

Membership now reopened

A membership option is open for those cubs that are able to get up and running again. Contact your clubs Registrar if you know of a potential new member. The 16-month option will be ready to go on 1st September.

2020 happenings

At the time of writing we have a booking at Ryde Aquatic Centre for a fun and social event on Saturday 29 August. You can enter here <https://mastersswimmingnsw.org.au/event/back-to-the-future-2/>

Cancellation and/or postponement is something we have to expect “may” happen in the next few months due to changing outbreaks. While it is disappointing, we must keep our members safe. We will keep organising meets when we can and they will only go ahead if and when the time is right. We all need to be patient, safe and enthusiastic.

Still on the event calendar is **Seaside Pirates in September, Manly 4 October, Port Macquarie 31 October and Myall 5 December.** <https://mastersswimmingnsw.org.au/events/category/sanctioned-meets>

Fitting in the calendar at a date still to be booked will be a Women only meet at the Ruth Everuss Centre, Auburn open to non-members. This is an exciting collaboration with Swim Sisters, Different Strokes Adult Swim School and the venue management.

Age group towels will not be awarded for 2020 as there are too few swim meets for a decent pointscore comp HOWEVER there will be an alternative recognition system so stay tuned.

SIX Postal swims

<https://mastersswimming.org.au/events/category/sanctioned-meets/postal-swims/>

- Toowoomba Tadpoles 1500m** in a SC pool your choice of stroke. CLOSES 31 July.
- Singleton Sundial** Postal has reopened entries so you can still do their **12 swims** around the dial.
- Bunbury Stingers, 3 x 400m** is on from now through to end of August.
- The closing date for **West's Auburn 5km Turtle swim** has been extended to 30th September.
- Tuggeranong Trifecta** postal swim, take your time and lodge swims by the end of October!
- Swimming Up Hills** is about to open, a total of 5,900m over nine swims. 1 August-31 October.



2021 Call for BPS calendar events

The MSNSW Board invites clubs to apply for provisional dates to host a BPS swim meet in 2021. If your club wishes to host a meet next year please send in at least two, preferably three, choices of dates.

Endurance 1000

Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) will be suspending E1000 for 2020 but MSNSW will continue to host a Branch comp so keep swimming, just keep swimming! MSNSW will present the winning club and the average points club. It is expected that the Endurance 1000 portal will stay open for logging times.

COVID-19 update for swim meets

- Members are encouraged to download and activate the COVIDSafe app.
- As a condition of entry, all participants will be required to sign-in on a Track & Trace sheet. The information and detail on this sheet will be stored in accordance with record-keeping requirements, and may be forwarded to NSW Health and/or Safework NSW if required.
- Any officials, volunteers or competitors that feel unwell to any degree, or display flu-like symptoms, are advised to stand down from this event and isolate themselves from the venue.
- COVID-19 Infection Control certificated volunteers will be rostered to supervise members.
- All venue conditions/instructions, whether displayed or conveyed by staff, must be followed strictly by members.
- All participants must comply with any restrictions in regard to communal facilities such as showers and change rooms. Where possible, members are encouraged to consider not using these facilities.
- Participant numbers for the Ryde event, under the Ryde Aquatic Centre Covid-19 Safety Plan, is limited to 100 so that the required degree of social distancing can be managed. To accommodate this, the maximum number of entries has been pre-set. Be advised, this means that it is expected that non-swimming spectators may not be admitted.
- The number of swimmers in warm-up lanes may be limited.
- All events will be heat seeded. There will be **no marshalling**, all competitors will be required to self-seed behind the blocks and adhere to any venue marked spacings.
- There will be only one timekeeper per lane. Any competitor that wishes a second time for record purposes, will need to make arrangements with the Chief Timekeeper prior to the event.
- If any equipment is to be shared by officials or volunteers, including timing devices, it shall be wiped down before passing on.
- MSNSW will provide hand sanitiser, gloves and masks where required/requested.
- Optimal hand hygiene will be expected of all members

Get the app —let's be safe by choice, not by chance!



Marg Davey story

Marg Davey - 7 November 1927 to 20 June 2020. Aged 92, but 93 in "AUSSI Years".

Marg first joined Hills AUSSI Masters in 1993 and the first record we have of Marg in our newsletters is at the 3 April 1993 Blacktown meet (which Marg helped Hills win) where she was placed first in her age group 65-69.

Marg quickly became an enthusiastic competitor of our club. We knew already that Marg would put her all into her swimming as she had done in all her life in family, tennis, CWA and her many pursuits. Marg stated that we filled a void left when her much loved husband Col passed away suddenly in 1992.



In 1993 Marg then took part in the State Cup (now Branch Championships) end April. [Photo]. Marg swam interclub Meets (then the Pelican Pointscore) at Trinity (2x1sts & 1x2nd), Shoalhaven (2nd overall), Warringah (2nd overall) Manly (2nd overall) Ryde (3rd) and Guildford (equal 1st). Hills won the Pelican Pointscore for 1992/93 and Marg obviously contributed greatly.



1994 Marg became Female Club Captain and joint Aerobics Recorder (now Endurance 1000) with Hilda Lindfield until 1996. This started a lifelong friendship. She swam at Hunter (2nd overall), State Cup (where she did a PB in the 50 Free of 48.13) and Canberra where she was 1st in her age group 65+. Marg enjoyed social occasions with Hills also.

Marg had, as they say, the gift of the gab! Her coach (who shall remain nameless) once bought her a cap saying SHUT UP AND SWIM! Marg took it in the spirit it was given!

1995 Marg took herself, alone, to Perth and we noted that she took multiple part-time jobs to fund the trip. She reported lots of competition with 4 ex-Olympians in her age group but still had a great time. In October she went to the Vic Health Games in Melbourne with Hilda and Lesley Buchanan. Marg started a medal winning spree at Masters Games with 1 gold and 3 bronze.

1996 Marg didn't enter the May Blacktown carnival on time so she went to support the club by timekeeping. Unfortunately, she fell into the pool and broke her arm (ulna) and this put her out of the water for a short while. She then competed in Warringah meet in October. Even with her injury Marg managed to get into the National Top 10 listing for 1996 six times and the NSW Top Ten twenty times with 3x1st listings.

1997 Marg is 70 "AUSSI age" and embarks on many carnivals in her new age group. Most notable was Marg swimming the 3km in the National Open Water Swim at Manly Dam. As noted by fellow Hills swimmer Sheila Zaman, Marg showed her "usual courage and determination" when she became a bit confused with the marker buoys and swam 4,000m instead, finishing last. Marg said she was sure it was 5,000! (Photos tell the story – before, finishing and concerned support crew).



Also 1994 she competed at Blacktown (3rd overall) [Pictured getting her medal] then Shoalhaven (silver medal), Gosford (6th) and Warringah.

As mentioned, Marg was always assisting with timekeeping and at the National Swim in Sydney at SIAC (now SOPAC) she stepped in at the last minute to be Timekeeper Coordinator for the many volunteers. What a trouper!

1998 Marg was Hills Race Secretary, guiding and inspiring others to swim at carnivals. She led by example: April State Cup, then Trinity (1st overall), Warringah, Ryde, and September the State Long Course Champs at Uni NSW where she swam in 2 relays.

1999 more comps: Blacktown (2x1st and 1x3rd); Trinity (1x1st & 1x2nd); Campbelltown the same. In October the Adelaide Masters Games a medal haul of 9 gold – 5 individual and 4 relays. Wow!

That year also Marg contributed in a swimathon for ConnecteD – Children’s Hospital Connective Tissue Dysplasia Clinic.

2000 – Marg gains a special mention in the local news as volunteering 3,500 hours to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Fantastic effort and typical of Marg's extraordinarily giving nature.

From 2001 to 2010 Marg was a member of Gosford City Seagulls swimming with her friend Val Lincoln. Marg attended many Masters Games with Val and Hilda and scooped an amazing number of medals. Marg and Hilda were guest speakers at the Galston CWA at the invitation of friend and fellow Hills member, Janet Shearer. The medals they brought between them covered a velvet cloth on a massage table. And that was only some of them! They certainly inspired many that you are never too old to be a high achiever! Marg also told a story of the collapse of the medal stand that her family brought for her – from the sheer weight of the many medals! The display at Marg’s funeral shows the hundreds of medals and World Top Ten patches won over many years and the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games Gold Silver and Bronze had pride of place on her casket.

After 2010 Marg attended a few Masters meets and continued to assist in timekeeping. She always made an effort to come to the Hills carnival. Marg maintained her friendship with Hilda Lindfield, driving her to carnivals, meetings and outings, until Hilda’s passing in 2013.

Marg attended the Hills 40th anniversary in 2016, at 89 years still driving, to Glenorie RSL through the Galston Gorge to be a part of the celebrations. [Photo]

Last time the Hills club members saw Marg was at the 2017 AGM again at the Glenorie RSL in the evening. Yep still driving at 90!

Marg remained a member of Hills Masters until the end of 2019 when Di spoke with her at the end of 2018 and she was determined to start back in the pool as soon as her health improved. In 2019 Marg went to the Regis Nursing Home in Hornsby.

So we say goodbye to an amazing lady, with incredible tenacity and dedication to whatever she put her mind to. A grand old dame and faithful friend.

Rest in peace, Marg Davey.

