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## Masters Swimming NSW

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### Monthly News – October 2013



#### Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month for September is Annette Britten from Tuggeranong. Congratulations Annette! Here is a snippet from the nomination:

*“An inspiration to her club... She is tireless in her work trying to bring both ACT clubs together.”*

**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 the 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 (15<sup>th</sup> November). Small print- Be aware that the information may be used for publicity purposes.

#### Officials Forum 9<sup>th</sup> November-Saturday week!

**Referees, IOT's and coaches** are coming together on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the new FINA rule changes and how best to implement and inform our swimmers. If you, as an official, haven't yet informed us of your intention to attend please call the office TODAY!



#### Launch of new National Logo



Masters Swimming Australia has launched the new logo at the Spring National Board meeting in Melbourne last weekend. It is a consistent brand across all states and territories with only the state name being different while updating the swimmer artwork.

#### Membership Development Project

A sport development project is about to be embarked upon with a task force currently being set up to research and implement strategies to grow our sport. This project is in the beginning stages so if you'd like your voice heard, want to participate and have skills in this area please contact the Branch office.

#### 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. The position description is attached and will be advertised widely among the membership, clubs, within the broader swimming community and through tertiary institutions with a marketing focus.

#### 16 Month Membership opportunity for new members

Disappointingly **30%** of NSW clubs have not yet opened their 16 month subscription type so for any new potential members, when they look at your club profile, there is no option for them to join. As previously mentioned the 12 month subscription type has been removed by IMG to prevent errors.

**This is a good time to increase your membership, please check your console to confirm that your club is open to growth!**

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### **Harry Fowler Trophy**

Congratulations to the Warringah Men's 280-319 relay team at the recent Short Course Championships in Canberra for winning the Harry Fowler Trophy. This is awarded to the relay team that gets closest to a National record and was achieved by Wilson Gamble, Peter Kaupert, Mark Morgan and Max Van Gelder!

### **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**

Our current editor has made her mark and will soon leave us for her homeland of the UK. Thank you Lindy and Bon Voyage! Lindy's repatriation to her native homeland will signal the end of Splash-e in its current format. So, from Christmas and for the foreseeable future, we will communicate through the website, Monthly News and Social Media sites. As a new look website is about to be launched it is hoped that a list of our recent facebook postings will be made visible on the home page for all members to be able to keep up to date—yes, even those not on facebook! If you have news to tell please still send photos and a few words to:

[splasheditor@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:splasheditor@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au)

### **Workplace Health and Safety**

Thank you to those Club Safety Officers that have replied about their emergency contact systems when members are at swim meets and away from home turf, now please give some thought about what you should do if something happens at your own pool! If there is an accident/incident during training you need to contact the Branch office and send an incident form through for insurance purposes. Prompt notification is important. **ICE** (in case of emergency) When at a swim meet, and you need to call for medical assistance, please alert/inform BOTH the venue staff AND our Safety Officer on duty.

### **Technical Courses**

I cannot say this often enough: all clubs are welcome to contact the NSW Training Coordinator to arrange for a course to be conducted at your club. Email Di Partridge on [officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au](mailto:officialtraining@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au) with your request. The pathways to becoming an official are on the national website [www.mastersswimming.org.au](http://www.mastersswimming.org.au) under TECHNICAL. How about organizing a Timekeeper course for your members right now?

**Facebook** 

This is proving to be a successful adjunct to our website and email communications. If your club would like to foray into the world of social media our face book administrator is happy to assist and train you to launch a successful club page. Please contact Roger at [content@msnswfacebook.info](mailto:content@msnswfacebook.info) and venture into a new world!

### **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



already available at the MSQ website:

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



2 November Port Macquarie



16 November Novocastrian



30 November Raymond Terrace



7 December Wests Auburn

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 November 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.