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## Masters Swimming NSW

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### Monthly News – November 2013



#### Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month for October is Helmut Klein from Clarence River Masters. Congratulations Helmut! Here is a snippet from the nomination:

*“Helmut has gone from being a new swimmer to helping others with their Breaststroke and Backstroke, which he has mastered. Helmut is always first to offer help within the club, he has been the clubs Race Secretary and Club Captain for a few years now. He is always encouraging members to participate in carnivals.”*

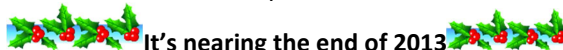
Please nominate a member that you appreciate! Do not assume that your club is taking part and nominating someone, please consider putting pen to paper yourself (or fingers to the keyboard). Simply write a paragraph describing a member’s impact on you or your club and they may win the \$30 Coles Myer gift card. Email your nomination to the Branch office BEFORE the Board meeting each month ie by noon on the Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (16<sup>th</sup> December). Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

#### Job Opportunity-Sports Development Officer

A vacancy has been determined by the Board of MSNSW for a Sports Development Officer who will work with the information gathered in the above project and alongside the team of dedicated members who are keen to grow our sport. At this stage it will for one day a week and the ideal candidate will have an overriding passion for masters swimming and experience in marketing/promotion. Applications close 9 December.

#### New Rules

Officials are currently being informed on the new rules that come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January. A summary is attached and clubs are asked to discuss these with all your swimmers whether they compete or not.



It’s nearing the end of 2013

And that signals a heavy workload for your club executive.

Attached are several forms that need attention NOW.

1. The 12 month subscription type for 2014 will be sent down for your Registrar to open on 2nd December and they archive the 4 & 16 month types. An email will go directly to your Registrar with instructions and the repeated request that if they can’t do it simply send an email to the Branch office with your club component and it will be opened on your clubs behalf.
2. Club Committee form. It is important that this form is filled in and returned whether or not you have had a change of position holders. This is the Branch office’s major resource!
3. The call for your clubs Annual Report. Many clubs combine their AGMs with their Christmas function and a person should be allocated to write the Annual Report. At the Branch AGM held in May there were 22 clubs that did not submit a report! Shame! This is an opportunity to reflect on your club’s efforts and achievements and boast about them. The Branch AR is archived at the State Library too so a memorable reference document.
4. Nomination forms for Coach of the Year & Official of the Year. This provides recognition of a huge job that we need to appreciate and this is an opportunity to say thank you.
5. Club registration form. An early bird payment of \$40 if received by 31<sup>st</sup> December! If all clubs could arrange for this payment to be made by then it would be greatly appreciated. It eases the workload if clubs aren’t being chased for payment.

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Why not ask your club's position holders if they need a hand right now?  
Still to come is the request for your clubs Safety report, Coaches report, Top Ten submissions and finalising then entering your members Endurance times. These reminders will come out soon so please be ready.

### **Officials 100 Club**

The Board, in consultation with our officials, has deleted the 100 club for officials.  
The 100 club for swimmers remains unchanged.

### **2014 swim meet calendar is on our Website**

Thank you to all that contacted the Branch office to confirm they had read the calendar correctly-yes the State Championships in April will be held over Friday afternoon and all day Saturday! Long-time members will remember this used to happen "back in the day". While it is not ideal we can only work with what we are offered at a prestigious centre like SOPAC and the very reason why we have publicised the dates so early.

### **Splash-e soon to be farewelled**

From Christmas and for the foreseeable future, we will communicate through the website, Monthly News and Social Media sites only. Until then, if you have news to tell, please still send photos with a few words to: [splasheditor@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:splasheditor@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au)

### **Workplace Health and Safety**

Safety reports will be requested soon so please give some thought to what your club has been able to implement in 2013 and how many members have achieved or maintained their First Aid or CPR certificates.

### **Technical Courses**

**New News!** MSNSW is about to launch a competition for clubs to get more technical officials trained up and accredited in the first half of 2014. Details are being ironed out but the prizes your club could win include Vorgee gift vouchers for \$100 & \$200!! So, don't hold back-organise your members now to get, at minimum, a timekeeper accreditation in the New Year. Contact DiP on [officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au) to hold a training course on your own pool deck.

### **Facebook**

Our 'new look' website is about to be launched and a list of our recent facebook postings will be visible on the home page for all members to be able to keep up to date-yes, even those not on facebook!

### **39<sup>th</sup> National Championships in April 2014**

Many of our swimmers already have their plans set to attend this meet in Rockhampton. Accommodation is limited so you will need to book ahead. Discuss with your family and club members now! Merchandise is



available at the MSQ website:

#### **Last meets of 2013 in NSW:**



30 November Raymond Terrace



7 December Wests Auburn

#### **First meet of 2014 in NSW:**



18 January Gosford Seagulls

Attached:

- ❖ 2014 Club Committee form
- ❖ Coach of the Year nomination
- ❖ Club Registration form
- 📎 Call for Club Annual Reports
- 📎 Official of the Year nomination
- 📎 Summary of rule changes

Jillian Pateman Administrator



The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 December 2013. 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.