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Masters Swimming NSW

MSNSW Board Members – Jane Noake, Tony Tooher, Sue Wiles, Stuart Meares,  
Jon Hawton, Neil Keele and Owen Sinden. **Administrator** – Jillian Pateman

## Monthly News – May 2014



**Volunteer of the Month** for April is Terry Gainey from Wests Auburn Masters club. Congratulations Terry and thank you for all you do for your club and masters swimming as a whole. For those that don't know, recently at the National Championships Terry saved the day by filling in as Chief Timekeeper and still managed to compete, be MSNSW's photographer on the ground and team manager for his club! Huge effort & he came out smiling. ☺  
Please nominate a member that you appreciate! Simply write a paragraph describing a member's impact on you or your club and they may win the \$30 Coles Myer gift card. Email your nomination to the Branch office BEFORE the Board meeting on 16 June. Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

### **Master Class Coaching Forum**

A **Coaches Masters Class** is on Sunday 17 August at NSWIS, Sydney Olympic Park. Coaches and Officials are asked to express their interest in attending & then it will be open to swimmers to complete numbers. As expressed at the recent AGM, coaches are seen as the backbone to our organisation, consider accreditation now. ~A Club Coach course will be conducted at Olympic Park on July 19. Book your place NOW!~

**Congratulations** to Peter Johnston, Jodie Burke and Mark Hepple who were all finalists in the NSW Sports Federation Community Sports Awards. Both Peter and Mark were available to attend the presentation function at Parliament House where Mark received Highly Commended recognition and Peter was there with his wife Alison and new bub William to be presented with his certificate. Country Vice President Sue Wiles represented the board and received a Highly Commended certificate on Jodie's behalf.

**Annual General Meeting** Last weekend saw 42 members attend the AGM representing 22 clubs plus two postal clubs. Sadly, that left 31 clubs not having a voice/vote. Sue Wiles was voted in as Country Vice President and there was a vote for ordinary members. The three positions are now filled by Jon Hawton (Blacktown) Chris Lock (Myall) and Owen Sinden (Campbelltown). The Board thanked Neil Keele for his valued contribution to the organisation as a Board member over the past few years. Items discussed included whether clubs wanted to retain physical trophies, how many swim meets on the annual calendar is ideal, Presidents meeting- to have or not to have and should second claim members be counted as a host clubs contribution to mandatory officials at their swim meets?  
The Minutes will be on the Website soon-please take time to read through them for details.

### **Technical Courses** **Competition!** Last MONTH to get accredited

We are near the end of the competition for clubs to get more technical officials trained up and accredited. Your club still has time and could win a Vorgee gift voucher for \$200 or \$100!! Don't hold back-organise ALL your members NOW to get, at minimum, a timekeeper accreditation in June or upskill to CTK or Marshal. The game is on and time is running out. Contact DiP on [officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au)

### **Membership for Coaches, Technical Officials and Volunteers (Partners, family & friends)**

Masters Swimming Australia has introduced a \$10 membership for one of the three categories above to be known as Co, To & Vo. This is available online through the membership portal. It would be expected that the club could pay this nominal fee for their non-swimming coach, officials and volunteers but be aware-this membership is a national one, they are not classified as members of your club nor of MSNSW but rather Masters Swimming Australia. The benefits: Officials, volunteers and Coaches can be recognised for awards as they are members of MSA.

**Incidents and injuries.** Should you or a fellow club member receive an injury (no matter how minor) whilst training, competing or involved in club activities you or the club MUST complete an injury or incident form and send it to the Branch/National office. It needs to be reported as soon as practicable for insurance purposes so please do not leave it longer than 48 hours before letting us know. Forms are on our website under Downloads/Forms.

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**Sport Development Officer** Please take some time to think about how Simon may assist your club to expand its activities, reaching out to new people, being more prominent in your community or growing your club numbers. What help does your club need? You can contact Simon directly on [sportsdevelopment@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:sportsdevelopment@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au)

Simon has had only three clubs put their hands up so far. He will now work out with them what they want and how their immediate community can be encouraged to take a fresh look at their masters club.

### Social Media



We now have 1000 likes! This is due to our enthusiastic team of FB administrators. Thanks team!

If you are on Facebook participation is the key to you seeing more of our posts on your newsfeed. Facebook limit the number of people that see our posts and it is up to you to participate in our posts (i.e. 'Liking' and commenting on our posts) so that you see more of us. Visiting our page directly at [www.facebook.com/mastersswimmingnsw](http://www.facebook.com/mastersswimmingnsw) is a good way to keep up to date with the happenings of Masters Swimming NSW and you seeing our news.

**Tell us what your club is doing** We would also like all clubs to put our facebook email address [content@msnswfacebook.info](mailto:content@msnswfacebook.info) on your club mailing list so that we are up to date with what is happening at your club. This is the only way for you to get your club 'up in lights' on our Facebook feed. If we don't know about an event we cannot promote it for you.

We have started using hashtags, so ask you to use our hashtag, **#msnsw** when posting about your swimming or achievements in swimming. We ask that clubs with fb pages use this hashtag when posting about upcoming championships and Worlds. Eg does your club have members swimming at Montreal? Hashtags are a unique link on social media which points users to a common page that highlights posts that are of a common subject.







**Photographs on Social Media** At swim meets and social activities images may be taken for promotional purposes within our sport. If you do not wish your photo to be displayed please contact the branch office and we will ensure our administrators do their best to take any image down as soon as possible. We are happy snappers and there are many cameras and smart phones now appearing on pool deck where reporting on facebook can happen instantly but we do not wish to offend.

**Merchandise** is available on the MSA website - T shirts, swim caps and hoodies!

**Time to Party....** Did you know that we turn 40 next year??? That's a ruby anniversary and we mean to party. Ideas are welcome if you have talent in the party planner sphere.

Having trouble finding our **website**? You may need to re-enter our web address in your browser as we have changed from the old AUSSI address to [www.mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](http://www.mastersswimmingnsw.org.au)

### Coming up in NSW and beyond:

	Until 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Bunbury Postal swim 3x400m	Details on MSA website
	7-8 June	Clarence River BPS	Entries close 23 May
	5 July	Hunter Festival of Sport	Entries close 20 June
	20 July	State Relay Meet	Entries close 16 July
	11-18 October	Alice Springs Masters Games	Entries close 12 September
	6-9 November	Pan Pacs	Entries close 10 October

Jillian Pateman Administrator



The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 June 2014. 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.