 Seagulls members are negatively impacted by Fitness Passport prohibiting pool access to swim with 'organised groups' (FP's T&C clause 8.4). The club position is Fitness Passport's clause is reasonable for prohibiting access to paid group sessions, such as swimming lessons, but not unpaid social swimming sessions, such as the Seagulls'. However, neither Fitness Passport nor their Council agents have yet been moved to concede the prohibition.

Call to Action for MSNSW

- ❖ Support to influence action by Council on pool facility maintenance and upgrades, eg representation at meetings; success stories from other MSNSW clubs to model from.
- ❖ Support to influence Fitness Passport to agree that 'organised groups' in their T&C clause 8.4 shouldn't include not-for-profit MSNSW club swimming sessions.
- ❖ Convene an online forum of club administration. The Seagulls believe we would be suitable co-presenters on the topics of sponsorship and new-member recruitment. We would be interested in attending presentations or workshops on merchandise, maintaining member engagement, and running IPS meets.

Special Thanks

The Seagulls wish to recognise individuals from outside of the club who supported our successful year of swimming.

- ❖ Socrates Sanchez (COSAC) for demonstrating engaging club promotion in social media.
- ❖ Kath Davis (MSA) for conveying additional detail on insurance coverage.
- ❖ The other Lauren Bradley (Mingara) for welcoming us to the Peninsula Leisure Centre's lanes in May 2025 while the Seagulls' home pool was closed.
- ❖ Nigel van Reyk (Lane Cove) for the early encouragement and advice on hosting a BPS.
- ❖ Di Partridge (Hunter Valley) as MSNSW Training Coordinator for guidance on rapidly increasing the number of Seagull Technical Officials.
- ❖ Neil Keele (Mingara & Gosford) for accepting the request to be Meet Referee for Gosford's 2026 BPS, and all the other MSNSW officials who followed.
- ❖ Garry Fletcher (Penrith), Ross Hall (Manly), Mark McDonald (Blacktown), and Gordon Whyte (Warringah) for the advice on managing a big club

Yours in swimming.

Matthew Dore

President—*may my dolphin kick find true porpoise!*



HILLS MASTERS SWIMMING ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The number of Hills members has dropped again in 2025: from 22 members down to 20, up from 16 members in 2023—19 in 2022, 16 in 2021; 17 in 2020 and equalling 20 in 2019. Actually 18 full members and two “dry” members—Deb as a coach and Colvin, who joined as an official.

Stats for 2025

The following age groups reflects our ageing demographic:

18–30 years——1	31–40 years——1	41–50 years——4
51–60 years——4	61–70 years——3	71 + years——7

We had 12 females and 8 males.

We have 4 lanes at Galston Aquatic & Leisure Centre for our official Club training session on Tuesday 7 pm with our dedicated Hornsby Shire Council coach *Debra Francia*. We have continued the Endurance swims on the last Tuesday of the month but discontinued our race program due to lack of pool time.

Once again, Hills did not plan to conduct a BPS Meet (now IPS), nor our postal swim, “Swimming Up Hills”, in 2025.

We espouse the *Swim for Life* philosophy but are a non-competitive club. We just plod along on our training nights with the old motto of *fitness fun and friendship*.

HSC still offers 4 free pool entry and Hills gives prospective members 4 free swims vouchers. We just need a better marketing programme and offer more for our members than just swimming once a week. Discussions abound on more competitive goals.



Hills had this team keeping the club together again this year:

- ❖ Life Member & President *Di Coxon-Ellis* also Fitness Director & Registrar (with Mark’s help). Di officiated at only one meet during 2025 (Myall in Feb). (Colvin Ellis also);
- ❖ *Tony Howe* Life Member, Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Public Officer;
- ❖ *Kim Chapman* Life Member and Treasurer looked after our finances and oversees the online quarterly payment for those who attend coaching sessions;
- ❖ *Melita Sutton* Life Member/Committee member and Honorary accounts reviewer from the Blue Mts;
- ❖ *Sarnia Rusbridge* Assistant Treasurer and Club Recorder;

- ❖ *Jim Walker* Social Organiser;
- ❖ *The Shearer family*—*Janet* Club Captain, *Sam* social media coordinator and *Freya* as Safety Officer;
- ❖ *Debra Francia* our dedicated Masters Coach for 12 years who once again has challenged us and attracted a few new members;
- ❖ Mark Hepple has retired from his amazing work as MSNSW Recorder but still does ‘stuff’. Enjoy retirement, Mark. But we hope you help us out as Registrar.

Glenorie RSL Club remains our sponsor, thanks to hard work by Kim to fill in the Club Grants paperwork!



We held two events at the Glenorie RSL. On 20 February we held a Special General Meeting (combined with dinner) to vote on a revised Constitution. Small changes were made due to changes at a national level on the wording of ‘State’ not ‘Branch’ plus some financial considerations. This was followed by our AGM. At the end of the year we held our Xmas party there on 18 December 2025.

I was privileged to be presented with Life Membership of Masters Swimming NSW (remember the award April 2024) at the MSNSW 50th Anniversary dinner where Colvin and I joined other Life members Sue Johnstone, Gary Stutsel, Brian Hird, Jane Noake and lots of other long-serving AUSSI Masters members. A great memory to add to all the others we have had for 50 years.

Thanks always to the MSNSW Board of Management, Kerryn as president, Lauren as office admin, and all the volunteers who keep this state organisation going, especially all the great organisation of the for the 50th year celebrations. Thanks for the commemorative pin, coffee cups and MSNSW 50th anniversary caps.

Thanks to Masters Swimming Australia board, GM Rob Abernathy and Admin Kath for the year’s efforts on our behalf. Also for the MSA Gold Anniversary swim caps.

2026 marks Hills 50th anniversary year as we were one of the first clubs to form in 1976. To celebrate this amazing milestone we are inviting some of our previous members to join us at a weekend away.

Di Coxon-Ellis
President



Coaches’ Christmas 2025 fun at the Hills



HORNSBY SWIM CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

It is with great pleasure that I present the Hornsby Masters report for 2025.

This year has seen significant growth and development within our Masters program, both in participation and performance. Most importantly, we continue to build a strong, inclusive and supportive environment for adult swimmers of all ages and abilities—something we are incredibly proud of as part of our One Club, One Community philosophy and our commitment to swimming as a sport for life.

One of the standout achievements this year has been the growth of our Masters membership. We have increased from just 1 Masters swimmer in 2024 to 16 swimmers by the end of 2025, supported by a broader adult squad of over 40 swimmers. This reflects the welcoming and inclusive culture that has been established within the program.

Our Masters swimmers have represented the club with pride across a range of competitions, including pool, open water and ocean swims, at state, national and world level.

At the World Masters Championships in Singapore, three of our swimmers competed across 12 events, achieving podium finishes, multiple Top 5, Top 10 and Top 20 placings, along with a strong personal best conversion rate.

At the Masters National Championships, our swimmers achieved Top 20 finishes in all races, with multiple Top 10 performances and podium finishes, as well as significant personal best improvements.

At the State Masters Championships, five swimmers competed across 19 events, achieving Top 5 placings in every race, with a 68% personal best rate. Hornsby was also recognised as Division 4 overall champions, which is a fantastic achievement for our growing program.

In addition to pool competition, a number of our swimmers also participated in open water and ocean swim events, including the Cole Classic, further demonstrating the versatility of our program and the willingness of our swimmers to challenge themselves across different environments.

A key contributor to this success has been our coach, Matt McSorley, whose leadership and commitment have been instrumental in developing both the performance and culture of the squad. Matt's holistic approach to coaching, incorporating technique, strength and

conditioning, recovery, and individual goal setting, has supported swimmers across all levels and reinforces our focus on long-term participation in the sport.

Beyond competition, the Masters squad continues to play an important role in the broader Hornsby Swim Club community. This was highlighted through our involvement in the 2025 Dual Sanctioned Meet, which successfully brought together swimmers across all levels of the club in a truly inclusive environment—a true reflection of our One Club philosophy in action.

Equally important is the strong sense of community within the Masters group. Our swimmers continue to support one another both in and out of the pool, contributing to a positive and enjoyable club culture.

I would like to thank all Masters swimmers for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year, as well as our coach Matt for his ongoing dedication. Thank you also to the committee and volunteers who support the running of the club.

We look forward to continuing this momentum into 2026, with a focus on growing participation, supporting swimmers into competition across both pool and open water environments, and continuing to strengthen the inclusive, lifelong community that defines Hornsby Masters.

Bec Sheppherd
President





HUNTER VALLEY SWIMMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

It is with great pleasure that I present the President's Report for Hunter Valley Swimming as we wrap up our first full year of operation.

2025/26 marked a year of exciting evolution for our club. We officially rebranded from **Cessnock Seahorses** to **Hunter Valley Swimming**. A step to broaden our base and better represent the wider Hunter Valley community we serve. This name change allowed us to move beyond a single-town identity and welcome swimmers from right across the broader Hunter Valley wine region, while keeping the same fun, inclusive spirit that has always defined us.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Established and maintained regular club swims every **Wednesday at 6 pm** and our new time slot every **Sunday at 8 am** at our home pool, Cessnock Pool. These sessions continue to be the heartbeat of the club. Once a month we were able to utilise the Braxton pool drawing in people in that area.
- ❖ Completed our full club identity refresh under the new name logo, teardrop banner, signage, and initial merchandise through Shark Skin, with ongoing discussions for custom branded swimwear.
- ❖ Built strong social connections: post-swim dinners nibbles/drinks after Wednesday sessions, bacon & egg roll breakfasts after Sunday swims. Looking to expand on this through 26/27 season.
- ❖ Launched and grew our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.
- ❖ Hosted our **first-ever Hunter Valley Swimming Club Carnival on Saturday 21 March 2026** at Cessnock Pool, a huge success with **141 entrants** from clubs all over the state. It was a relaxed, casual day that brought swimmers together and really strengthened community ties across the Hunter and beyond.

The culture we've created is relaxed, inclusive, and genuinely social. Beginners feel just as welcome as experienced swimmers, and the post-swim coffees, nibbles, and beers are as important as the laps themselves. While we didn't see net membership growth this year, the community we've built feels stronger than ever and that's a win we're proud of.

We have already laid strong foundations for 2026/27, with plans to build on the momentum from the carnival, continue broadening our regional base, grow our numbers, and keep delivering fun social swims alongside more competitive opportunities.

I want to sincerely thank every single person who has helped get Hunter Valley Swimming off the ground: the swimmers who turn up week after week, the volunteers who've stepped up with events, merch, social media, and organisation, and the local businesses (especially Bellbird Hotel) who have supported us from day one. Your energy has made this first full year a real success.

Here's to an even bigger 2026/27—more swims, more friends in the water, and continued growth!

Jeremy O'Brien
President

LANE COVE MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025



The end of another LCMSC year and we are now firmly entrenched in Division 1 of Masters Swimming NSW.

Of course, this would not have come about without the efforts of many members. Firstly, I acknowledge the continued enthusiasm of our Club Captain Nigel van Reyk. Nigel's enthusiasm has spread through the club, and this is reflected in the number of members taking part in NSW Masters Branch Point Score Meets.

Once again, LCMSC were represented at the Australian Masters Swimming Nationals. This time in Melbourne earlier this year.

LCMSC was also represented at the Pan Pacific Masters Games last November and, recently, at the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

Next year the nationals will be in Brisbane from 28 April to 2 May and the Pan Pacific Masters Games 6 to 15 November on the Gold Coast.

Now, LCMSC is going on the world scene with Liz Harvey and Nigel Stewart representing the club at the World Aquatic Masters Championships in Singapore in August.

Once again, I thank John de Vries for his coaching and Blue Fit for allowing LCMSC to use three lanes on Tuesday nights.

LCMSC—The little club with big aims—thank you.

David Tarran
Secretary



MAITLAND MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The 2025 year started with our club reaching the milestone of 30 members—the largest in our club’s history, growing further to 35 members by the end of the year. This included several younger swimmers which has bolstered our under 40 membership. Membership ages range from 25 to 82 with 6 of those now being over 80 years old.

Our usual Sunday morning race meets average 18–25 swimmers & the theme is always about having fun which is assisted by the handicapping of events to swimmers’ ability. A few personal best club times are usually set by the more competitive swimmers.

We attended our first carnival for the year at Myall with a record number of 25 entries (sadly due to illness 2 of our swimmers could not attend). Coming 1st at this carnival was a big milestone for our club. Our 80+ men scooped the pool with Ernst Hirneth & Peter Stebbing tied for 1st place, scoring a perfect 40 points each & John Shortland tied in 2nd place with 38 points. These wonder boys also won their 320+ relay – which included super President Terry Lorraine. All other swimmers performed above expectation & a great day was had by all.

A hardy few competed at Campbelltown & Blacktown. 18 competitors attended Cessnock carnival in March, Maitland taking out 1st place.

As we had decided to represent at nationals & worlds & with the significant growth in our team over the last couple of years, we sought out corporate sponsorship to kit out the team with new shirts & hats. Thanks to their generosity & also a Club Sports Grant from Maitland City Bowling Club, we were able to fund our entries for worlds.

In July, a special lung cancer awareness inter-club meet was held involving Myall, Lake Macquarie and Cessnock. The purpose of the meet was to help increase lung cancer awareness following a successful battle against advanced lung cancer by one of our members. The event was a handicapped event with races over the odd distances of 25 and 75 metres for some added variation. The event was well attended with many swimmers suggesting a similar event should be undertaken each year.

August saw 6 members of our team travel to Singapore to compete in the World Masters. Ernie Hirneth came closest to winning a medal being 200ths of a second off bronze in the 50 m breast (80–84). Our boys placed 8th in the men’s 4 x 50 m freestyle relay (280–319) & 10th in the men’s 4 x 50 m medley relay (280–319). A great time was had by all who attended & talks are now turning to 2027 world competitions.

Also in August, congratulation to Naomi Watson (1st 400 back, 1st 400 IM) & Michelle Campbell (2nd 400 free, 2nd 1500 free), both bringing home medals from the NSW Long Distance Championships

Our usual Sunday swim on the 31 August was replaced by Sunday lunch. Almost 30 people attended & this was also a thank you to Maitland City Bowling Club for their support of our team.

Several members continued to compete at carnivals in Sydney & surrounds. 18 members of the club attended the Short Course State Championships in October at Ettalong. It was an amazing result for our club with a total of 16 gold, 18 silver & 15 bronze individual medals plus 3 gold & 3 bronze relay medals. We picked up 1st in Division 2 & 3rd place overall. It was a brilliant result with every member of our team taking home 1 or more medals.

November was a successful trip to Port Macquarie taking out top point score. It was also a chance for all our swimmers to have a weekend away & to enjoy some team spirit.

December, we were pleased to be invited to co-host the Combined Hunter carnival at Charlestown. Despite a very hot day, the carnival went off well with our club coming in 2nd behind Lane Cove.

This year, with so many members, we decided to incorporate our AGM with our Christmas party. In previous years (with a lot less members) we would hold the AGM after the Port Macquarie carnival.

After many years holding the position of president, Terry Lorraine stepped down due to family commitments & accepted the position of vice president. Fred Freeman was elected president unopposed. Our wonderful Cathy Kiczynski passed the treasurer's baton to Deb Lea. Jan Corrigan was again elected secretary & also given the honour of club captain.

We have now implemented a club constitution & appointed a 6-person committee which allows the various club duties to be shared and to help ensure a smoother operation, especially at our weekly club event given the increasing numbers. As with most clubs, one of our challenges is to attract more younger members. Whilst our club finances remain moderate by other club's standards, we have decided to continue not applying a club registration fee.

All members are looking forward to 2026. With our membership expected to increase further, we are looking forward to increasing our attendance and participation at BPS carnivals. We started inviting the other combined Hunter clubs to some of our weekly handicapped events late last year and this will continue in 2026.

We thank Masters NSW for their assistance & support & hope that 2026 sees Masters Swimming continue to be a great ambassador for seniors' health, fitness & friendship.

Jan Corrigan
Secretary



MANLY MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

2025 was a momentous year for our club as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. As a foundation member of the Masters Swimming organisation in Australia, Manly are one of only four NSW clubs that have been going for 50 years—an achievement that is testimony to the diligence, hard work and foresight of all those who have helped make our club great over such a long period of time—it is a milestone of which we should all be extremely proud.

Undoubtedly the highlight of 2025 was the 50th anniversary celebration held in October at Sonja Walters' beautiful home in Manly. We had over 60 people in attendance, including members and partners, six past members and special guests from Masters Swimming Australia. We were blessed with beautiful weather to cap off a great day of celebration. A huge thank you once again to Sonja for offering her home for the occasion.

We have made a photo book of the day to be kept for posterity (available today for anyone who has yet to view), and I would like to thank our treasurer, Lorraine, for putting this memento together on behalf of our club.

Your committee also arranged for all members to receive a free 50th anniversary club t-shirt, to celebrate the milestone. In addition, Greg Tye took it upon himself to revive our popular 'Froggie t-shirts' (both long and short sleeve) and had them emblazoned with the 50th anniversary logo—these also proved extremely popular. Thanks goes to Club Captain Carolyn who did the design work for our shirts and to Greg for all his efforts with the Froggie shirts.

Our membership continued to grow with 88 members compared to 80 the previous year.

Our club continues to be a mix of Sunday squad swimmers and some who mainly just compete at carnivals. Our social calendar tends to bring everyone together and enjoy each other's friendship in the spirit of Masters swimming.

SUNDAY SQUADS—the weekly Sunday training sessions followed by coffee, are the 'beating heart' of our club with numbers peaking in the high 20s during the summer months and dropping off to the low 20s during the cooler months. Our Head Coach Alec is well organised and has a structured 12-month program which is tailored towards peaking for certain major carnivals throughout the year. He is ably assisted by our volunteer coaches and fellow club members in Marie Taylor and Julie Orr—we are very fortunate as a club to have all three coaches and I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of our membership for their ongoing efforts.

CARNIVAL ATTENDANCE—we continued to have a focus on certain carnivals with Homebush long-course attracting 21 swimmers in late March and State Relays 29 swimmers in July. Unfortunately, our numbers were down for State short course at Woy Woy in October,

however, our small team of swimmers punched well above their weight winning a swag of medals with Tony Goodwin winning another Swimmer of the Meet award. A big thank you to Ruth Fitzpatrick who officiated on both days and Judy Bornstein, who was both a supporter and timekeeper. We hope to have a much better attendance at Canberra for the short-course championships later this year. Our club members also supported the various Branch Pointscore meets throughout the year, highlighted by 36 swimmers competing at our own club carnival in November.

MELBOURNE NATIONALS—we had a team of nine swimmers compete in Melbourne in early April, with both Rob Butcher and Tony Goodwin winning six gold medals apiece. Tony also won the Male Swimmer of the Meet for the second year running. There were many other fine performances by our whole team.

WORLD AQUATICS MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS—these were held in Singapore in late July (open water) and early August (pool). Our team of seven swimmers did exceptionally well, winning a total of nine gold medals (out of the 20 won by NSW Masters' swimmers), two silver and five bronze medals—an amazing result both individually and for our club.

PAN PAC MASTERS GAMES—Lauren Stadler was our sole competitor last year and won all four of her events (25 and 50 m freestyle and butterfly). Lauren also reclaimed her 50 m butterfly state short course record. Congratulations to Lauren.

CLUB AWARDS—at the MSNSW Awards dinner in April, Manly were joint winners (along with Campbelltown) of the Sue Johnstone Award. This trophy goes to the club winning the highest average pointscore—calculated over all the two-day carnivals in a calendar year (2024 in this instance). Club Captain Carolyn accepted the award on behalf of our club. Manly last won this trophy 18 years ago in 2007—well done, Manly! As we most often do, Manly again won the Visitor's Perpetual Trophy at the Warringah carnival for the visiting club with the highest aggregate pointscore.

There were many other fine performances in 2025 by our club members and these were all acknowledged at the time via our regular communication 'Dot Points'.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS—Our hard-working Social Secretary Fiona Mulcahy did a wonderful job again in 2025, organising several successful events, including:

- ❖ Two well-attended **Milestone birthday lunches** at The Manly Club in March/August;
- ❖ The **post State Relay carnival gathering at The Forest Hotel**—now an annual fixture;
- ❖ Fiona was a tireless helper on the day of our **50th anniversary party in October**, having not long returned from overseas;
- ❖ **Club catering for our carnival at Lane Cove** in November, including organising the raffle prizes and all the food for the post-carnival spread;

- ❖ **Xmas party and presentation evening** in December at The Belrose Hotel—a new venue for us last year. We had over 60 in attendance and the consensus was that it was an excellent setting with good food and vibes so we have booked again for 2026!
- ❖ Thank you once again Fiona for all your efforts in 2025—your assistance is very much appreciated by all.
- ❖ The club also ran a successful **Bunnings BBQ** in July, which raised over \$1,400. As well as being a good fund-raiser, it is a great social meeting place for our club members with many volunteers helping on the day. We have successfully applied for a July date at the new Bunnings in Frenchs Forest this year, which we hope will be a more profitable venue.

THE DAWN GLEDHILL 4 X 25 M MEDLEY—This annual event was swum for the fourth time in 2025 and is now a permanent fixture on our calendar at the indoor 25 m pool during August or September. It is fast becoming a highlight for our members. We had 8 heats this time with lots of additional helpers doing timekeeping, plus a starter (Alec) and photographer (David) on hand. The winner was the person who swam closest to their nominated entry time. Dan Phillipot was announced as the winner at our Xmas party and presented with his medallion. Congratulations, Dan!

CLUB CARNIVAL AT LANE COVE—we were blessed with our best weather day yet in the three years we have been at Lane Cove. We attracted approx. 150 entrants overall and this seems to be around the number we can expect to get for this late-season date. Club members stepped up with donations of food / cash for our well renowned spread and raffle, which meant we were able to turn a profit of approx. \$2K. A huge vote of thanks goes to Julie Orr as Carnival Director, for her organisation leading up to the event and on the day. Julie was greatly assisted by Ruth Fitzpatrick, who also doubled as the Meet Referee. Thank you, Ruth!

OTHER SOCIAL SWIMMING—Our club members also continued to swim elsewhere, with our informal Saturday morning ‘yellow caps’ enjoying the Manly to Shelly swim, followed by coffee.

Club Captain Carolyn has continued to award Swimmer of the Month awards to deserving recipients and the coffee mugs awarded are always well received. We continue to communicate with our membership on a mostly weekly basis via ‘Dot Points’, which is an attempt to keep everybody informed as to what is happening around the place.

I would like to record a personal vote of thanks to the 2025 committee, and those in off committee roles who have done an excellent job and all worked together in a cohesive manner to ensure the smooth running of our great club. That said, four of our 2025 committee are stepping aside in 2026. Our Club Captain Carolyn, Vice-President Katherine, Meet Director Julie and Recorder Gloria are all not seeking re-election for various reasons.

Carolyn has been in her role for the past four years and has made it her own since taking on the position in early 2022, following the sad passing of Dawn Gledhill in late 2021. As a

long-term club member, Carolyn has been an ideal fit for the captain's role, attending many carnivals, organising relays (often a thankless task) and generally representing the club and helping behind the scenes when and where necessary. Her efforts will be sorely missed and we wish her well in her sabbatical from her teaching profession this year.

Katherine, as vice-president for the past three years, has always been on call to assist when needed. From offering her experience to me in preparing for the 2024 Bunnings BBQ, taking meeting minutes when Elli has been away, putting submissions together for MSNSW award nominations, along with Carolyn, putting the story boards together for our 50th party amongst other things, she is someone you can always turn to and rely on for assistance.

Julie has followed in the footsteps of Steve Lamy (our long-time meet director) and has helped with the smooth transition of our club to running the last two Lane Cove carnivals. Julie will continue to be involved in a big way with our club as a coach, getting officials trained so that we can continue to run our own carnival, co-ordinating CPR courses when required, amongst other things.

Gloria is stepping down as club recorder, having been in the role for 17 years! Since joining the club in 1994 (and prior to taking on the recorder's role), Gloria was treasurer for one year, race secretary for eight years and also gear steward at some stage. Needless to say, the club continues to be a large part of her life and her diligence in record keeping and timely reporting of results, particularly at major meets such as state, nationals and world championships has been very much appreciated by members.

I would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to all four outgoing committee members on their significant contributions to our club. Without people such as yourselves and others willing to contribute, it would not be possible to run the club in a smooth and efficient manner.

In conclusion, as we head into a new year, we look forward to many more swimming and social highlights again in 2026 as we embark on our second 50 years.

Thank you.

Ross Hall
President



MERRYLANDS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

It gives me great pleasure to provide information about the achievements of our club's Masters swimmers during 2025. Our club was formed in 1968 and operates as one club, with SNSW swimmers and Masters NSW swimmers all training and competing in club races and activities together. This engenders a great family spirit throughout the club and also provides a seamless pathway for our junior club members once they attain 18 years of age.

Our club appointed a new head coach in 2025. Following Peter Johnston stepping down as head coach (a role he performed for 20 years, being recognised as both the NSW and Australian Masters Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2017, and the ASCTA Masters Coach of the Year) our club appointed Alison Johnston (nee Sakurovs) to the role. Alison has been a coach at our club since 2015, bringing a strong focus for swimmers of all ages, being a successful competitive swimmer at Masters level. We have already seen outstanding results & achievements from swimmers of all ages under Alison's coaching.

Highlights of 2025 for our Masters swimmers includes:

- ❖ Membership 2025—6 swimmers and 1 dry member
- ❖ Meets attended
 - ❖ Blacktown BPS
 - ❖ NSW LC State
 - ❖ NSW LD SC State
 - ❖ NSW SC State
 - ❖ MSA Nationals in Melbourne
 - ❖ Masters World Aquatics Championships in Singapore
 - ❖ MSNSW “Unofficial World Championship Awards”—THE MOTIVATOR; THE PERSON WHO GAVE THE BEST PEP TALKS OR ENCOURAGEMENT PRE-RACE
Alison Sakurovs

In particular I want to acknowledge the following achievements of our Masters members:

- ❖ Our team of 4 swimmers (Varant Jambazian, Kylee Murray, Leanne Tovkach & Alison Johnston) finished the 2025 Australian Masters Championships with 4 medals, 20 personal best times and 16 season-best times and also won the Life Member's trophy point score.
- ❖ Our team of 2 swimmers (Kylee Murray & Alison Johnston) finished the World Aquatics Masters Championships in Singapore with 3 new personal best times and 3 new season best times.

Graham Edwards
President



MINGARA MASTERS PELICANS SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 saw the launch of Mingara Pelicans, formerly known as Ettalong Pelicans. The change came about as Mingara wanted to start a Masters club, and rather than have another club on the central coast, they approached Ettalong and asked if they wanted to merge.



We had a launch party at Mingara pool on Friday 7 February, alongside the Mingara Amateur club night, and held a sausage sizzle and a raffle. There was great interest on the night with many potential new members asking plenty of questions.

The Pelicans now have a dedicated training night at Mingara, which is 6:30 pm Monday night. The original training at the PLC in Woy Woy continues at 6:45 pm Thursday nights.

Many carnivals have been attended throughout the year, with a successful **STATE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS** in April with our club coming away with 15 Gold, 13 Silver & 26 Bronze. We also achieved the Executive Trophy which is awarded to the club with the highest percentage of members competing.



We had 7 Mingara Pelicans attend the **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Melbourne. A special congratulations to Paul Lemmon who not only won 5 individual gold medals, but also broke the national record in the Men's 55–59 400 m IM in a time of 5:14.49.



Along with pool events, we have several swimmers who also compete in ocean Swims. The Terrigal ocean swim is completed every Easter, with a very high attendance of Pelican swimmers.

GREAT BARRIER REEF GAMES—CAIRNS

Lauren (*right*) represented the Pelicans at the Great Barrier Reef Games, coming away with 7 gold & 4 silver. Lauren also



broke Games records in 400 m IM, 400 m backstroke, 400 m butterfly, 50 m backstroke & 200 m backstroke.

PELICANS BPS CARNIVAL

This is always a favourite amongst the MSNSW community. In 2025 there were a staggering 33 state records broken at our meet, and a huge 240 swimmers in attendance. This meet cannot go ahead without the dedication of our club and its volunteers. Thank you to everyone in the club who helped out in planning beforehand & on the day. We appreciate you all!



The **MSNSW RELAY MEET** saw 16 Pelicans attend from 439 swimmers NSW wide. We had 19 teams put on an incredible performance winning 7 gold, 3 silver & 5 bronze. Mingara Pelicans came 8th overall.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—SINGAPORE

5 Pelicans attended the open water & pool events in Singapore. Father & son duo Bob & Stephen Hunt did an incredible job in the pool, achieving multiple PBs on the world stage. In the open water, Malcolm Allen won GOLD in the 3 km event. Brooke Allen came in 5th & Rod Hulls 11th. The open water was a very hot 30 degrees in the water, and to finish was an achievement.

Congratulations to our 5 Pelicans!





The **STATE SC CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held at the PLC, which is great for us—no travel required! We had 16 Pelicans competing, winning a total of 31 gold, 21 silver & 12 bronze. Congratulations to Paul Lemmon who broke a state record in the 200 m butterfly & our president Ian Morgan who broke his own state record in the 25 m backstroke. Our club placed 4th overall out of 33!

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES—CANBERRA

4 Pelicans travelled to Canberra to compete in the AMG with some truly incredible results: 16 gold, 5 silver & 8 bronze. They formed an incredible relay team and took away the gold in the 4 x 50 freestyle relay (160–199 age group).

E1000

We had several members take up the e1000 in 2025, with 10 swimmers completing a couple of distances. Congratulations to Lauren Bradley who completed all 62 swims for maximum points, and a special mention to Colleen Garland who time kept for Lauren throughout the year!



Lauren Bradley
Secretary



MOLONGLO WATER DRAGONS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

MOLONGLO WATER DRAGONS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Continuing in my role as club president, it is pleasing to report that 2025 was another viable and successful year for the Molonglo Water Dragons Masters Swimming Club.

As has been core to the club for many years now, we have continued to provide to our members a range of ongoing regular well planned coaching sessions at our Civic and Queanbeyan pools providing a range of benefits with the important outcome of Fun, Fitness and Friendship for all.

We are thankful for our well-planned coaching directorship in conjunction with our coaches who take time to attend clinics as well as gaining more input from worthwhile online content to help them maintain their well-received swim sessions.

In late March a small but quality contingent of our swimmers participated in the NSW championships at Sydney Olympic Park with medals secured and some also joining our sibling club the Vikings for relay events to help them add to their haul of medals.

Good outcomes all round.

On a cold and wintry solstice on Saturday 21 June 2025, several of our club members again took to the brisk waters of Lake Burley Griffin, to celebrate the shortest day of the year. This tradition is unique to our club which particularly highlights the Fun & Friendship approach we all maintain which has been ongoing for some years now.

The Molonglo Water Dragons were all fired up in October at the Australian Masters Games in Canberra, with 7 swimmers doing 40 individual events and 8 relays over 2 days, bringing home a swag of medals 🏆🥈🥉. We were supported by two very important volunteers, Chief Timekeeper David Leake, and Chief Timekeeper Carol Croce with homemade GF cookies and carrot cake, the icing on a great event for our club.

Again, the good work from our committee as well as other member contributions enabled us to progress harmoniously and successfully through the year whilst maintaining strong membership numbers and satisfaction for our membership.

David Specker
President



MYALL MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Myall Masters Swimming Club Inc has experienced a very successful year with member numbers remaining steady and several new members joining.

Our club meets Monday between 5 pm and 6 pm, Wednesday between 8 am and 9 am and Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm.

Our club held its annual swim carnival on the 14th February with 27 participating clubs from as far north as Port Macquarie and Tamworth, south to Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Over 170 swimmers were present and over 20 swimmers represented our club, which finished 3rd behind Maitland and Warringah. Myall Masters had excellent feedback from several clubs who expressed interest in attending future carnivals at our pool. The pool and surrounds were in excellent condition thanks to the hard work of the pool staff.

Myall Masters purchased new equipment for the carnival. These included 3 new gazebos to offer sun protection for timekeepers, several new stop watches and a set of two-way radios.

Myall Masters is very fortunate to have a group of very motivated and knowledgeable coaches. They attend our swim days and provide advice on how to improve members' techniques and stamina, with swimmers benefitting greatly from this advice.

Our club also has several qualified swim officials; 3 new officials were accredited this season.

Myall Masters has an active committee that worked well together this year. Although not in agreement with one another at times, committee members have always found a way to resolve issues for the benefit of the club.

Due to the number of active members, I cannot see any reason the club will not continue to provide a service for the community in the future.

Adrian Reynolds
President



NORTH SYDNEY MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

2025 continued to be a challenging time for the club as we have not had access to the North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) for close to 5 years. It does not look like access will be available until late 2026.

We greatly value:

- ❖ The support of our panel of volunteer coaches led by Joe Watkins.
- ❖ Lane Cove, Bluefit and Manly ABC and their local communities to allow meaningful access to precious lane space.
- ❖ All our club members for their patience, participation and ongoing loyalty to the club.

Throughout 2025 we:

- ❖ Increased our engagement with social media (e.g., creation of a club Instagram page and re-introduction of activity on our Facebook page).
- ❖ Maintained active participation in our training programs.
- ❖ Achieved good attendance at the Relay carnivals and ocean swims. Some great individual pool performances were recorded throughout the year.
- ❖ Ran several social functions which always help to create stronger connections between members.
- ❖ Remained in a financially solid position.
- ❖ Consolidated all training sessions at Lane Cove in anticipation of a return to NSOP.
- ❖ Increased the sustainability of our coaching services through an enhanced volunteer base.
- ❖ Actively engaged with North Sydney Council to ensure our successful return to NSOP.

I would personally like to thank all committee members for their efforts this year. I encourage all members to think about joining the committee in some way this year. This is my last year as president as I have moved to Crescent Head.

Our current thinking is that for 2026 we need to focus on:

- ❖ Return to using NSOP late in 2026 as our training location and with full support of North Sydney Council.
- ❖ Increasing members' participation in pool competitions.
- ❖ Supporting our volunteer coaches to ensure they are valued by members and they get a sense of fulfillment from the role.

- ❖ Renew the committee membership and look to make committee membership more time-efficient and personally rewarding.
- ❖ Make better use of social media to engage our members and attract new members.

Mark Griffiths
President



NOVOCASTRIAN MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Novos 2025 year was busy for competition swimming at carnivals.

Approximately half of the membership of 12 attended carnivals during the year.

The club is financially sound at present so we waived our membership fee again for this year.

Our swimmers still train at different pools and squads at times that suit them so it is difficult to stay in touch. A group of up to 10 swimmers still train at Charlestown pool so about half the club get to socialise afterwards. Adult squad training is held 3 times a week where a few keen members train.

A Combined Hunter Club Carnival was held this year thanks to MSNSW providing a setup fee. Maitland Merlos and Toronto Crocs combined with us to deliver a successful meet. The financial outcome received by our clubs saw us just in the black by a small amount even after receiving the generous offer from Head Office.

Thanks to Kerry Blanch and Nigel van Reyk for their efforts in making this possible.

Thanks also to the Hunter members who contributed to a successful meet.

We hope to be able to host another carnival in 2026 and are keeping in touch with the other clubs to facilitate this.

Our club is committed to the promotion of swimming.

Looking forward to a successful year.

Nick Woodcock
President



OAK FLATS AUSSI MASTERS INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Campbelltown is always our first and most popular carnival where we had seven swimmers compete. A mixed day for us. Bob always pulls out some good swims. He is our oldest member and inspires us all. Our men's relay got a second place.

Karline swam in Singapore and achieved some PBs. She had a great time, too.

2025 was a mixed year with some serious health issues but we have all pulled through and are making a comeback.

Lynn went to the Australian Masters Games in Canberra and won 4 gold and 6 bronze medals.

We have a few new members but our core group keep on swimming.

We are all back for another year.

Yours in swimming,

Narelle Day
President



PORT MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

2025 was a successful year for Port Masters.

We had a number of swimmers compete in carnivals over the year with Neale Whittard and Marg Jopling attending the World Masters in Singapore. Marg brought home a number of medals in her age group.

We had a great turnout at the State Relay titles in Homebush, with exceptional swims by all.

Our own carnival in November had quite a few entries. Thanks to everyone that made it a fantastic day.

Our annual Christmas presentation night was well attended with winners being:

Rosemary
Bonnie
Gary
Ross
Hayley and Jenni
Wendy
Marg.

At this point I'd like to welcome all our new members who are contributing to making this a fantastic club.

I'd like to thank our extraordinary coach, Larry. He certainly helps us to achieve our best.

To our committee and office bearers, you have done an exemplary job. A special thanks to Neale and Joy as outgoing office bearers.

I hope we have continuing success at carnivals this year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being president of my favourite club.

Helen Cox
President



RYDE MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

OVERALL SUCCESS

Over the past year we have been very successful as a club. Mark Cooper has broken state and national records. We've attended the majority of events including National Championships in Melbourne and World Championships in Singapore. We've brought our governance up to date with a lodgement of our Club Constitution and registration as a not-for-profit organisation with the Department of Fair Trading. We have a very healthy bank balance for our operations, we've raised over \$2,000 at a Bunnings BBQ, and hosted our own BPS carnival. These are all the hallmarks of a successful club.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE

We have had a very respectable year with our membership at 46, which represents a decline from last year's 57. We are a Division 1 club that finished the 2025 season in 7th place, which is quite an achievement given our numbers.

A big thank you to our committee members and people in other positions of importance for their commitment to Ryde Masters Swimming Club. This year we have seen three members step down from their roles—Andrew McCrindell (president), Jamie Turner (vice president), and Joe Rosenfels (treasurer). We welcome Greg Lewin as our incoming president for 2026, Aimee Sutton as our vice president, and Andrew Bursill as our new treasurer to fill these positions. We also welcome Jessica Wilson to the committee as our Ryde carnival secretary.

Across 2025 the club was also able to bring our constitution and registration with Fair Trading up to date. A big thank you to Andrew McCrindell and Ken Pritchard for spearheading these updates which should hold the club in good stead for the future.

CLUB SESSIONS AND VENUES

We continue to have our training nights which are held at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre every Monday (7:45 pm–8:45 pm) and Wednesday (7:30 pm–8:30 pm). Wednesday evenings still include a social gathering after training for tea/coffee, biscuits, and a chat. We have our dedicated coaching team of Greg Lewin (head coach) and Andrew McCrindell who coordinate a mix of training sessions that focus on preparedness for major carnivals in the first half of the year, and on stroke correction and fitness in the latter half of the year.

MEET RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The spirit within the club is to be inclusive, encourage each other, and have fun. We encourage all swimmers to participate in carnivals without the pressures of having to perform at an elite level. Our relays are often made up of mixed ability swimmers and having said that we need to recognise two elite swimmers.

Firstly, our team captain Mark Cooper placed second in 2025 in the MSNSW top swimmers point score with a total of 565 points. Mark holds the state records for 800 m and 1500 m breaststroke which he achieved in the one 1500 m event. He broke the national record for the 400 m butterfly in a time of 5:55.21, and the state record for the 200 m butterfly. Our other elite swimmer is Gail Fletcher, who was our only medal winner at World Masters, winning bronze for the 100 m breaststroke.

Our highlights for the year were 3rd place average score at Myall, 1st place average score at Wett Ones, 2nd overall point score at our Ryde carnival, and 1st place average score at Manly. At the state relay meet: 1st in the 4 x 100 m mixed medley relay, 2nd in the 4 x 25 m women's freestyle relay, 2nd in the 4 x 100 women's medley relay, and 3rd in the 4 x 50 mixed freestyle relay. Ryde came in 6th place overall in the NSW Long Distance Championships. At the NSW Short Course Championships Aimee, Ailsa, Mark and Helen all won medals. At nationals Jamie, Mark and Aimee all came back decorated in gold, silver and bronze. An elite team of five—Greg, Mark, Kathy, Gail, and Andrew—had a great time in Singapore where there were visits to the highest bar in Singapore (in a skyscraper), trips to the zoos, excursions to the offshore islands, walks in the parks and botanical gardens, and a lot of highly competitive swimming.

SAFETY

There were no safety incidents at our carnival this year and we continued to use the new management during warm-up which was introduced in 2023.

The club also proposed some safety amendments to BPS meet notifications with MSNSW to better accommodate older and less mobile members when deciding what events to participate in.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We continued with our Bunnings BBQ fundraising in 2025, raising over \$2,000 for the club and also promoting Masters Swimming to the wider community. Our yearly Christmas party was once again held in December and an enjoyable day was had by all. Our 2025 club awards were presented on the day:

Service Award: Helen Rubin

Participation Award: Aimee Sutton

Encouragement Award: Louise Fyson

Once again, our Ryde club members participated where possible in branch events and club training in the spirit of ***fitness, friendship, and fun***. In my departure, I wish you all every success with your swimming in the future.

Andrew McCrindell
President



SAPPHIRE COAST ADULT SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Applied for and was successful in obtaining a grant of \$1,700 to cover the costs of our coaches/programme leaders to attend the Masters Swimming Australia National Coaching Conference in Canberra. As part of this grant, a project completion report was sent to Bendigo Bank. I also represented SCASC at Bendigo Bank's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 19 November.

Taylor took up the new position as Social Officer and, along with Pat, organised the Christmas party which was held in Eden. Another social outing saw four members go bowling at Top Fun.

As part of Bega Valley Shire Council's Shire-wide Swimming development program, one member of our club participated in the SCTA Foundation Swim Coach Course in preparation for qualification as a Swimming Australia development coach.

As a club we supported Bega Valley Shire Council's grant application for the Sapphire Aquatic Centre Accessibility and Changeroom Improvements. As part of this process, Viv formatted a letterhead for the club.

Ex-president Bruce Williamson was still receiving occasional enquiries about the club from our Facebook Page. This has been sorted out.

Organised our Google Drive account with the assistance of Taylor.

At the request of MSNSW, our club sent through inspiring and interesting stories of club members to be included in their newsletter and social media channels.

Myself and Vivien updated the club's details in Masters Swimming Australia's new club finder website.

Vivien completed the annual club affiliation with MSNSW and MSA.

External hard drive purchased to store GoPro videos.

Both Wendy and Helen qualified as Masters Swimming coaches. Pat continued to offer support as Program Leader.

New Australian Tax Office (ATO) annual reporting requirements for Not for Profit (NFP) organisations sorted out by Bruce, Jenny and Ken. Annual NFP tax return completed by Ken.

With the help of Gail and Ailie we decided upon a new logo for the club.

Thanks to the hard work of our head coach, Sue, and other volunteers, SCASC held our first stroke workshop at Pambula Aquatic Centre on 26 July.

Took receipt of and distributed Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) 50th anniversary commemorative swimming caps to members.

Ailie updated our Facebook Page and Club website as required.

Our club profile was shared with MSNSW for their social media pages.

Gifts and Certificates of Appreciation sent to our sponsors by Ailie.

Expressions of our appreciation organised by Ailie and sent to our three coaches.

Met with other members of the committee and Sue to approve the head coaches Annual Training Plan and discuss the results of the swimmers' survey. Jenny tabled the club's financial position and we also discussed coaches' remuneration, Sue's impending retirement, a possible increase in club membership and club uniforms.

2025 was a difficult year. I particularly want to thank Ailie and Viv for stepping up when I fell short and Jenny for all her hard work.

Elizabeth Ryan
President



SEASIDE PIRATES PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee colleagues Shane, Jane, Viv and Sue. I am genuinely grateful for the time, effort and dedication you give to our club, and for the support you provide me in my role as president. Your contributions are truly appreciated.

Our membership total for 2025 was 20 members, which was down on the previous year. Each year our committee continues to work hard to promote the club and encourage swimmers to join us but it has been difficult to maintain and grow since we have stopped organised training sessions. It is also important to note that we have a club made up of swimmers from all over NSW, so having a central training session that suits all our members is very difficult.

In April 2025, the 48th annual nationals were held in Melbourne. Well done to the Pirates that attended—Jane, Tim and Jean.

Our annual Seaside Pirates meet was held at Knox in June and was another successful event, largely due to the strong involvement of team members both in the lead-up and on the day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning and preparation—bringing this meet together requires a significant amount of time and effort. Thank you also to those who assisted on the day, and to Jane for coordinating and delivering another excellent event.

The Relay Meet was held in July 2026, and we thank everyone who attended and swam in our relays. As always, it was a thoroughly enjoyable event, and one we look forward to each year.

The World Aquatics Championships were held in Singapore in August, with a fantastic Pirate team in attendance—Jane, Tim, Jean, Sue, Heidi, Nathan, Jacqui, William and Sandra. In addition to racing, we thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many tourist attractions and dining at some excellent restaurants along the way.

We had some Pirates attend the 3 NSW state championships held. The long-course championships at SOPAC in March, the long-distance championships at Knox pool in August and the short-course championships at Woy Woy in October. Thank you to those Pirates who swam and those who helped officiate at these events.

I have been president for 4 years and I have made the decision to step down from the role. I believe it is now the right time to make space for new energy and fresh ideas to help guide the club into its next chapter.

Again, thank you to our wonderful committee that work hard to make our club run, and thank you to all Pirates for your contributions during the year.

Sandra Rogers
President



ST GEORGE MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

St George Masters Swimming Club are part of Masters Swimming NSW	
Swimming Time	Monday Nights
Time	From 7:00 pm to 8.00 pm
Location	Peakhurst West Swimming Pool, Ogilvy St Peakhurst, within school

St George Masters had a mixed year due to the closure of the pool for many months whilst a new roof and upgrades renovations were made. As a club we swam at either Roselands or Reveby council pools whilst Peakhurst pool was unavailable.

Our numbers still remain low with a couple of new members joining. Attracting new members has always been a challenge, of late people have advised that the membership fees are prohibitive, especially as all members are not interested in participating in carnivals, and have asked regularly if there are cheaper options.

2026 could be another year of uncertainty for our club, as the pool is owned by NSW Education and currently are seeking organisations to operate the pool financially. We feel the pool hire will become inhibitive.

Mark Connell
President



TRINITY AUSSI MASTERS SWIM CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

This year has been a very good year under difficult circumstances with all the construction going on at Trinity College.

Over the last year we have managed to keep active socially, as we are a social bunch and enjoy ourselves whenever we are out and about. This year we had our Christmas party at the Massey Park Golf Club at Concord. We had a great afternoon with 15 members attending. We need to thank John and Johanne Staplefeldt for arranging it and all those that attended. Also, our coffee and cake nights at the end of each month are proving very popular thanks to John and a special thankyou to all our members who bring along cakes and food.

In conclusion we wish everyone in Masters Swimming good health and keep up the swimming.

John Kulhan
President



TUGGERANONG VIKINGS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Tuggeranong has continued to attract new members and it is pleasing to see a number of younger swimmers joining. 2025 finished with over 80 members and in the first few months of 2026, we have attracted over 10 new members bringing our membership close to 90.

AWARDS

In 2025, some of our members' hard work and dedication were recognised in awards. Peter Sharman was one of the Unsung Heroes for his time volunteering at meets, and Anne Smyth's volunteering in the coaching field was acknowledged in the NSW Gary Stutsel Award.

COMMITTEE

The Committee had a few changes in positions at the AGM in October. Kylie Lane stepped down as president and has been replaced by Anne Smyth. We would like to acknowledge and thank Kylie for her dedication and leadership over the past few years. Thanks also to Michael Kennedy, Jane Waddington and Donna Campbell for their time on the committee.

The club continues in a strong financial position under the steady leadership of our treasurer, Nicholas Dando.

COACHING, TRAINING AND ENDURANCE SESSIONS

In 2025 we welcomed Chris Campbell and Josh Froggatt to our coaching team. We are fortunate to have a strong team of 9 coaches, providing diversity to our training and enabling a large number of coached sessions weekly.

Greg Gourley has taken over from Anne Smyth as head coach, implementing a comprehensive year plan for the coaches to follow. The coaching team is Greg Gourley, Anne Smyth, Leisa Cass, Jeanette Droop, Kylie Lane, Brenda Day, Kristi Ruus, Chris Campbell and Josh Froggart.

The club offers the following sessions:

- ❖ 3 x 1 hr coached sessions per week (1 coach);
- ❖ 1 x 1.5 hr coached session per week (2 coaches);
- ❖ over summer, a Sunday morning session was added at the outdoor 50 m pool in Phillip, which many swimmers enjoyed;

- ❖ our 2 weekly endurance sessions are very popular with many of our members who are committed to the program. Tuggeranong Masters always performs strongly in the endurance points score.

WORKSHOPS

Tuggeranong ran a freestyle workshop for the club and surrounding ACT and southern NSW areas in May 2025. Recently, the club ran a ‘come and try’ freestyle workshop for Lakeside Leisure Centre. This was a very successful promotion leading to several swimmers joining the club.

COMPETITIONS

Tuggeranong had a strong competition year with many swimmers attending Great Barrier Reef Games, Nationals, State SC and LC, the Relay Meet and club meets.

We were fortunate to have the Australian Masters Games in Canberra, providing the opportunity for those who often find it difficult to travel to compete. Tuggeranong even managed to field a team of 4 swimmers at the World Masters Games in Singapore.

OFFICIALS

Thanks to Ann Reid and Donna Campbell who continue to do a wonderful job officiating at state and national swim meets, and to Pete Sharman who can usually be found on the medal table at these events.

50 X 50 X 50 AWARDS

Tuggeranong had 15 dedicated swimmers who participated in the 2026 50 x 50 x 50 program. The awards were presented at a special drinks night at the local club.

POSTAL SWIM

There were 21 participants in the Tuggeranong Trifecta in 2025. Due to decreasing participation and interest the club has decided not to offer a postal swim this year.

SOCIAL

Tuggeranong hosted monthly drinks at the local club where swimmer of the month was awarded and a card draw conducted. The end of year Christmas and awards celebration was attended by many, with the Kris Kringle being a highlight.

Thank you to all our members who make our club a success and to the committee and coaches for all their hard work and dedication.

Anne Smyth
President



2025 saw Warringah Masters build on our positive trajectory with increased membership, coaches and a healthy financial position.

In 2025 we will be looking to grow our contribution to officiating and engaging with members and nearby clubs to develop masters swimming across the community.

Membership

- We grew members to 133 from 118 in 2024. We retained many long-term members and added more who joined to compete and build fitness through the coaching sessions.

Officials

- We had 9 officials that contributed significantly to the smooth running of Masters Swimming events at a branch and state level. Due to membership changes, we are down to 7 so part of our plan in 2026 is to encourage and support members to become officials and help with the smooth running of carnivals across NSW.
- In one of our highlights of the year, Cameron Jones was recognised as the Masters Swimming NSW and Masters Swimming Australia Official of the Year for 2024, which is a great inspiration for anyone looking to kick off their journey as an official.



Coaches

- Our call for coaches last year was extremely successful, and we quickly moved from 10 coaches to 17, with 5 female coaches.
- We introduced a third training session on Tuesday nights, focused on sprinting and race preparation. This has proved popular with members and we are grateful to Jacinta Allsopp for leading this initiative.
- Another highlight for the club in 2025 was seeing Wilson Gamble awarded NSW Coach of the Year for 2024 as he continues to lead Wednesday night sessions.

Finance

- The club continues to maintain a strong financial position, thanks to the work of our Treasurer, Helen Campbell, and the support of sponsors Vege Chips.

Competition

- Another outstanding year for Warringah in the Branch Point Score, captained by Richard Peterson. We came first overall in Division 1, also coming first in 2 of the big 4 carnivals, winning State Long Course and Short Course.



- We continue to achieve when it comes to records broken. We saw 2 teams break State relay records 2025, and 1 team break a Men's 280-319 4x 50m Medley State and National record.
- John Bates broke 50m Freestyle and Butterfly State records at the State Championships and Jacinta Allsopp broke the 50m Butterfly State record at the same event. Abel Bornstein broke the State and National record for the 200m Butterfly at the State Championships, and Gordon Whyte broke the 25m Butterfly State and National record at the short course event in Woy Woy in May.
- We also saw a large contingent of 20 swimmers head to Singapore in August for the World Championships. Some amazing performances, Stephen Ford kicked it off with a bronze in the open water, then we had pool medals for Tony Wozniak, Jorian Catzel and several medals for Marilyn Earp, along with a relay gold for John de Vries, Jorian Catzel, Gordon Whyte and Stuart Meares, and a relay silver for Gordon, Milton O'Dell, Tony Wozniak and Ruwan De Mel and many top 10 placements.



Carnival

- 198 swimmers competed at our home meet in September, with 56 from Warringah.
- The Vege Chips Medley Shootout continues to be a crowd favourite, this year the competition was fierce as always, with Kelly Bowden from Campbelltown the winner in the Women's and Luca Alessi from Wett Ones the winner in the Men's races.

Events

- Our main social event of the year was the Awards Presentation held at the Forest Hotel in November. The Max Award went jointly to Abel Bornstein and Gordon Whyte (branch/ state records broken in 2024), Nicola Pervan and Rowan Jacob won Female and Male Swimmers of the Year. The Club Member of the Year went to Jacinta Allsopp.



Special mentions

- 2025 saw Stuart Meares awarded Life Membership of Masters Swimming NSW. Stuart joined Warringah Masters in 1986, has been involved for 39 years, has been Treasurer of Masters Swimming New South Wales for 18 years in that time, and has been the auditor of our club since 1995. Congratulations Stuart.
- A special mention also to Jacinta Allsopp who has led the organisation of a series of talks, aimed at members and the broader Masters swimming community. To date we have had talks on nutrition for swimming, strength and conditioning, and coming up we have injury prevention and management.





WESTS AUBURN MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

In 2025, Wests Auburn took part in the T2M program. The program was financially supported by MSA and utilized a program developed by 2 outstanding MSA coaches. In order to deliver the program, Cameron Jones came on board as a secondary coach and has continued in this position in 2026. Eight participants swam every week over 24 weeks and developed their skills and stamina in the water. This program was so well received that most of the participants continued to swim regularly with us for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to all of our participants and thank you to Cameron for delivering the program.

In addition to this landmark program, our club ran all of its usual programs and sessions throughout 2025 and we thank all of our members for their continued involvement and support.

MEMBERSHIP

We had 19 financial members at the end of 2025. We average about 8 swimmers at most Endurance sessions, 7 members in the T2M and continuers program and 5 members regularly participate in training sessions.

CLUB SESSIONS AND VENUE

We have been swimming at Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre (REAC) on Fridays at 6:30 pm (sporadically) and Sundays at 8:30 am, completing the e1000 program and club swims. Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm were held at Birrong for our regular advanced training program. Once again during winter we moved these sessions to Birrong for their consistent heating of the pool. The T2M and continuers program remained at REAC throughout the year, moving indoor and enticing some of the learn to swim teachers to join in!

We have seven members with Bronze Medallion qualifications and four with Senior First Aid.

INTERCLUB MEETS

We were represented at all BPS carnivals in NSW this year, as well as all state and national carnivals. Officials from our club were also on pool deck at most carnivals.

ENDURANCE 1000

13 of our members participated in the national Endurance 1000 scheme and 4 members completed the NSW Pathway, 2 with all swims and only 1 with top points. Unfortunately, the average point score dropped and we will not receive the average points award this year.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

We run two competitions within the club. One is a short-distance point-scoring competition (200, 100, 50, 25 m) where eight swims per month score points. The other is a club record-breaking competition, which was very keenly contested this year, with the men beating the women in the club records broken.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Cassie Anderson was once again NSW age champion, for 2025. Well done, Cassie.

SPONSORSHIP

Nil received for 2025.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Although small in numbers, we regularly enjoy social events such as Sunday brunch, dinners at Dooley's and Christmas dinner.

We had a wonderful turnout at the 50th anniversary dinner put on by MSNSW—our table even came away with a trivia prize each.

Thank you to all of our dedicated members, especially those who hold a position on the committee and keep our club running smoothly.

Kerryn Blanch
President



WETT ONES SWIMMING CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Wett Ones Swimming Club has enjoyed another outstanding year, marked by strong membership growth, competitive success, and vibrant community engagement. The club continues to be a leading contributor to Masters Swimming in NSW, both in participation and performance.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Membership has grown significantly in 2025, with the club reaching **207 members** by the end of 2025, which is our highest membership ever and still one of the largest Masters Swimming clubs in Australia. This included 21 new members joining since January, reflecting the club's continued appeal and inclusive environment.

The club maintains a strong focus on accessibility and inclusion, offering concession memberships and financial assistance where required. Introductory swim sessions remain an important pathway for new members, ensuring safe and appropriate integration into training programs.

Wett Ones continues to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for the LGBTIQ+ community and allies, with targeted initiatives such as women and gender diverse swim sessions contributing to increased participation and engagement.

SWIMMING AND COMPETITION

Club members have been highly active across local, state, national, and international competitions. Wett Ones swimmers participated in a number of Branch Point Score meets, with strong representation at major meets including:

- ❖ MSNSW Long Course Championships—22 swimmers
- ❖ MSNSW Relay Meet—23 swimmers
- ❖ MSNSW Long Distance Championships—6 swimmers
- ❖ MSNSW Short Course Championships—17 swimmers
- ❖ National Championships (Melbourne) —7 swimmers
- ❖ World Championships (Singapore) —14 swimmers

The club also hosted successful events at its home pool at Sydney University, including a Swim League carnival and a state meet, attracting strong participation from both members and the wider swimming community.

Encouragingly, there has been a noticeable increase in members participating in racing, with the club taking out the highest increase of points in Division 2 supported by a strong culture of encouragement and camaraderie.

COACHING AND TRAINING

The club continues to deliver a high-quality coaching program, with structured sessions held across multiple venues throughout the week. Coaching is provided at the majority of sessions, supported by a dedicated and expanding coaching team.

In 2025, the club has invested in developing new coaches, with four trainee coaches commencing their training. This includes a focus on increasing diversity within the coaching group, particularly through the inclusion of more female-identifying coaches.

Additional training capacity has been introduced through expanded lane availability and the introduction of new sessions, ensuring members have increased access to structured training.

EVENTS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Wett Ones continues to deliver a strong calendar of social and community events. Highlights for 2025 included:

- ❖ A highly successful Mardi Gras Parade, with 77 members participating
- ❖ Strong engagement at Fair Day, driving new member interest
- ❖ Club-hosted swim carnivals and social activities, including ocean swims, and Xmas party at Coogee Beach
- ❖ Joining Tattersals in December for their first intra-club swim meet
- ❖ Club Trivia Night

These events play a vital role in building club culture and strengthening member connections beyond the pool.

LOOKING AHEAD

With continued membership growth and strong engagement across all areas of the club, Wett Ones is well positioned for the future. Key priorities include:

- ❖ Expanding training capacity and coaching resources
- ❖ Supporting increased participation in competition
- ❖ Maintaining affordability and accessibility
- ❖ Continuing to foster an inclusive and welcoming club culture.

Wett Ones remains committed to providing a supportive, fun, and high-performing environment for all members!

Taylor Syme
President



WOLLONGONG MASTERS SWIMMING SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

Celebrating a huge haul of medals from the State Short-Course Championships.

The 20 members of Wollongong Masters continue to get on well, have fun together, and do some serious swimming all year round, whatever the weather.



We were represented at 12 carnivals, with 52 entries and 16 members taking part in at least one race. Our president, Sue Johnstone, attended 10 carnivals. Many medals were brought home and 11 club records were broken, by all-rounder Merek Deacon (6), flyer Peter Kell (3), Lynne Matthias and Doreen Walton. We had an especially good roll-up at the Campbelltown meet, and at the State Relays. Everyone seemed to have a good time at both of these events. Two members attended nationals in Melbourne.

Some of our members now do genuinely gruelling training sessions on club mornings—even the secretary has occasionally been lured to join them. Our refreshments afterwards are a hit, and obviously we solve all the world's problems.



A good turnout on 7 December, for swimming and for refreshments.

Anthea Gupta
Secretary



WYONG WOBBYGONGS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

We haven't been able to confirm a regular night session at the pool yet. Members are joining regular groups at the pool as it suits them.

We would like to start meeting regularly again. Most of our members are competing as the time, location and event suits their schedule.

Membership and competition entries are all done online through Swim Central.

With carnivals be held regularly again, we have been getting a small team to competitions and hope to continue with this.

Possibly looking at combining with Mingara and/or Ettalong and/or Gosford to ensure we can have relay experiences. Using one of these as a second-claim club is an option.

At this stage we are asking people to communicate if they plan to be at carnivals so that relays may be organised. This could be via email or Facebook or even by phone!

Our current position holders are:

President:	George Brown
Vice President	Mark Scicluna
Secretary	Ellen Sheerin
Treasurer	Byron O'Loughlin
Coach	Tyson Scicluna
Safety Officer	(Pool provides)
Public Officer	Byron O'Loughlin

George Brown
President

CLUBS THAT DID NOT SUBMIT AN
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Bidgee Masters Swimming Club

Castle Hill RSL Masters Swimming Club

City of Sydney Masters Aquatic Club

Coogee–Randwick Masters Swimming

Dubbo RSL Ducks Masters Swimming Club

Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters Swimming Club

Lake Macquarie Crocs Masters Swimming Inc

Leichhardt Masters Swimming Club

Mittagong Masters Swimming

North Shore Masters Swimming Club Inc

Penrith AUSSI Masters

Sutherland Sandbern Masters Swim Club Inc

Tamworth City Swimming Club

Taree Torpedoes Swim Club Inc

Tattersalls Club Swimming

Woden Valley Swim Club