

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation course

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course will be held at Sports House, Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 19 February at 2pm, \$15 per person. Book now! Why not book the whole

club in? This is a really important life-saving skill that all members are encouraged to get and it should be updated annually so here's your chance. Numbers are limited due to room size so first in best seated.



Online entries for all swim meets

Our members have successfully taken up using the online entry system for swim meets and it has proved a bonus for host club treasurers. The clubs hosting a meet in 2017 are being offered the option to have online only or both online and Team Manager. (Manual entries have long gone.) We now look ahead to 2018 when ALL meets will be 'online entries only' so members are encouraged to take the opportunity to trial

the system and see just how easy and one-stop it is. Race Secretaries still have a job to do and that is to send around the flyer then remind members of closing dates. As No Late Entries will be accepted from the start of 2017 this will prove to be an important task.

If any member has difficulty or concerns with online entries nothing need change for you, speak with your Race Secretary, just as you

always have done, and they can submit your entry online for you.



Annual General Meeting 27 May 2017

The AGM is Saturday 27 May 2017. **Annual Reports and Safety Officer reports** are now coming in, a BIG thank you to those clubs that have already submitted reports. Can all Presidents please submit their clubs report as soon as possible?

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DUE NOW

If you are having your clubs AGM please send in your committee form— this can now be completed online. <http://www.mastersswimmingnsw.org.au/Downloads/Forms>

NO LATE ENTRIES

Warning! Late entries will not be accepted for swim meets in 2017. Closing dates will be enforced as the workload placed on volunteers to include “just one more swimmer” is onerous and takes place often during the early hours or over a weekend. Entries are open as early as possible, often months ahead so there is plenty of time to get in there and choose your swims and times. Please don't leave it until the last minute, you may just miss out.



2017 Masters National Championships –Queensland

Hello
Sunshine

Are you ready for the National Championships in March? ENTRIES CLOSE ON 17 FEBRUARY. Cost is \$70 per individual entry plus \$9 per event. Maximum 12 events, 3 per day. There is great merchandise available.



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2017 World Masters Games –Auckland in April

- Or perhaps you're planning to compete at the World Masters Games in Auckland in April, *haere mai* (welcome)
- **Registrations close on 3rd March!**
- Join 25,000 participants from 100 countries
- Choose from 28 sports and 45 disciplines

Details are available from the WMG website.
<http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/>

Check out the venue here:

<http://www.autmillennium.org.nz/>



Great Barrier Reef Masters Games 25-28 May

MSQ have notified us of this sanctioned meet— the swimming events are on Friday 26 & Saturday 27 May. If you would like to travel north during our next winter season what

<http://mastersswimmingqld.org.au/Competition/Pan-Pacific-Masters-Games/Great-Barrier-Reef-Masters-Games>

better excuse do you need? The program for this sanctioned event is out and entries have opened.



Thailand in June? Why not?

http://www.cousinstt.com/cousins_tour.php?tour_id=203

A promotional banner for the MSA Thailand Training Camp. It features a white background with orange and blue decorative borders at the top and bottom. The text reads: "MSA THAILAND TRAINING CAMP", "11-18th June 2017", "Thanyapura Sports Complex", "Phuket", and "Pool & Open Water training by award winning coach Alan Godfrey". Logos for "COUSINS" and "masters swimming AUSTRALIA" are on the left, and a red sun icon is on the right.

FINA World Masters Championships –August

Entries are about to open in Budapest, Hungary for the FINA World Masters Championships in August. The recommendation is NOT to second claim but rather transfer to the club of your choice and be a full financial member rather than an

affiliate. FINA does not look kindly on what may be seen as cherry-picking team members or creating 'super-teams' so swim for your home club



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Wagga Wagga Masters Games-October 7-8

The inaugural Wagga Wagga Masters Games has had to change its dates and now clashes with Warringah Masters annual swim meet. MSNSW had planned to assist in the organising and management of the swimming event but this clash, as well as now being only a week off our Short Course Championships at the AIS in Canberra, takes our Officials and organising team out of the running. There is only so much that we can ask our volunteers to take on, especially so when there is such distances to travel. We will be promoting the event however and can be advisors to the local Swimming NSW representatives on all things 'masters' should they need our help.

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Australian Masters Games –October

Launceston is hosting the swimming events for the AMG over the weekend of 21/22 October 2017 and entries are now open with an early bird price of \$99 until 1st May.



21 other sports are also involved so include your active family and friends in the holiday planning. There should be something that suits everyone so get involved!

What's on a little closer to home?

Our own events have started with the Campbelltown meet and Merrylands is about to happen.

Then we have Myall and Cessnock so get your new swimmers on and head to the pool.

There is an open interclub meet at the Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre on Sunday 26 February hosted by Tuggeranong Vikings, Molonglo Water Dragons and Ginninderra Masters.

West's Auburn Turtle postal swim opened on 1st January, 5km that can be swum as a Relay.

CARNIVAL REPORT WESTS AUBURN: 10 December 2016 at the Birrong Leisure Centre.

With our home pool (Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre) closed for reconstruction, we moved our carnival down the road to Birrong Leisure Centre.

Due to the expense of booking the pool in daylight hours, we decided on a twilight sprint (50m) carnival.

We had 92 entries registered from 17 clubs this year and the weather was fine and warm.

No records were broken, but swimming was keen, in the usual friendly Auburn atmosphere.

Overall pointscore winners on the day were Ryde (795 points), with Wests coming second (242) and Warringah third (221). Ryde were honoured with the virtual trophy for the winning visiting club.

Average pointscore winners were Ryde and Merrylands (26.5 points) with third to Warringah (24.5).

Timekeeping was difficult at times, with such a fast paced list of events, but we still got through in good time.

Thank you to all our officials (referees, judges, starters, marshals, check starters, and timekeepers), who continue to give their time so freely to allow carnivals to run.

We look forward to our long distance carnival in December 2017, and hope to be in our brand new pool!

Terry Gainey
Registrar / Treasurer

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 20 February 2017. This meeting is open to any member of Masters Swimming NSW.

Please notify the branch office at least two days before the meeting of your intention to join us.

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