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Monthly News – December 2015



Volunteer of the Month (VoM) no nominations received.

To nominate a MSNSW member simply write a paragraph describing their efforts & energy and email the branch office before 15 January. Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

Do you have non-swimming volunteers or a non-member coach? Your club can purchase them a **\$10** annual **non-swimming membership** and they then become eligible for VoM or Coach of the Year awards. Surprise your volunteers and supporters by presenting them with this gift.

Online entries For the Hornsby meet on 16 January we are trialling an **individual online entry system** within the IMGSTG console. Race Secretaries can relax! Members need to know their **username & password** (that they use when renewing their membership every year) then follow the prompts.

ANY problems? A youtube video has been created to give you step by step assistance.

This may be the most exciting and refreshing change we have experienced in quite some time. NSW has stepped into the future and now each member will put their own swims and times into the system and pay as they go. No more transferring of funds to your club then treasurers sending payment to host clubs. Cutting out the middle men should prove a more efficient and streamlined system. YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL for 2016!

**Race Secretaries will still need to send on flyers and regularly remind their members of closing dates.

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All 12 month memberships expire on 31 December so club Registrars need to spread the word that all members will want to re-join before then. Note: If swimming while unfinancial there is NO insurance cover.

***NEW* CLUB COACH COURSE** will be held on 14 February in Sydney. ALL those interested should contact the branch office immediately to get their names on the list. There are two spaces left.

Full details can be found on Masters Swimming Australia's website.

Coaching Development session Following the successful session at the Whitlam Centre in Liverpool another coach's development session is booked for **19 March** from 1.30pm-3.30pm at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues club. If you would like to attend as a coach to be mentored by our best, or if you'd like to come along as a swimmer and assist by putting their ideas into practice please email the branch office to get your name on the list. **Numbers are limited!**

Coach of the Year Nominations are open. <http://www.mastersswimmingnsw.org.au/Downloads/Forms>. Please consider honouring your tireless coach by putting their name forward. Recognition is all that many of our volunteer coaches get so put your thinking caps on. Clubs can pay **\$10 for a Coach membership**.

Official of the Year Nominations are open. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must be an accredited Masters Swimming Technical Official, be a current member from 1 January 2015 and have made an outstanding contribution in officiating and/or towards the development of officiating at Club, Branch and/or National level. For example: They attended courses to enhance knowledge and interpretation of rules; or delivered courses to prospective officials; or taken the position of mentor to trainee officials.

<http://www.mastersswimmingnsw.org.au/Downloads/Forms> Clubs can pay **\$10 for a Technical Official (non-swimming) membership**.

Coaches, Technical Officials and Volunteers can join Masters Swimming Australia for \$10 per year. In the Membership portal on the home page choose Non Swimmer in the State drop down box then NSW in the Club drop down box and follow the prompts. **Congratulations to our clubs that pay this on behalf of their workers, all clubs are encouraged to reward their non-swimming Coaches, Officials and Volunteers with their own membership.**

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VALE It is with great sadness that I need to inform you of the loss of two well-known identities from within our ranks: Kevin Vickery from Seaside Pirates and Aileen Williams from Wyong Wobbygongs have recently passed away. Those of you who attend swim meets regularly will know Aileen as she has always logged more than her fair share of timekeeping and got to the meets by public transport, often spending hours getting there. Kevin has not been seen on pool deck for a while but was previously an avid swimmer and mentor for many. Our hearts and thoughts go out to their families.

Updating your emergency contacts information When you re-join online in December you will be prompted to review your emergency contacts information. Most members do not update any details in the data base and some leave it to their clubs to organise so please take a moment to check your important contact details. **Registrars take note:** every Masters Swimming Australia member agrees to a Safety in Activity statement when they re-join each year, providing they **ACTUALLY** register themselves! Please don't take on this responsibility yourself but rather encourage and assist members to re-join themselves.

MSNSW Swimsuit Order NOW by phone, email or online (when entering the Hornsby meet).

CURRENT NSW MASTERS SWIMMING
MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN
EXCLUDING TIMES OF BLUE SWIMMING, WHITE
EXCLUDING MEMBERSHIP BY NEW SWIM TECH SWIMMING CLUBS



2016 MSNSW swim meet calendar is ready for posting or to be delivered in person at Hornsby on 16 January.

Did you make the FINA Top Ten in 2014? The patches are now available at <http://archives.fina.org/shop/>

Social Media If you don't have access to facebook you can take a peek on the home page of our website.

Timekeeping at State Long Distance Championships The decision for next year's LD Champs is that a time will only be recorded for those that log the stipulated time as a timekeeper. (Officials exempted)

State Championships 2016 Diarise NOW SOPAC is booked for Sat/Sun 9-10 April for our long course State Championships, a perfect lead-up to the National Championships in Melbourne on 21-24 April. Book it in and start discussing training and strategy with your coach and club members.

Would your club be interested in conducting the raffle? This can be a great fund-raiser for your club.



The ocean swim season is in full swing and MSNSW is, again, a sponsor of the Fine Ocean Swim Series and we already have two new members! Gerringong on 3 January is the next swim in the series. Go to www.oceanswims.com **STOP PRESS!** Penrith Masters member, Steve de Lorenzo, is offering FREE "ins & outs" surf lessons to MSNSW members at Newcastle on 22-23 January. Bookings essential! ph 8736 1232

Coming up in NSW:

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| 5pm Twilight swim meet at the new Hornsby pool | 16 January 2016 | Individual online entry |
| Myall Masters swim meet | 06 February | Entries close 22 January 2016 |



National Championships- Melbourne 21-24 April 2016 — 4 months to go

The program is available and **Entries are open. Eat, Play, Love!**

Advance notice: (start saving)

World Masters Games Auckland, New Zealand 21-30 April 2017

FINA World Masters Championships Budapest, Hungary July 2017

Jillian Pateman Administrator

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 January 2016. These meetings are open to any member of Masters Swimming NSW. Please notify the branch office by the Friday before the meeting of your intention to join us or of any agenda items you wish to add.

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