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Life Members / Awards of Merit

Life Members

1985	Peter Gillett (Deceased)
1989	Florence Walker (Deceased)
1992	Josie Sansom (Deceased)
1994	Kit Simmons
1999	Darryl Hawkes Ivan Wingate
2006	Phillip Beames Leanne Beames
2008	John Gamlen
2013	Marjory Muller Des Mulqueen Mary Phin Diana Simons Brian Skeates
2014	Jenny Bradley



Awards of Merit

2003	Leanne Beames Phillip Beames John Double Bill Edwards John Gamlen Grant Hancock Sue Harris Anita MacDonald Des Mulqueen Bill Stevens (Deceased)
2004	Mary Kemp Carrie Hatswell Mary Phin Dianne Simmons Lorraine Pietrafesa Marj Muller
2005	Cloe Steveson Jenny Bradley
2006	Doug Morton Andrew Martin Brian Skeates Claire Nayda Tim Calver Jeremy Clarke (Deceased)
2007	No awards
2008	John Trower Jelle Lahnstein
2009	Craig Smith
2010	Kathy Heenan Mike Walker
2011	No awards
2012	No awards
2013	No Awards
2014	Robert Ferguson
2016	Russell Wood



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the SA Branch will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2017

Meeting Commencing at 7.00 pm

Venue: Regal Park Motor Inn, Barton Terrace, North Adelaide

(Finger food will be served from 6.30 pm with refreshments available from the Bar at own expense)

There are some important considerations of which I now give notice:

1. Officers of the SA Branch Council

The following Executive Offices will be filled at the Annual General Meeting:

Metro Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Note: The following positions have 1 year to run:

President

Executive positions are filled for 2 years.

The following positions will be filled at the Annual General Meeting:

Swim Meet Director

Open Water Swim Director

Fitness and Coaching Director

Recorder

Safety Officer

Marketing Director

Social Convenor

Technical Director

Public Officer

Member Protection Officer

I am required to give clubs **60 days' notice** for nominations to fill vacancies. Nominations are due **35 days** prior to the meeting and will therefore close on **11th April 2017**. (Positions without nominations may be filled from the floor at the meeting.)

A **nomination form** is attached for your convenience.

Note – Could current officers that are available to continue in 2017/18 also complete a nomination form.
Thank You.

2. General Business

Matters of General Business must be notified to the Administrator at least **35 days** prior to the meeting. Such matters will be discussed if agreed upon by the Branch Executive. This would also include any changes to the Constitution of the SA Branch.

All matters must be forwarded to the Administrator by **11th April 2017**.

3. Life Membership

It should be noted that nominations for Life Membership are dealt with at the AGM as a Motion of Notice. Such a motion must be supported by 2 clubs and be received **60 days** prior to meeting, therefore closing on **16th March 2017**.

A full history of service for nominees must be received **35 days** prior to AGM (Due **11th April 2017**)

4. Club delegates

At the AGM, eligible voters are:

- ♦ One delegate per club.

Plus

- ♦ One additional club member per 25 registered swimmers of that member club – as at **16th April 2017**.
(30 days prior to the AGM)

Could Clubs please be prepared to state their delegates' names at the commencement of the AGM.

5. Club Reports

Could all Committee and Club Reports be forwarded to the Administrator by Friday **29th April 2017** for inclusion in the Annual Report.

For further information on any of the above items please refer to the Masters Swimming South Australian Branch Incorporated **"Constitution and By-Laws"**.

Leanne Beames
Administrator
22nd February 2017

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MSSA Annual General Meeting 2015-2016

Minutes – 7.00pm Thursday 16 May 2016

1. Meeting Open

Robert Harris, Branch President, welcomed everyone to the 2016 AGM at 7:14pm.

2. Accreditation of Delegates and Apologies

Attendees

Executive

Robert Harris (President), Phillip Beames (Vice President Metro), Robert Ferguson (Treasurer), Penni O'Shea (Secretary)

Officers

Leanne Beames (Swim Meet Recorder), Melissa Beames (Swim Meet Director), Phillip Beames (Technical Director), Robyn Brown (Fitness & Coaching Director), Frank Lindsay (Member Protection Officer), Ian Young (Open Water Swim Director)

Club Delegates

Adelaide: Marj Muller, Stephanie Palmer-White, Mary Phin, Jeffrey Sheridan

Aquadome: Penni O'Shea, Mark Perrett

Atlantis: Tom Bland, Monica Byrnes, Lorraine Pietrafesa, Ruth Ziegeler

Henley Beach: Grant Simpson, Jonne Sutcliffe, Rose White

Marion: Neal Bertram, Ian Young, Craig Smith, Robyn Brown, Garth Hayter

Mildura: No delegates

Noarlunga: Matthew Cranley

Onkaparinga: Stuart Colla

Port Augusta: No delegates

Tea Tree Gully: Maddi Edgley-Smith, Janice Gill, Katherine Whaites

Western Districts: No delegates

Other Club Members

Jenny Bradley (SAT), Tim Claver (SAT), Joy Page (SAT), PJen Sturm (SMR), Mike Walker (SHB)

Guests

Howard Muller, Ashley Phin

Apologies

Alistair Baird (Safety Officer), Margaret Doddridge (SAT), Helen Haberfield (STT), Geoff McConaghy (SAM), Mildura Murray Masters, Anne-Marie Polomka (SHB), Di Simons (SAM), Kit Simons (SAM), Brian Skeates (SHB), Allan Suskin (SAT), Russell Wood (Public Officer)

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting

Moved: Penni O'Shea Seconded: Craig Smith

Minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted. **Carried**

4. Annual Report of Officers and Clubs

The Annual Report, including Officer and Club Reports, was circulated.

Robert Harris thanked the Branch Committee Members for their contributions during the past year and thanked the Clubs for presenting their detailed reports to the MSSA AGM.

Moved: Neal Bertram Seconded: Joanne Sutcliffe
2015 Officers and Clubs Reports be accepted. **Carried**

5. Audited Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was included in the Annual Report.

Moved: Mary Phin Seconded: Penni O'Shea
2015 Financial Report be accepted. **Carried**

6. Election of Officers for 2016/17

President

Tom Bland has been nominated. (Late nomination)

Moved: Robert Harris Seconded: Leanne Beames **Carried**
Tom Bland Accepted the position.

Vice President Metropolitan

Phillip Beames has 1 year remaining.

Vice President Country

No nominations received. The position remains vacant.

Secretary

Penni O'Shea has 1 year remaining.

Treasurer

Robert Ferguson has 1 year remaining.

Director of Fitness and Coaching

Robyn Brown has been nominated.

Moved: Neal Bertram Seconded: Claire McCaffrey **Carried**
Robyn Brown accepted the position.

Open Water Swim Meet Director

Ian Young has been nominated.

Moved: Neal Bertram Seconded: Claire McCaffrey **Carried**
Ian Young accepted the position.

Swim Meet Director

Melissa Beames has been nominated.

Moved: Robert Harris Seconded: Maddi Edgley-Smith **Carried**
Melissa Beames accepted the position.

Marketing Director

No nominations received. The position remains vacant.

Member Protection Information Officer

Frank Lindsay has been nominated.

Moved: Leanne Beames Seconded: Robert Harris **Carried**
Frank Lindsay accepted the position.

Public Officer

Russell Wood has been nominated.

Moved: Leanne Beames Seconded: Frank Lindsay **Carried**

Russell Wood accepted the position.

Recorder

Leanne Beames has been nominated.

Moved: Robert Harris Seconded: Maddi Edgley- Smith **Carried**

Leanne Beames accepted the position.

Safety Officer

Alistair Baird has been nominated. (OWS only)

Moved: Leanne Beames Seconded: Phillip Beames **Carried**

Social Convener

No nominations received. The position remains vacant.

Technical Director

Phillip Beames has been nominated.

Moved: Robert Harris Seconded: Maddi Edgley-Smith **Carried**

Phillip Beames accepted the position.

7. Appointment of Hon. Auditor for the 2016/17

Moved: Robert Ferguson Seconded: Craig Smith

That Stephen Wigzell is appointed Honorary Auditor for 2016/17. **Carried**

8. General Business

None Submitted.

9. Any Other Business

Phillip Beames, on behalf of the Branch and the MSSA members, thanked Robert Harris for his efforts as President over the previous five years.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm.



President's Report 2016-2017

This has been the first year of me being President of Masters Swimming in South Australia and I would like to thank all the committee, delegates and volunteers for making this such an enjoyable tenure.

I am very happy with the way Masters Swimming gets behind all to ensure our motto of “fun and fitness” is available to all our members.

Because of my involvement with the National body I have been able to see how the other States operate and I believe South Australia is considered to be the best overall State Branch in Australia. Again, I believe this is made possible by the people I have thanked above.

Apart from Western Australia we are the only state to run “Masters Only” open water swims and we have ten such events through the summer season. We also have a variety of pool swims - Summer Pool Series, Winter Interclub Series, State Cups and Long Distance Meet to ensure there is something for all our members.

Because of the financial success of our Open Water Swims and our membership fees, the overall position of the Branch finances has stabilised but we need to be mindful that our overheads will increase this coming year and we will need to look for additional sponsorship to keep our fees as low as possible.

We have moved our office from State Association House to the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre where we now share offices with Swimming SA. This not only helped us financially but also helps us to understand the workings of Swim Australia and how we can work closer with them.

We are also trialling a joint venture with Swimming SA at the new Fleurieu Indoor Aquatic Pool at Hayborough (near Victor Harbour) with the hope of making Masters Swimming available at this centre. As results become available we will pass this information back through your Club Delegates.

Our coaching courses organised by Robyn Brown, the Coaching Director, have been a huge success and we will be continuing to support this initiative over the next year.

There are so many people who need to be acknowledged that this report would go on forever. However two people who should be singled out are Leanne and Phil Beames. Leanne is our paid Administrator, unpaid Branch Recorder and unpaid general volunteer for every job that comes up at Branch level. Phil is Masters Swimming Australia Technical Chairman, State Branch Vice President, Head Referee and Technical Director. He also volunteers for any other roles that need to be filled. They both have my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Finally I would like to say that I believe Masters Swimming in South Australia is in a good position and the next year has many exciting and new directions to pursue.

Fun and Fitness for all is our goal!

Tom Bland

President, Masters Swimming South Australia



Administrator's Report 2016-2017

Masters Swimming SA was very busy in 2016 along with all the swimming events, we moved office from State Association House, Kent Town to Swimming SA, Oaklands Park. I have nearly completed scanning all the old documentation that I moved from the old storage area at Kent Town. It will be great to have this at easy access and have my patio back! The move has proven very useful in improving our relations with Swimming SA as we now have a pilot program in place for the new club, Great Southern situated at the new Fleurieu Aquatic Centre, Hayborough and a joint carnival in August will be held there.

Membership has remained fairly static. At present we have 575 members compared to last year with 586 at this time. At the end of November 2016 the MSSA Branch membership was 647. This compares with 646 for 2015. So hopefully we our numbers continue to rise! I would like to congratulate Club Registrars on a job well done in 2016 and thank them for their involvement.

Our "Swim into Spring" Campaign continued in 2016, with 19 (16 month memberships) and 18 (4 month memberships) joining. Each new 16 month member received a free pair of Vorgee Extreme Competition Missile Goggles valued at \$25 plus they went in the draw to win a Vorgee prize pack valued at \$108. The winner was Monika Novosel from Atlantis. This campaign has been very well received.

The National Office also assisted Australia wide in a "Swim into Spring" flyer for the first time on which we advertised our coming season of Open Water Swims, Summer Pool Swims, Workshops and Marion's Kick Start Program. This was distributed throughout the pools in SA thanks to Alistair Baird who visits these with his business. This campaign will commence again shortly and I would appreciate any details of club programs that may be coming up in the spring season to be included in the promotion!

The Annual Branch Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday 19 November at the West Adelaide Football Club celebrating the successes of both clubs and individuals. Once again I was requested to produce the special placemats of laminated photos from throughout the year and the table centre pieces were swimming pools with actual swimmers making this a memorable evening for all that attended. I look forward to 2018 where Tea Tree Gully have offered as a club to organise this event!

Masters Swimming SA continues to communicate with its members via emails, website and Facebook but with the assistance of Jack Belfer as the Marketing Director we have extended this to Instagram and Twitter. Together we have promoted the Open Water Swim Program to the next rung and hope this has been helpful to our members. I would like to see us reach 700 "likes" by the end of 2017 so please forward any interesting stories or news.

A sub-committee developed a Strategic Plan which has now been approved which will provide direction from 2017 onwards and ensure that we continue to leverage and capitalise on the opportunities at hand. They have also created an Operational Plan for the upcoming year. Thanks to the small group of volunteers headed by Joanne Sutcliffe!

I would like to thank the team of dedicated volunteers who make Masters Swimming SA what it is today. The SA Branch relies on a team of volunteers who each donate an enormous amount of their personal time and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of them.

Leanne Beames

Administrator, Masters Swimming South Australia

Swim Meet Director's Report 2016-2017

2016 was another successful year in the competition pool for MSSA. All events throughout the year were well attended with the overall swimmer numbers slightly up from the previous year.

The Winter Pool Series once again consisted of the LC Sate Cup, SC State Cup, LC Long Distance meet and the four meet Interclub Series. Whilst majority of the meets were held at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre (SAALC), the LC State Cup was held at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre due to the unavailability of SAALC during the busy April period. Congratulations to all of the clubs and swimmers who participated throughout the series and those who were lucky enough to achieve one of the several national and state records that fell.

This year the SC State Cup was once again our nominated swim for the MSA National Swim Series and attracted several interstate visitors from VIC. The exposure from the National Swim Series also means that we see a number of VIC members in particular travel across to participate at our other Winter Pool Series meets. We always receive positive feedback from these swimmers who enjoy coming to our meets because they are well run within such a friendly atmosphere. So thank you to all of those swimmers who made our visitors feel welcome.

Following the Winter Pool Series this year, many of our MSSA members and officials travelled to Alice Springs for the biannual Alice Springs Masters Games. Held in the indoor short course pool at the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre, this friendly and fun meet was enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to thank Sarah and Julie from Alice Springs AUSSI Masters for organising a fantastic meet and also the many officials and volunteers from SA who without this event would not have been such a success.

We then moved on to our Summer Pool Series, which once again was well supported by our swimmers. With support and interest growing in this series, I am passionate about continuing to build the series in support of our country clubs as it would be great to see more participation in our sport outside of the metropolitan area. With this in mind, our committee agreed to add two additional meets to the series at Clare and Port Augusta alongside our already popular Woodside, Gawler and Strathalbyn meets.

Held in outdoor pools across SA, luckily most of these events were held on beautiful warm, sunny days that were appreciated by all in attendance. However, Port Augusta was not as fortunate with an extreme heat wave sweeping through the state and for the safety of all involved, the tough decision was made to cancel this meet. This was to the great disappointment of not only myself, but the Port August Razorfish and many of the Adelaide swimmers, as well as several locals who were coming to see what Masters Swimming was all about! Hopefully we have more favourable weather next year.

Congratulations once again to all those swimmers who participated in the series and managed to break the many national and state records that fell.

Our last event of the year was the SA Masters Games which were held at Clare in late March 2017 at the local swimming pool. MSSA provided support to the Clare Masters Swimming Club, who organised the swimming event, by offering advice on the running of the meet, promotion amongst our membership and providing technical officials on the day. Not only were entry numbers down as a whole for the Games on previous years, but also for the swimming as well. Disappointingly, this event was not as well supported by MSSA members as in the past even though the location was within close proximity to the city. Those that did attend however enjoyed the warm water and hospitality of the Clare Masters Swimming Club.

As always, all of our pool swims rely on the help of volunteers in organising, setting up and running these meets. I would like to thank Leanne Beames for her work as recorder before, at and after every swim, all the Technical Officials who assist us on pool deck and to those swimmers who take the time to assist with timekeeping. Please continue to give of your time generously so our carnivals continue to be the relaxed, friendly and well run events that are the envy of many of our interstate visitors!

I look forward to seeing everyone in the pool for another year of good times' swum, friendly rivalry and lots of fun in the competition pool.

Melissa Beames

Meet Director, Masters Swimming South Australia



Open Water Swim Director's Report 2016-2017

Summary:

A successful 2016-17 OWS season has been concluded. Unfortunately, the favourable conditions enjoyed in the previous season were not repeated and this impacted on overall attendance.

Key priorities and outcomes for the Series were as follows:

1. **No major safety incidents:** No serious accidents or health related incidents (minor injuries and stings, mild effects due to storm water, two pre-cautionary ambulance call- outs).
2. **Standardise Event Management & Risk Analysis procedures** –Event Management and Risk Analysis documents were finalised and adopted as part of MSSA Event Sanction procedures.
3. **Repair or replace Trailer:** Repaired at a cost of \$2,500 with the expectation that the life of the trailer will be extended by 5 years or so with proper handling and storage.
4. **Increase participation by 5% over the Series:** Decreased by 4.2% due to poor weather and sea conditions at a number of events. Proclamation Classic cancelled.
5. **Renew Channel 9 Sponsorship:** Contract renewed for two seasons but likely that sponsorship will not continue after 2017-18.

Open Water Swim Series

With the cancellation of the Proclamation Classic due to rough sea conditions and polluted water the Channel 9 State Masters OWS Series only included 9 events in 2016-17. The season kicked off, as is tradition, with the Seacliff OWS on 11 December and concluded with the Port Elliot OWS on 18 March. Scheduling was similar to the previous season except for the Charles Sturt Challenge which moved back to its usual slot in February and Port Elliot which was held at a later date in March.

Formats for each of the events were the same except for the Charles Sturt Challenge where the shorter 750m swim was dropped.

Meetings:

Pre-season (11 July, 2016) and post season (26 April, 2017) meetings were held by the Open Water Swim Committee at the Marion Club with both being well attended. Special thanks to Leanne Beames (Branch Administrator) for attending and recording the Minutes.

Event Management & Risk Analysis Workshops, convened by John Middleton, were held on 8 August and 24 August respectively with excellent participation and collaboration by Event Managers and other participants. A Marketing meeting, organised by Jack Belfer was held on 19 October and laid the ground work for the Branch's promotional efforts over the course of the season.

Branch Initiatives and Accomplishments:

1. **Program:** Posted in early August (earliest possible date) after SLSSA had finalised their program.
2. **OWS Calendar:** For the convenience of the membership the MSSA Calendar was once again expanded to include details of non-Masters events (Swimming SA State Champs, Australian OWS Champs, BJC, Pink Swim, North Haven Port River Long Swim and Port Lincoln Tunarama Swim Through). It is hoped that the MSSA website will continue to be the "go to place" for open water

swimming in SA!

3. **Event Management and Risk Analysis:** Comprehensive Risk Analysis & Event Management documents were prepared by John Middleton and developed further at the Workshops attended by all clubs. The documents were adopted as part of the mandatory MSSA event sanction procedure at the September Branch meeting. Thanks to John Middleton for his efforts in preparing and editing the documents and for conducting the workshops. Thanks as well to the clubs for their collaboration and input on risks and controls and adopting the final guidelines. The Branch is keen to ensure that all host clubs meet the highest standard in relation to duty of care responsibilities thereby limiting any legal or insurance claims that may result from an accident. Part of this process will be an annual review to ensure that the documents are aligned with new National Guidelines and MSA Rules and incorporate any changes relevant to the safe conduct of open waters swims in SA.
4. **Appointment of OWS Marketing Director:** The Branch was extremely pleased to welcome Jack Belfer as OWS Marketing Director from October, 2016. Jack prepared a Marketing Plan which included a strategy, specific targets and objectives (season KPIs).
5. **Promotion:** The Branch (Leanne and Jack), with input from the clubs, promoted each of the OWS events using various social media platforms (MSSA website, Facebook, Instagram, Email, etc.). Fridge magnets (cost \$222) were produced and distributed widely as in previous seasons. The MSSA flyer and OWS/Pool programs were included in handout bags at the Brighton Jetty Classic. The Swim into Spring Campaign promoted the OWS Series. I was interviewed by Ashley Walsh on ABC radio on 10 December ahead of the Seacliff OWS.
6. **Cross Promotion:** Continued with SLSAA, BSLSC, Swimming SA and TriSA posting our calendar or providing a link to the MSSA website. Events were also posted on the MSA and Oceanswims calendars.
7. **Geosnapshot Photography:** Geosnapshot provided photographic services at all MSSA OWS events. A selection of their photos (chosen by Leanne) were available at no cost for promotional purposes by the Branch and were loaded onto the MSSA website. An excellent series of photos of the Pub to Pub OWS appeared in the January issue of Fritz magazine.
8. **Port Augusta Pool Meet:** To encourage more members to make the trip north a Summer Series pool meet was scheduled for Saturday, 11 February, the day before the George Copley Challenge. Unfortunately the extremely hot conditions forecast for the day meant the meet had to be cancelled and this impacted on attendance at the OWS as well.
9. **Team Trophy-Running Tally:** For the first time this season points earned by each club toward the season long Team Trophy were posted by Leanne after each event. (Points are earned by swimmers based on their Age Group placings). It was hoped that this would be used by Club Captains to encourage greater participation by its members during the course of the season. Adherence by Club Recorders to the standardized format for reporting race results assisted in this effort.
10. **OWS Website Guidelines:** "Guidelines for Course Set-up" was prepared by John Middleton and approved for loading onto MSSA website. Guidelines for Erecting the Channel 9 Arch (T. Calver) and Storm Water Discharge (I. Young) were updated.
11. **Trailer Fund:** An increase in the trailer fund levy (to \$2/registered swimmer) was approved by the Branch (July meeting) to meet ongoing costs of trailer and equipment maintenance, repair and replacement. A total of \$2,850 was collected over the season from the nine swims in the 2016-17 series plus North Haven's Port River Swim.

Club (Event) Initiatives and Accomplishments:

1. **Noarlunga Reef (Promotion):** Noarlunga's promotions for its 10th anniversary OWS which included flyers, posters, social media posts, special prizes and inclusion of a separate wet suit category (attracting tri-athletes) were very successful and resulted in a record attendance at the event.
2. **Noarlunga (Cap Re-use):** For a number of years now Noarlunga have been collecting caps after other

events for re-use for both financial and environmental reasons. Caps are washed, bleached, dried and powdered before re-use. This is an excellent initiative which should be adopted by other clubs.

3. **Proclamation Classic (Under 18s):** Considerable efforts were made by Adelaide Masters (Sue Graebner) and by the Branch, National Board and Glenelg SLSC to put in place arrangements whereby Under 18s could compete in the Proclamation Classic. This would have required separate registration for Under 18s with oversight provided by Glenelg SLSC members that hold the required Child Protection certification. Unfortunately, due to a number of relatively minor issues related to the SLSSA Event Sanction procedure, in particular discrepancies in age group categories between Masters and Surf, Glenelg SLSC elected not to proceed a month out from the event. Adelaide Masters are hoping that with more time and better planning and consultation Under 18s will be able to compete next season.
4. **Jetty to Jetty (T-shirt):** A special T-shirt, designed by a swimmer Alec Townsend, was produced and used to help promote the event. Given this success an annual design competition should be considered.
5. **Jetty to Jetty (Round the Jetty):** Following on from Stephen Carthew's suggestion the Branch (Ali Baird and Rose White) approached the Henley SLSC about hosting a 400m swim around the Henley Jetty immediately after the Jetty to Jetty swim. With HB SLSC oversight the Event would be open to Under 18s. Preparations were well advanced when HB SLSC advised in late November that they were unable to proceed because they lacked the resources to properly manage and execute the event. It is hoped that with a longer lead time that the event may proceed in 2018.
6. **State Championships:** Marion Masters prepared a Proposal to firstly institute an annual Australian Masters Open Water Swim Championships and then, secondly, to endorse the 2017 SA State Masters Championships as the inaugural National Championships. The Proposal was approved by the Branch and then presented at the MSA October General Meeting. Although a National Masters OWS Championships has now been introduced the SA event was not endorsed because the Board felt that there was insufficient time to promote the event and it had not been opened up to other States to apply.
7. **State Championships:** A series of Team and Event photo montages were prepared by Garth Hayter which were very well received by participants.

Attendance & Season Statistics:

In term of attendance 2016-17 was disappointing with total entries for the nine events down 4.2% (to 1349) and total swims down 4.1% (to 1299) compared to the same nine events in 2015-16.

The target for the season was an increase of 5% over the entire Series. A significant increase was recorded in the Noarlunga Reef OWS (187 entries, up 32.6%), and a small increase in the Seacliff OWS (142 entries, up 3.6%). Significant decreases, attributed in most cases to poor weather forecasts and/or poor sea conditions on the day, were recorded at the George Copley Challenge (down 17.8%), Charles Sturt Challenge (down 15.7%), Jetty to Jetty (down 15.7%) and State Championships (down 9.2%). On-line entries for the (cancelled) Proclamation Classic were also down significantly (to 116) and, although there would have been a few more entries on the day had the event preceded, the total number would have been substantially less than the record 205 entries in 2015.

A demographic study of OWS participants was undertaken following the 2015-16 season. (Refer to the 2015-16 OWS Director's Report for a summary of results). A similar study has not been undertaken this year as results were expected to be similar but perhaps should be repeated after next season.



MSA OWS Attendance Comparison								
		2015-16		2016-17		Change (15/16->16/17)		Conditions
		Entries	Swam	Entries	Swam	Entries	Swam	
1	Seacliff	137	129	142	136	+5	+7	Very Good
2	Proclamation Classic	205	202	(116*)		Cancelled		Cancelled
3	Pub to Pub	136	131	131	126	-5	-5	Good
4	State Championships	162	158	147	142	-15	-16	Very Good
5	Jetty to Jetty	429	418	369	364	-58	-54	Poor
6	George Copley Challenge	73	69	60	57	-13	-12	Good
7	Charles Sturt	102	99	86	81	-16	-18	Poor
8	President's Cup	91	85	86	81	-5	-4	Very good
9	Noarlunga	141	135	187	179	+46	+44	Good
10	Port Elliot	148	142	141	133	-7	-9	Very good
	Total	1624	1568	1349	1299	-68	-64	
* Number includes only on-line entries. No Entries on the day were taken while a decision on whether or not to conduct the event was being considered. The Proclamation Classic is excluded from the Series Total								

Towel Award:

Twenty-one swimmers completed the Series (compared to 23 in 2015-16) and will be presented with an embroidered towel at the 2017 Presentation Dinner. There was a strong representation from Tea Tree Gulley (6 swimmers) and Aquadome Otters (5 swimmers). Congratulations to Anita Blackmore, Deborah Brown, Terry Carter, Maddi Edgley-Smith, Rodney French, Darren Giersch, Renae Hajak, Melinda Lutton, Eithne Mayton, Len Mayton, Karen Mentha, Shelley Mik, Bob O'Brien, Andrew Smith, Neil Thies, Rachel Thorpe, Grant Tucker, Helen Tucker, Debra Wareing, Rose White and Craig Zubrinich. Towels were secured at a significant discount (\$24.95) by Leanne.

MSSA members were reminded at the start of the OWS season to renew their membership by 31 December so that they would be financial and therefore eligible for the towel award. There is no cross over time and it was agreed at the Branch level there would not be any exceptions. Unfortunately two swimmers who completed the Series were not financial at the time of the Pub to Pub OWS in early January so will not qualify for the towel award.

Open Water Team Trophies:

The Open Water Swim Aggregate Cup was won by Tea Tree Gully (511pts) for the second successive year with Marion Masters (481pts) once again runners-up.

At the State Championships Team Trophies for Aggregate Points and Points Per swimmer were won by Marion and Atlantis respectively.

Channel 9 Sponsorship:

MSSA continued to enjoy the support of Channel 9 for the fourth year through their sponsorship of the OWS Series and naming rights of the Nine News Australia Day Jetty to Jetty OWS. The Contract with Channel 9 was renewed in November, 2016 for 2 years and includes a direct financial contribution of \$2,000 per year. Channel 9 was present at the beach at two of our events (Seacliff and Jetty to Jetty) where they had a small marquee and distributed water bottles. It is hoped that they will increase their presence next season. Thanks to Robert Harris for continuing to liaise with Channel 9 on this important sponsorship arrangement.

Trailer & Equipment:

It was recognised at the start of the OWS season that the MSSA Trailer, which is now over 8 years old, would need to be repaired for short term use (2 years or more) and then replaced. Poor maintenance and storage practices had resulted in a significant rust problem which threatened its integrity, safe use and appearance. The cost of a new trailer, depending on design considerations and materials is expected to be in the range \$10-15k.

In May, 2016 Fisher Crash Repairs (Trailer sponsors) were approached about whether a simple rust conversion and repaint would be sufficient to extend the trailer's life. They were confident that it could be extended by up to 5 years

so the Branch agreed to proceed. Despite several delays repairs were completed in late November at a cost (discounted) of \$2,500. (By contrast two auto body repair shops approached by Penni O'Shea in April, 2016 were unwilling to quote on repairs or modifications because they thought it would be cheaper to replace the trailer. Concern had also been raised about the structure and skin of the upper section but its integrity appears to be assured for the time being.) It was with some relief that the work was completed satisfactorily by Fishers as there was insufficient time to design, obtain quotes, gain Branch approval and then have a new trailer built before the start of the season.

It would be prudent of the Branch to start planning now for a new trailer. A Trailer Sub-Committee should be formed to provide input to preliminary designs focused on improving safety in loading and unloading the trailer and handling the equipment.

Total expenditure on new equipment and equipment repairs prior to and during the 2016-17 season was \$773.59. This included repairs to three buoys (\$495.00), trailer registration (\$78.00), tagging and testing of electrical gear (\$100.76), two new chairs (\$15.90), new table (\$57.95), new hammer (\$11.98) and keys (\$14.00). During the post season inventory check two buoys were found to have leaks and were taken to Fitch Rubber for repair. Based on their quote (\$1,000) it will be recommended that we purchase new buoys instead. Thanks to Tim Calver and Darryl Goodmund for organising repairs and purchases of equipment during the season.

Purchase of the new Instant Marquee shade shelter with MSSA logo was approved and expensed (\$1,470) at the end of the previous season. A large shade shelter, donated to the Branch by Adelaide Masters many years ago, was deemed to be unrepairable and was disposed of. The electronic clock, purchased by the Branch in November, 2012 for \$1700 is not operational (loose/broken wires and remotes "lost" and can't be replaced). It remains with Penni O'Shea who is still hoping it can be fixed with a universal remote control or manual operating system. If not it will be disposed of.

Following an accident involving the trailer after the Port Elliot OWS the Branch (through Robert Harris) is investigating options in relation insurance coverage.

The Branch will need to raise additional funds to offset expenditures for the new trailer and for ongoing equipment maintenance, repair and replacement. Current balance in the Trailer Levy Fund is \$4,530 (\$1,694 from 15-16 and \$2,836 for 16-17). The Branch (Robert Ferguson) has submitted an application to the SA Office for Recreation and Sport for funding in the 2017-18 Active Club Program.

The maximum grant, if awarded, is \$5k for Program & Equipment with advice expected to be received by 31 July.

OWS Survey:

A post- season OWS survey, using Survey Monkey, was undertaken by the Branch to gauge the interests of open water swimmers and to assist in planning the 2017-18 season. The survey was posted in late March to the 400+ swimmers that participated in the 2016-17 Series and by the end of April 135 people had completed it. However, the survey results are based on only the first 100 respondents as this is the limit for a free Survey Monkey subscription (full access is \$288). The number of questions had to be pared back to ten for the same reason. The full list of questions and summary of responses is included as Appendix 1.

Results to the ten questions can be summarised as follows:

- Q1: 65% of Respondents were MSSA members while 35% were Non-members
- Q2: Majority of respondents (55%) were in the 50-69 age bracket
- Q3: Primary source of information about OWS Series was the MSSA website (74%)
- Q4: Majority of respondents (32%) completed 2-3 swims
- Q5: Three favourite swims were Jetty to Jetty (66%), Noarlunga (50%) & Port Elliot (48%)
- Q6: Three main reasons that influence decision to compete are venue (66%) followed by No other Commitments on the Day (52%) and then Weather and Course conditions (46%)
- Q7: 2km is the distance which most (71%) prefer
- Q8: Most serious safety concerns are Polluted water (62%) followed by Shark sightings (38%) and Inadequate Surf Life Saving water cover (20%)
- Q9: Three things that would most enhance the OWS experience are New Venues (54%), followed by Electronic Timing (52%) and Better course layout and event organisation (35%)

Q10: In relation to the President's Cup the majority (76%) would prefer to either replace it with the Captain's Cup or alternate with the President's Cup in successive years

Actions & Recommendations for 2017-18 Season:

1. **Channel 9:** Meet with Channel 9 as soon as possible to discuss sponsorship arrangements for the 2017-18 Series with the hope that they can be encouraged to attend more events. Ensure that when they do attend that host clubs indicate their appreciation by letter. Establish as soon as possible what the likelihood will be of Channel 9 renewing the contract after the 2018-19 season.
2. **Trailer Storage:** As it is a major Branch asset it is essential that under cover storage is secured for the trailer during the off season. The trailer is currently stored at Fishers but, as this business is currently for sale, an alternate storage location may be required.
3. **Trailer Provision Fund:** Maintain the levy at \$2/entry to raise approximately \$3,000 in 2017/18.
4. **Trailer Training Course (Tim Calver):** An informal pre-season session on the beach is recommended to provide instruction on the safe handling of equipment and set-up procedures (arch, inflating and anchoring buoys, packing up, etc.)
5. **Event Management (John Middleton):** New Event Management and Risk Analysis documents have been prepared by John Middleton and were adopted by the National Board at the April meeting. A new Medical Emergency Response Plan has been incorporated. The SA documents will need to be reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with the National Guidelines. A Workshop will be scheduled in July for this purpose.
6. **Aquatic Activity License-Duty Boat (Neil Thies):** MSSA is waiting on advice from DPTI on whether a separate Duty Boat will be required during our events to ensure that the course remains clear of any watercraft (excepting SLS of course). If required this will be an additional imposition and possible additional cost on organising clubs. Neil Thies to advise further.
7. **Guidelines for Stormwater Discharge:** Polluted water was considered the most serious safety concern by respondents in the OWS Survey and was a major issue in at least three of our events this season. In light of this the current MSSA Guidelines should be reviewed and updated as necessary.
8. **Event Summaries (Clubs):** This is a key document for capturing lessons and recommendations for future events so clubs are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible (President's Cup report serves as the best example). More comprehensive reports would limit the number of repeat errors or problems arising in the following season(s).
9. **Fluoro vests (Ali Baird):** The use of high visibility fluoro vests has been recommended by our Safety Officer and remains under consideration by the Branch. There are a range of issues that need to be considered in possibly implementing this (are they effective? purchase and distribution by Branch, Clubs or Individuals? sponsorship arrangement to offset price? optional or compulsory? enforcement by SLSSA? etc.). Ali Baird to investigate further.
10. **In-Water Finishes (Electronic Timing Systems):** For safety reasons and to comply with FINA OWS Rules the Branch will continue to assess the merits of an In-Water Finish system, including a swim gantry and wall type inflatables. Costs could be prohibitive however so if Swimming SA or Surf Clubs elect to proceed then a shared purchase (or lease) arrangement may be suitable. Ali Baird to update.
11. **OWS Techniques and Training Workshop (refer Fitness & Coaching Director's Report):** The Branch has approved a workshop and training session for open water swimmers. Craig Jones has agreed to run the session(s) prior to next season.
12. **Referees (Phil Beames):** Separate training and accreditation is required for OWS Referees. (Also requires further progression at a National level.) Interest to be canvassed at club level as Phil is available to provide training.
13. **FINA Rule regarding Wetsuits (Phil Beames):** New FINA Water temperature and wet suit rules have been introduced this year but no formal decision has been taken by MSA on how they might be applied to Masters OWS in Australia. Branch will continue to monitor the situation but in the interim it has been agreed to retain the current no Wetsuit Rule with organising clubs having the option (eg. Noarlunga) of introducing a Wetsuit category.
14. **Promotion (Clubs):** To increase participation (and profits) host clubs are encouraged to increase their promotional efforts rather than relying mostly on the Branch's efforts. Posters, flyers, mail-outs, participation awards, Charity links, anniversary swim promotion, etc. should all be considered. Noarlunga's promotional activities were summarised in a report forwarded to all clubs.
15. **Sponsorship (Jack Belfer & Leanne Beames):** Send out "generic" sponsorship letter to target mailing list (successful in bringing Channel 9 on board in 2013). Direct approach to other key businesses also

recommended.

- 16. Jetty to Jetty:** Need to investigate ways of reaching a target of 500 swimmers in 2018. This could be achieved by co-hosting the J2J swim with Swimming SA so Under 18s can be included (preliminary discussions held) and with inclusion of a Round the Jetty swim organised by Henley Beach SLSC. Important that discussions are initiated as soon as possible.
- 17. Proclamation Classic:** To assist with promotions need to remind those who registered online about the \$15 credit they are entitled to if they register for the 2017 event.
- 18. President's Cup:** Based on responses to the OWS survey consideration needs to be given to either reverting to the Captain's Cup format or alternating the President's and Captain's Cups in successive years. Decision on the 2018 event needs to be taken shortly (format, date, Branch or club to organise? etc.) so planning can start and swimmers advised of the likely program
- 19. Port River Long Swim:** Continuing support of this well organised Non-Masters event is encouraged with loan of the MSSA trailer and Branch promotion
- 20. 2019 National OWS Championships (Craig Smith):** Adelaide will be hosting the Nationals (Pool and OWS) in March, 2019 and depending on the venue assistance from the Branch and one or more clubs may be required. Also need to investigate in advance whether the Nationals and our State OWS Champs can be combined in 2019.
- 21. Alliance with Surf Clubs:** Although difficulties were experienced last season with Glenelg and Henley SLS in providing for Under 18 participation Organising clubs are encouraged to investigate whether co-hosting arrangements might be beneficial from a promotional and cost benefit point of view.
- 22. OWS Organisers Award:** Following a suggestion from one of our swimmers it is proposed to make an award to the Event considered to be the "best" in the Series, to be voted on by the towel award winners.
- 23. Cap Re-Use (Clubs):** As a cost saving and to improve our environmental credentials it is recommended that caps be collected for re-use following swims (provided they have not had numbers inscribed or include sponsors logos). Would probably work best on a club by club basis using the Noarlunga example rather than on a share basis organised by the Branch.

Acknowledgments:

Sincere thanks to Leanne Beames (Branch Administrator) for her efforts in helping to administer and promote the OWS program and to Jack Belfer for taking on the role of OWS Marketing Director and making a significant contribution to promoting the Series. John Middleton has made an enormous contribution in preparing Event Management and Risk Analysis documents on behalf of the Branch and the National Board. Ali Baird (Branch Safety Officer) and Tim Calver (Trailer) provided very capable assistance while Tim, Darryl Goodmund, Neil Thies and Phil Trapnell assisted with the trailer and equipment during the year.

Thanks also to the Event Managers and Clubs for their efforts on behalf of the Branch and their clubs. There is always room for improvement but we are now presenting our swims in a safer and more professional manner.

Ian Young

Open Water Swim Director, Masters Swimming South Australia



Appendix 1: OWS Survey Questions and Responses:

1. Are you currently a member of MSSA or other sporting organisation? If Yes which club:
 - a. Adelaide Masters 7%
 - b. Aquadome Otters 5%
 - c. Atlantis 10%
 - d. Henley Beach 8%
 - e. Marion 16%
 - f. Mildura 0%
 - g. Noarlunga 7%
 - h. Onkaparinga 3%
 - i. Port Augusta 0%
 - j. Tea Tree Gully 7%
 - k. Western Districts 2%
 - l. No association 27%
 - m. Other (Please specify) 8%
2. Which Age Group are you in:
 - a. 18-29 4.04%
 - b. 30-39 10.10%
 - c. 40-49 22.22%
 - d. 50-59 29.29%
 - e. 60-69 26.26%
 - f. 70-79 7.07%
 - g. 80-89 1.01%
3. What is your primary source of information about the swims (dates, registration, results, photos, etc.):
 - a. MSSA website 74%
 - b. Facebook and other social media 19%
 - c. Channel 9 TV ads 1%
 - d. Promotional posters, flyers, etc. 3%
 - e. Friends 16%
 - f. Other (please specify) 6%
4. How many of the swims did you complete?
 - a. 1 21.65%
 - b. 2- 3 31.96%
 - c. 4-5 21.65%
 - d. 6 or more 24.74%
5. If you competed at 5 or more events in 2016-17 which were your favourite three:
 - a. Seacliff 10%
 - b. Pub to Pub 22%
 - c. State Championships 28%
 - d. Jetty to Jetty 66%
 - e. George Copley Challenge 16%
 - f. Charles Sturt Challenge 12%
 - g. President's Cup 22%
 - h. Noarlunga Reef 50%
 - i. Port Elliot 48%
6. What are the main considerations that influence your decision to compete at a specific OWS event (pick top 3):
 - a. Venue 65.63%
 - b. Cost 22.92%
 - c. Event organisation 25%

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| d. Weather and course conditions | 45.83% |
| e. Prizes | 8.33%% |
| f. No other work or family commitments | 52.08% |
| 7. Which distance do you most enjoy swimming? | |
| a. 1km or less | 9.09% |
| b. 2km | 70.71% |
| c. 3km | 11.11% |
| d. 5km or more | 9.09% |
| 8. In relation to Safety what are your most serious concerns with OWS: | |
| a. Shark sightings in area of course in days preceding the event | 37.89% |
| b. Polluted water associated with storm water run-off | 62.11% |
| c. Existing Medical issue that could present during the swim | 6.32% |
| d. Inadequate SLS water cover particularly in rougher conditions | 20.00% |
| e. Collision with another swimmer | 15.79% |
| 9. What do you feel would enhance your swim experience (pick top 3): | |
| a. Better course layout /design and event organisation | 34.94% |
| b. Electronic timing (if not already being used) | 51.81% |
| c. More prizes (Age Group and other) | 31.33% |
| d. New venues | 54.22% |
| e. More streamlined entry procedure including possible Series entry | 26.51% |
| 10. The President's Cup at Glenelg is built largely around a long distance (10km) swim which attracts only about 10 swimmers. The event replaced the Captain's Cup in 2013 which was a linear coastal swim from Brighton to Glenelg (4km) or Somerton to Glenelg (2km). Which of the following would you prefer: | |
| a. Retain the President's Cup in the same (or similar) format | 23.86% |
| b. Replace by the Captain's Cup or similar | 38.64% |
| c. Alternate the President's Cup and Captain's Cup in successive years | 37.50% |



Fitness and Coaching Director's Report 2016-2017

Two stretching workshops were conducted through the year for our general membership. These were conducted by Maryanne Heffernan a qualified Physiotherapist. The first was held in May at Westminster School and attended by 21 members and the second in September at the Aquadome with 18 people in attendance. Thanks to Maryanne for her time and sharing her expertise with us.

A second Masters Club Coach workshop was held in December also at Westminster School. Five candidates attended with 1 already qualified and the others well on their way with the coaching hour component nearly finished.

A third workshop is planned for July 16th this year and is open to anyone who would like to become a Masters swimming coach.

Approval has been given by the Branch Committee for an open water swim workshop to be conducted. Craig Jones has agreed to present this at a date to be confirmed before the next season begins.

Robyn Brown

Fitness and Coaching Director, Masters Swimming South Australia



Recorder's Report 2016-2017

In 2016 we hosted our Interclub Series and State Championships at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre at Oaklands Park. Many Records were set by SA Swimmers and other State Visitors.

Event	Number of Entries	Number Swum	Records Achieved
LC State Cup – 3.4.16	80	67	3 National, 21 State
Interclub 1 – 22.5.16	117	106	1 National, 14 State
Interclub 2 – 26.6.16	151	143	5 National, 29 State
Interclub 3 – 31.7.16	145	127	3 National, 9 State
Interclub 4 – 21.8.16	158	144	2 National, 16 State
SC State Cup – 11.9.16	131	119	5 National, 38 State
LC Long Distance Meet – 13.11.16	76	69	5 National, 36 State

The LC State Cup was won by: 1st Tea Tree Gully 424 points, 2nd Marion 395 points

The Interclub Series was won by: 1st Atlantis 4307.5 points, 2nd Adelaide Masters 3651.5 points

The Interclub Relay Shield was won by: 1st Atlantis 864 points, 2nd Adelaide Masters 824 points

The Interclub Proficiency Shield was won by: 1st Atlantis 44.87%, 2nd Tea Tree Gully 42.97%

The SC State Cup was won by: 1st Tea Tree Gully 1057 points, 2nd Atlantis 990 points

The Long Distance Meet was won by: 1st Tea Tree Gully 1079 points, 2nd Noarlunga 1037 points

The Josie Sansom Cup for the most outstanding swimmer at the State Cups was won by: Joanne Sutcliffe from Henley Beach Masters

Female Swimmer of the Year was won by: Joanne Sutcliffe from Henley Beach Masters

Male Swimmer of the Year was won by: Mark Smedley from Adelaide Masters



Our Summer Pool Series over summer were held at various country outdoor swim centres and grew this season from 3 to 5 swims.

Event	Number of Entries	Number Swum	Records Achieved
Clare – 4.12.16	39	35	Pool was not surveyed as yet
Woodside – 18.12.16	60	55	4 State
Gawler – 22.1.17	60	54	1 National, 11 State
Port Augusta – 11.2.17	54	0	Cancelled due to heat
Strathalbyn – 19.3.17	72	63	1 National, 7 State

The Series was won by: 1st Tea Tree Gully 1895 points, 2nd Aquadome Otters 1199 points

The SA State Masters Games was held at Murray Bridge on 16 April 2016. We had 52 competitors, 30 Masters Members, who swum and had a great day taking home many medals.

Event	Number of Entries	Number Swum	Records Achieved
Murray Bridge – 16.4.16	52	50	Not Surveyed

Thanks go to all our Officials (Melissa Beames, Phillip Beames, Phil Bowen, Phyllis Davies, Stewart Galliford, John Gamlen, Shelley Mik, Des Mulqueen, Penni O'Shea, Mary Phin, Di Simons, Brian Skeates and Pat Wheeler) who assist at these Meets as without their time, effort and support these Meets would not be run!

During this year many swimmers and officials travelled to the National Championships, Melbourne in April and Alice Spring Masters Games in October which was an enjoyable swimming holiday for all!

Leanne Beames

Recorder, Masters Swimming South Australia



Technical Director's Report 2016-2017

The Technical Director has a number of roles within Masters Swimming South Australia (MSSA):

- Introduce and implement rule changes made by Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) to the MSSA clubs and technical officials and to ensure subsequent events are run using the amended rules.
- Organise the training, mentoring and assessing of new technical officials in the various roles required to run swim meets so that they achieve accreditation in the positions they have nominated for.
- Ensure existing officials are assessed and re-accredited every four years.

There were only a couple of minor changes to the MSA rules at the beginning of 2017 that related to the roles and responsibilities of some technical official position. Major rule changes generally occur every five years, when FINA review their rules, which are then adopted by MSA if relevant to masters swimming. The next FINA rule review will be in October 2017.

In 2016 another couple of people volunteered to assist on pool deck in advanced technical official positions and completed the required training courses. These officials, along with some of the technical officials who attended courses in 2015, have now completed their hours on pool deck and will be assessed and accredited in the next couple of months.

Whilst we have made some progress in the last eighteen months, there is still a shortage of Technical Officials to officiate at MSSA meets. Please put up your hand to help so that MSSA can continue to deliver the well run, fun swim events that you have become accustomed to.

Success to you all in achieving your swimming goals in 2017!

Phillip Beames

Technical Director, Masters Swimming South Australia



The club's membership totalled 117 for 2016; this was slightly fewer than the previous year as shown in Figure 1, and a negative trend.



Figure 1. Membership trend over past 7 years

Of the 117 members, there were 47 women and 70 men. The distribution of the age groups is shown in Figures 2 and 3 with average ages being 46 and 53 years respectively.

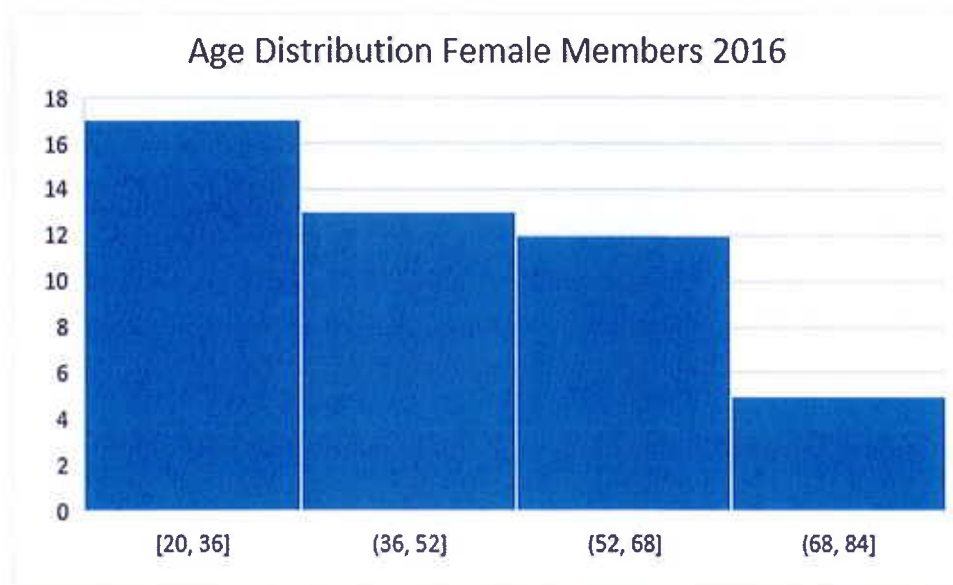


Figure 2. Female membership 2016 - with average age of 46

The data indicates that the club would benefit from attracting more young swimmers as well as encouraging those nearing retirement age to continue swim.

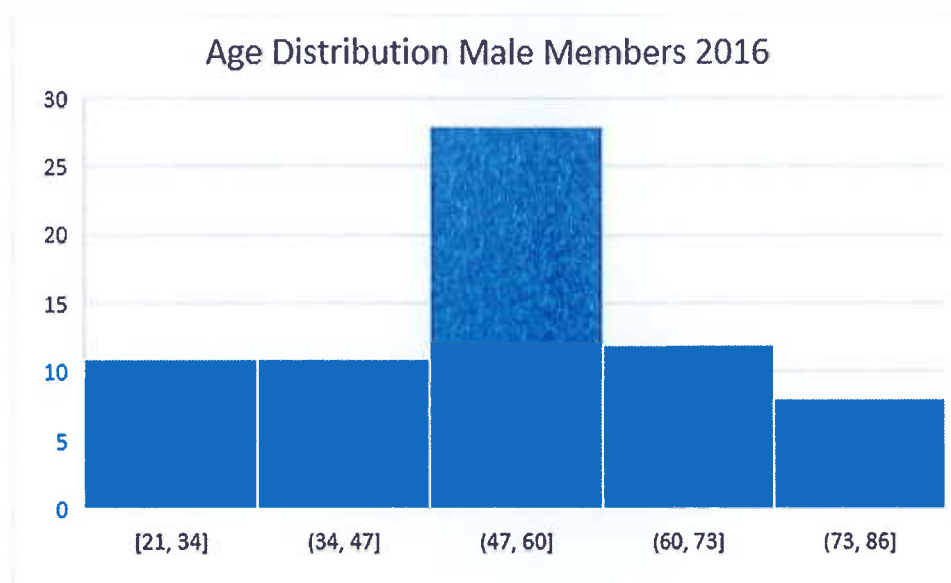


Figure 3. Male membership 2016 - with an average age of 53

Lee MacDonald continued as our primary swim coach during 2016 with enthusiastic support from Cameron Mayfield, Sam Goldsmith, and Ebony Story, all from Norwood Swim. We would like to thank them for their efforts over the year.

The club continues to run 3 x 1.5 hour training sessions per week.

Training venues were varied during the year, starting with the Magill pool for the summer, winter commenced at the PAC pool in Kent Town and then moved to St Peters College pool for the later part of winter and finally to the Hazelwood Park pool for this summer.

Attendance levels varied with an average of 14.5 swimmers per session at Magill and 16 swimmers at PAC and 16.7 at St Peters, and now 13 swimmers at Burnside as shown in Figure 4. Although these numbers are slightly lower than other years we managed to remain financially stable.

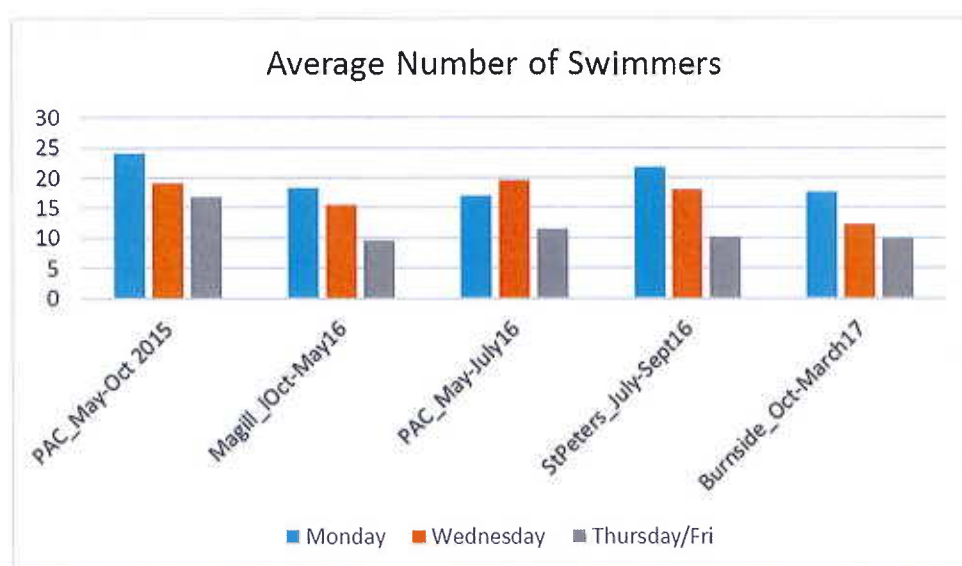


Figure 4. Average number of swimmers training in each session (from data collected by Howard)

In the pool events Adelaide Masters had another successful year.

With the recent announcement of the FINA Top Ten Rankings for 2016, a special mention must go to both Steph Palmer-White and Mark Smedley. Each recorded 7 top ten times (SC & LC) with Steph holding the fastest world time for the 200m butterfly. The Women's 200-239 age 4 x 100 Free Relay also were listed - Sharon Beaver, Julie Astley, Ilze Ostrovska and Stephanie Palmer-White recording the 9th fastest time for the year.

The club was second to Atlantis in the 4 meet Interclub Championships with Mark Smedley setting two National records in the 100m and 200m IM as well as 4 State records, while Steph created two State records for the 200m Free and 100m IM.

Although the club only managed to come 6th in LC Long Distance State Cup, Stephanie Palmer-White and Leonie O'Connell both managed to swim 2 State records.

In the SC State Cup the club finished 4th with Tea Tree Gully winning from Atlantis. One of the stars of the meet was Mark Smedley, who created two national records in Backstroke as well as five State records.

In the pool meets series, the club had 23 swimmers (10 women, 13 men) in AUSSI Masters Swimming Australia Top Ten rankings and many appear multiple times.

Stephanie, as well as her FINA placings, collected 13 National No 1 ranked swims amongst her 23 Top Ten National swims wins, achieving National Records for 800m Backstroke (LC) and 200m Butterfly (SC).

Sharon Beaver also had 17 Top Ten National swims, Julie Astley 10, with a top ranked 1500m Freestyle, Ilze Ostrovska 7, Lauran Christian 10 with 6 No1 rankings, Leonie O'Connell 8, Erin Brown 10, Betty Reinboth 2 and Victoria Cox both with one.

In the male rankings, Mark Smedley was again highly successful in his age group with 19 National No 1 ranked swims amongst his 22 Top Ten National (LC & SC) swims, creating 4 National Records across Butterfly, Backstroke and IM. Carlos Assumpcao, Paul Gaertner and John Foote all recorded 7 Top Ten National swims, Steve Bosnakis and Tom Currie 3, Anthony Lockyer and Michael Carter 2 and James Edwards, Lee Macdonald, Michael Harry, John Baranoff and Jim Dennis one each.

The 2016 Proclamation Classic Swim was cancelled 30 mins before it was due to commence, in accordance with a recommendation from the EPA and Glenelg SLSC, leaving 117 registered swimmers (and organisers) very disappointed.

After 80mm of rain, a large volume of putrid black water was released from the Patawalonga just before the planned start time and drifted along Glenelg beach, making ocean conditions too unsafe to run the event. The committee has decided to provide a discount to those who registered on line in 2016 of \$15 for this year's swim entry. Thank you to everyone who turned up on the morning to assist with the set-up and registration.

We won both the SA Branch Cup and Nine News Branch Team Trophy at the Australia Day Jetty to Jetty at Henley Beach, with Michael Carter winning the race with Stephanie in second place.

Adelaide was second to Atlantis in the Masters State OWS Championship with Lauren Christian, Sharon Beaver and Leonie O'Connell winning their respective age groups for the 1km distance and Stephanie Palmer-White winning her age group for the 3km, while Kieran Blair won his Male age group for the 3km.

Sadly, Dieter Loeliger passed away this year. Dieter was made a Life Member in 2004 and is remembered as a past coach of the club, and as a keen competitor in the Rottnest Channel Swim, completing the swim 15 times, the last occasion on his 80th birthday, recording a time of 8 hours 27 minutes.

The club wishes to thank all members who assisted with the organisation and running of both the pool and OWS events, the committee, and Howard for his contribution to the running of the training sessions.

Geoff McConachy

President, Adelaide Masters





Aquadome Otters Report 2016-2017

During 2016/2017, the Aquadome Otters have continued to build the club profile and cultivate strong club cohesion. We introduced a new club cap, with Vorgee assisting with the artwork design. Member numbers increased, especially in the younger age groups. One member joined within two weeks of turning 18 – surely something approaching a record – then went on to set a state record within his age group.

And a couple of future Otters were borne!

Competition: The Otters have had a great year. Otters produced strong performances at the pool meets & open water swims. Five Otters competed at all the open water swims, thus qualifying for OWS towels. Our three Lameroot Otters travelled demanding distances to compete at the summer series swims.

Two Otters set state records, and one easily won the Presidents Cup OWS. We saw two of our new members learn to swim competently, one of whom recently competed for the first time. It was great to see Otter relay teams winning their age groups...and the Otters continued to take on official roles at pool meets and open water swims.

Outside of Masters Swimming competitions, Otters have been very active. Nine Otters competed at the 2017 SA Masters Games, the three Otters from Lameroot competing under their alter egos as Mallee Quackers. Three Otters went to the recent World Masters Games, bringing home a couple of medals. Our triathlete Otters saw the fruits of developing stroke efficiency and improved control of their pace, with impressive improvements in their times.

The introduction of social events arranged around competitions has proved to be successful, with the Port Augusta OWS being a great club trip. For the second year, the Otters combined with Tea Tree Gully to present the picnic following the Summer Series Swim at Gawler. The Otters continue to build a cooperative relationship with the co-located Playford Aquatic Club.

Future challenges for the Otters include encouraging greater member involvement in the club committee, and developing a more targeted approach to coaching for members.

Penni O'Shea

Secretary, Aquadome Otters





Atlantis Report 2016-2017

Well another year has passed and we are still swimming and having fun. In last year's report Ruth stated that our primary goal was "swimming" so I can say we have had success.

There has been many new members come on board to add new support to our club and for which I am thrilled. The members who have been with us for a while have had their ups and downs but all seem to be improving with the passing of each year, thanks to their tenacity and the great level of coaching we receive.

The club has increased its participation in the Winter Interclub Series and we have again taken out the trophy for Overall Winner.

The Summer Pool Series has been less successful but hopefully with more members taking up the challenge we will earn next year's trophy.

Our Open Water Swims continue to be a huge success in terms of organisation, participation and fund raising.

The success in fund raising has been crucial to keeping our membership fees as low as possible. Our Open Water Swims were financially successful as well as this year's "Bunning's Sausage Sizzle" which was a great success. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time at all of our fund raising and social events.

I would also like to especially thank all the committee members who have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of our club.

In closing I would like to thank every member of Atlantis Masters Swimming Club for their support of Atlantis Club and for making it enjoyable for me to be involved.

Again, thank you.

Tom Bland

President, Atlantis





Henley Beach Report 2016-2017

This past year has been a relatively quiet but enjoyable year for our club with numbers only slightly down on previous years. We continue to have training sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Thebarton Aquatic Centre. Our come and try for free promotion continues to attract people interested in joining our Masters swimming club and provides them with an opportunity to experience Masters swimming without the need to spend any money.

Once a month the three coaches swap sessions providing variety for coaches and swimmers. Our coaches tailor their programs for open water swimming in summer and pool competition during winter. Use of the Aquanex equipment purchased a few years ago continues to reap dividends with swimmers able to identify and correct issues with their swimming (or attempt to).

Although the weather was not so kind this year, the Charles Sturt Challenge went ahead but with reduced numbers. The race distance was shortened for the safety of swimmers, and combined with the strong tail winds, it was a very fast swim with a few new faces in the winners list. Even though the final buoy moved a significant distance, finishing almost under the jetty, most swimmers managed to round it successfully.

The 'club grub' at the end of each month after swimming continues to be well attended and is now back to alternate Tuesday and Thursday nights. This provides all swimmers with an opportunity to relax, catch up and socialise outside the pool. There are also a number of organised and impromptu social activities that occur throughout the year.

Our annual presentation was held at a local football and cricket club that held lots of memories for many of our club members. There was no shortage of members happy to help with the setup and once again the weather was very kind to us.

Our club has awarded its first Life Membership to Brian Skeates. Brian was a founding member of our club almost 24 years ago and is a great club supporter, practically and administratively. He has volunteered at the club in various roles, most recently as Vice President. Brian is a very deserving recipient of our first Life Membership.

Our club members are friendly and supportive, and there is never a shortage of volunteers when things need to be done. We have a strong committee with members who are enthusiastic, involved and committed to the best interests of the club. Everyone appreciates the efforts by volunteers at all levels of the organisation.

Anne-Marie Polomka

President, Henley Beach Masters Swimming Club





Marion Masters Report 2016-2017

This was the 36th year that our Club has operated and it was another successful one. As at December we had 118 members and we hope to maintain a similar number in 2017. We still have founding members Di Ross and Daryl Hawkes swimming with us. Our membership was boosted by new members joining through our Kick Start program run in September. This initiative was made possible by grant funding from the City of Marion – many thanks to Nola for obtaining this grant.

We conducted 6 swim sessions per week for the majority of the year and these were ably coached and/ or coordinated by Robyn Brown with Heather Carbone, Jen Sturm and Meredith Ryan. Thanks to all for their professional and caring approach to our squads. Robyn has continued as State director of coaching. Two of our members Robyn Falster and Cheryl Chambers are about to complete their accreditation as Masters swim coaches giving our Club a panel of 6 coaches. Thanks to all for this commitment.

Key positions on our committee were filled by Claire McCaffrey (Secretary), Nola Sutton (Treasurer) and Garth Hayter (Open Water Swim coordinator) and all were outstanding throughout the year. Each of these positions is time consuming and difficult at times and I thank them all. Garth was awarded the Club's major trophy, the Sandy Hill trophy in recognition of his contributions to the Club. Due to pressure of work Claire has stepped down from her position as from the 2017 AGM and I thank her for an outstanding contribution to our Club.

Committee members Craig Smith (President Masters Swimming Australia), Neal Bertram (member National Board of Management MSA) and Ian Young (SA Director OWS) represented the Club in the administration of our sport. Thanks for their time and commitment.

In addition we had a large committee in 2016 which made running our Club easier as duties were shared amongst the members. Thanks to Craig Smith, Jane Sutton, Ian Young, Cheryl Chambers, Robyn Brown, Robyn Falster, Heather Carbone, Maryanne Heffernan and Mike Perkins for all of their work.

We ran a number of Social and fund raising events throughout the year often using our BBQ trailer. The unfailing efforts of our barbecue/ catering experts John Van Loggem, Garth, Cheryl and their teams cannot be overlooked.

The Marion pool has made fund raising activities available to our Club – open day bbqs - to assist our finances. The Marion Council has once again been willing to renegotiate our costs for using the outdoor pool in summer meaning that we will be able to continue to provide reasonably priced swim sessions to our members. We thank them for their assistance.

The Club ran a successful 100 Metre Endurance Challenge at the Marion Pool in November – the challenge being to swim as many 100m lengths as possible in the allotted time of 4 hours (up to 100). More than 50 swimmers participated with 14 completing the maximum – special mention to our senior swimmers Bev Robb 70 x100, Jan Langan 80 x100 and Stephen Carthew 70x100. Many thanks to those who conceived and ran this event – a great success and bound to become part of our annual calendar!

Our sponsors, the Esplanade Hotel, Vorgee, Hugh Hamilton Wines, The Property Club, Sammy's on the Marina and Stephen Carthew's restaurant friends assist to make our open water swim event a success. Many thanks to all of them!

Our 2016 State Open Water Swim Championships were again run faultlessly this time by Garth and the tireless team which operates behind the scenes every year. Our Club was again able to win the Club trophy despite many of our swimmers being on the beach in official capacities. The effort by our volunteers at this event and assisting at other OWS events is always outstanding. The 2017 Marie Dingwall award was presented to our Club member Dennis Hay this year, a long serving member and an essential part of coordinating our swim at the West Beach Surf Club.

We had a number of swimmers who completed all 10 Open Water Swims for the season (Maryanne Heffernan, Andrew Smith, Maureen Starrs and Terry Carter) congratulations to them all. Many hours and dollars are spent in the quest for the elusive OWS towel awarded annually by Masters Swimming SA.

We were again well represented in Pool competitions during the year with many members excelling. Ian, Terry and Deb Wareing competed in all pool meets for the year and were duly rewarded by the Branch. Maryanne (runner up for swimmer of the year) was outstanding in the pool with 7 National records and 40 State. Also successfully were Sally Hunter 3/3, Di Ross /16, Ace Lewis /5, Ian 1/2, Deb/15 with Terry, Barb Pearce, Di and Stephen Carthew all placing first in their age groups. Numerous other members figured in the placings in their age groups. Congratulations to all.

A large group of members travelled to Alice Springs to compete in the biannual Masters Games held there - a great time was had by all – plans are already in place for 2018. Records were broken at this meet by Robyn Brown, Robyn Falster, Di and Helen Walsh.

Mention should also be made of Jen Sturm and Simon Mullighan who both qualified for and competed in the Kona Ironman Triathlon in 2016 – a great achievement for members of our swim squad!

I am sure that the Club will continue to prosper in 2017 and beyond.

Neal Bertram

President, Marion Masters





Mildura Murray Masters Report 2016-2017

The Mildura Masters Swimming Club trains at the Mildura Waves pool both in the summer and in the winter months at 6-7am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have 11 members at the moment.

This year and every second year we put on a 2 day carnival open to both members and non-members. This year it is being held on 26th and 27th August. We are very thankful for your support in donating the medals to the age group 1st, 2nd and 3rd place champions. We will be presenting local wine to the winning relay teams in each age group. We have reviewed the feedback survey from the 2015 carnival and have implemented some changes for the upcoming carnival and plan on having another survey this year too.

In the hope of attracting new members to our club we have developed a web page and a face book page. The address is www.mmmswimming.org.au . Our members enjoy travelling to the interclub meets and will continue to support this season.

Teresa Crisp

Secretary, Mildura Murray Masters





Noarlunga Masters Report 2016-2017

A. Membership

- Our Membership at the end of 2016 was 50
- Our current membership is 40
- We have had a few old members not rejoin us this year for different reasons, but are confident that with our successful Reef Swim in March, and our online presence, and friendly, inviting attitude to all swimmers, that we will be able to continue to increase our membership over the rest of 2017.

B. Swim Meet Results

- Our open water swim, the Noarlunga Reef Swim, is our premier event of the year, this year (2017) we had 179 swimmers on the day, 15 in wetsuits compared to 135 swimmers in 2016, and this gives us a 32% increase over the previous year. I put this down to our open swim co-ordinator Neil Thiess, and his dedication to our event, with promotion at other open water swim events, flyers, advertisements, and community involvement.
- Our club has been represented well at all Summer series swim meets, as well as the Channel Nine Open Water Series.
- We have 5 members, and 4 competing at the World Masters Games in April 2017, these members include Margaret Armstrong, Faith Galliford, Stewart Galliford, and Matthew Cranley, with Pamela Redman along for some support.

C. Club Activities

- Our Annual club presentation and Christmas dinner at the end of 2016 was well attended by club members with all organisation of the event going to Judith Smith, her skills in setting this up to be a smooth and well run night were great, with the support and help of some other club members the night was an outstanding success, with trophies and awards going to a range of new and old members.

D. Coaching

- Our Coach Helen Bickers has done and continues to do a fantastic job of giving us all a variety of programs with different skill sets and distances with the 5 lanes, we look forward to what she can do for us all and how far she can push us to achieve our best for the MSSA Winter Pool series to come. Special note should be given to Helen for the specialised coaching she has given to those members of the club who are attending the World Masters Games this year in Auckland, and also a thank you to the other members who are in those lanes, and have had to put up with the training also.

E. Other and 2017-18

- As president of the Noarlunga Master Swimmers Inc. it has been my great pleasure to be part of this club and to see what we can achieve. As the smallest club to hold an Open Water event, it was great to see not only that we hosted the Second largest event of the series, just behind the Australia Day Grange to Henley Swim, but that we had club members that have never swum an open water swim come down and join in, and also all those people that came down to help, be they members, or partners of members.
- We had a great 2016-17 and I think that if we continue with the precepts of fun, friendship, and fitness, our 2017-18 will be just as good, if not better.

Matthew Cranley

President, Noarlunga Masters





Tea Tree Gully Report 2016-2017

TTG Kingfishers have enjoyed yet another year of achievements. The desire to take part in pool or oceans swims is mainly due to our coach encouragement to participate. The result of this speaks for itself as our club was presented with nine Trophies at the 2016 Branch Presentation night, one of which was for the highest Aggregate point score for the Open Water Swim Series, this was a first. I believe that our coach's next goal is for us to win the Interclub Series.

In October a group of Tea Tree Gully Kingfishers competed in the Alice Springs Masters Games. We had the largest group of any club. A good time and some interesting stories were shared by all.

In the Endurance 1000 for 2016, nationally 152 clubs took part the Kingfishers came a very creditable 30th overall. At a state level we won both the top scoring club (Trophy) and the average points per member (Award), with a score of 68.44, this will enable us to retain the State Aerobic trophy 🏆 for another year. (A trophy we have been awarded annually since 2010)

Last winter we trained at the new ARC in Campbelltown. It is a great venue and pool.

In closing I wish also to acknowledge all the efforts that Members have put in to their swimming, fundraising and any other achievements for our Club.

Helen Haberfield

President, Tea Tree Gully



Treasurer's Report 2016-2017

The Branch returned a deficit of \$12,374.83 for the 2016 year. The deficit exceeded my expectations and was partly due to the later than normal; registrations for the 2016 Jetty to Jetty Swim and late Member renewals.

The Branch was unsuccessful in Grant applications this year under Round 39 of the Active Club Program but is continuing to lodge applications with the latest due for notification in July 2017. I would like to thank the Department of Sport and Recreation for their continued support.

I would also like to thank Channel 9 for their continued sponsorship of the Open Water Swim Program worth \$2,000 per annum and wish to acknowledge the continued sponsorship of \$1,500 by the Bendigo Bank of the Jetty to Jetty Swim.

The Branch has taken measures to address the deficit in 2016 increasing the Branch component of Fees. I have budgeted for a loss of \$2,300 for 2017; please refer to detailed Budget in the Annual Report. This year we increased the levy per swimmer per open water swim to \$2 to fund the upgrade and potential future replacement of the open water swim Trailer. This will raise approximately \$2,600 per annum.

Total Cash at Bank as at 31st December 2016 was \$74,806.15; with Reserves of \$79,158.15 (this includes other Assets-refer Fixed Asset Summary).

Funds are invested, \$72,740.86 in a Bendigo Bank Term Deposit at 2.40% to 30th April 2017 and surplus funds are held in an On-Line account at the Cash Rate of 1.50%.

I would again like to thank the Bendigo Bank, Channel 9 and the Department of Sport and Recreation for their continued support of Masters Swimming SA. I would like to further thank Clubs and their individual Treasurer's for their prompt payment of Event Fees.

Special thanks to Mr. Stephen Wigzell for his generous efforts in volunteering his services auditing the Accounts.

Robert Ferguson

Treasurer, Masters Swimming South Australia



Income & Expenditure Statement

Masters Swimming in Australia South Australia Branch Incorporated

Year ended 31st December 2016

INCOME	To 31/12/16	To 31/12/15
Annual Membership Fees - Branch	\$17,079.00	\$14,791.30
Club Affiliations	\$600.00	\$300.00
Daytime Swimming Training	\$7,627.00	\$6,061.75
DSRIP Grant - Active Club	\$0.00	\$0.00
DSRIP Grant - Wider participation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interclub & Long Distance Swims	\$16,310.00	\$15,510.00
Australian Masters Games	\$0.00	\$11,625.00
Interest Income	\$1,915.10	\$2,131.10
Open Water Swims	\$22,932.50	\$25,632.50
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presentation Dinner - Branch	\$4,900.00	\$4,940.00
State Cups	\$6,240.00	\$5,540.00
Sponsorship	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$79,103.60	\$91,031.65
EXPENSES	To 31/12/16	To 31/12/15
Administration & Operations	\$17,653.16	\$17,006.62
Depreciation	\$2,577.73	\$4,525.24
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
IMG National 6 % Membership Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
IMG National Jetty to Jetty Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interclubs, State Cups & Long Distance Swims	\$12,067.46	\$10,887.60
Australian Masters Games	\$0.00	\$11,472.41
Lunchtime Coaching & Pool hire	\$8,311.00	\$7,435.50
Medals	\$1,997.23	\$2,295.00
Open Water Swims	\$24,212.95	\$18,502.60
Presentation Dinner	\$6,063.95	\$6,550.76
Secretary's Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recorder & Website Manager Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrator's Wage	\$18,187.95	\$17,082.00
Storage	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel & Accommodation	\$407.00	\$985.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$91,478.43	\$96,742.78
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(\$12,374.83)	(\$5,711.13)

Balance Sheet

Masters Swimming in Australia South Australia Branch Incorporated

As at 31st December 2016

	31/12/2016	31/12/2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AT BANK		
Bendigo Bank Cheque Account	\$33.18	\$2,623.60
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$72,740.85	\$70,885.35
Commonwealth Bank Cheque account	\$2,031.02	\$1,129.93
Commonwealth Bank On-Line account	\$1.10	\$13,009.01
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 74,806.15	\$ 87,647.89
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade Debtors	\$2,537.00	\$1,085.00
Medal Inventory	\$1,472.45	\$3,469.68
Accrued Interest	\$342.55	\$387.68
Plant & Equipment	\$65,785.04	\$65,785.04
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$65,785.04)	(\$63,207.31)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 4,352.00	\$ 7,520.09
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 79,158.15	\$ 95,167.98
Represented by:		
Reserves of:	\$ 76,861.15	\$ 89,260.98
and		
Provisions:		
Non-Masters Members insurance	\$ 165.00	\$ 585.00
Payroll liabilities	\$ -	\$ 1,140.00
Trailer provision	\$ 2,132.00	\$ 429.00
Grant to be acquitted		\$ 3,753.00
Total Provisions:	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 5,907.00
Total Reserves & Provisions	\$ 79,158.15	\$ 95,167.98

MASTERS SWIMMING SA - 2016
RECONCILIATION OF CASH - as at 31st December 2016

Cash at Beginning of Year:	\$87,647.89
Add: Non-Interest Income to 31st December 2016	\$78,065.37
Add: Grants received	\$0.00
Add: Interest received	\$1,960.23
Deduct: Grants included in Income 2016	(\$3,753.00)
Deduct: Total Expenses to 31st December 2016	(\$91,478.43)
Add: Medal amortisation	\$1,997.23
Deduct: Capital Purchases to 31st December 2016	\$0.00
Deduct: Payroll Accrual (Super Guarantee)	(\$1,140.00)
Deduct: Inventory Purchases	\$0.00
Deduct: OWS Liability	(\$420.00)
Deduct: Trailer Provision	\$1,703.00
Deduct: Receivables from Clubs	(\$1,452.00)
Deduct: Receivables from Clubs - 2015 write off (Strathalbyn)	(\$25.00)
Deduct: Interest accrued - non cash income	(\$876.87)
Add: Depreciation - non cash expense	\$2,577.73
Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(\$12,841.74)
Cash at 31st December 2016	\$74,806.15

MASTERS SWIMMING SA - 2016
BANK RECONCILIATION - as at 31st December 2016

<u>Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account</u>	
Bank Balance as at 31/12/16:	\$1,062.34
Add: Unprocessed Credits:	\$4,581.89
Deduct: Unprocessed Debits:	(\$3,613.21)
Closing Bank Balance:	\$2,031.02
	\$0.00
<u>Bendigo Bank Cheque Account</u>	
Bank Balance as at 31/12/16:	\$33.18
Add: Unprocessed Credits:	\$ -
Deduct: Unprocessed Debits:	\$ -
Closing Bank Balance:	\$ 33.18
	\$ 0.00

Fixed Asset Register

Asset Code Description	Acq / Disp date	Original Cost	Accum depreciation	Open W.D.V.	Disp	Depreciation Rate	Monthly Deprec	YTD	Closing WDV
001 Second hand Photocopier	21/01/2007	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 0.00		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
002 Upgrade underwater camera	27/02/2007	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00		20%	\$ -	\$ -	(\$0.00)
003 Tool Chest & Cooler	19/03/2007	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
004 Banner / poles	4/09/2007	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
005 Banners	2/10/2007	\$ 693.00	\$ 693.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
006 Electronic Whistles	13/11/2007	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
007 Banners	3/12/2007	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 0.00		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
008 buoy Covers	17/12/2007	\$ 451.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 0.00		20%	\$ -	\$ -	(\$0.00)
009 prev W/Off Assets	1/01/2000	\$ 22,541.00	\$ 22,541.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
010 2 * Banner	29/05/2008	\$ 791.00	\$ 791.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	(\$0.00)
011 Arrow Trailer - YHT358	5/11/2008	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
012 KESTREL 300 pocket weather Meter	3/11/2008	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -		20%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
013 BSS Light & Audio portable PA system	14/01/2009	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 0.00		20%	\$ -	\$ -	(\$0.00)
014 Zebra HC-100 Direct Thermal Wristband Printer	10/05/2010	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -		25%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
015 Laptop - Secretary	23/06/2011	\$ 1,633.00	\$ 1,633.00	\$ 0.00		33%	\$ -	\$ -	(\$0.00)
016 Laptop - Recorder	7/05/2012	\$ 1,398.95	\$ 1,398.95	\$ 0.00		33%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
017 * Toshiba Copier & Finisher	28/09/2012	\$ 7,604.30	\$ 7,604.30	\$ 0.00		33%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
018 * 3 * Yellow Buoys 1500 mm High * 900 mm Wide	23/11/2012	\$ 646.80	\$ 646.80	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
019 * Double sided 200 mm LED Clock with wireless re	23/11/2012	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 1,716.00	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
020 * Tripod Stand	23/11/2012	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
021 * Carry Case	7/12/2012	\$ 94.00	\$ 94.00	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
022 Jockey wheel for trailer	7/12/2012	\$ 313.50	\$ 313.50	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
023 3 * Ropes, Chains, anchors and shackles for Buoy	4/05/2013	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
024 Laptop - Treasurer	10/06/2013	\$ 1,784.20	\$ 1,784.20	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
025 * Installation of cupboards - SAALC	31/07/2013	\$ 404.96	\$ 404.96	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
026 GPS	31/07/2013	\$ 425.70	\$ 425.70	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
027 Scoremaster Scoreboard	31/07/2013	\$ 1,749.00	\$ 1,749.00	\$ -		100%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
028 Generator	3/08/2013	\$ 3,476.00	\$ 2,485.34	\$ 990.66		33%	\$ 13.79	\$ 990.66	\$0.00
030 6 * Wing Banners - Medium - Double sided	27/11/2013	\$ 1,379.40	\$ 948.34	\$ 431.06		33%	\$ 10.45	\$ 431.06	\$0.00
031 Design, print and apply self adhesive digital print with Gloss UV laminate to rear of Trailer	3/12/2013	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 718.44	\$ 326.56		33%	\$ -	\$ 326.56	\$0.00
032 Human Kinetics - Training Library	31/01/2014	\$ 380.48	\$ 251.12	\$ 129.36		33%	\$ 14.26	\$ 129.36	\$0.00
033 3 * CB Radios	12/01/2014	\$ 336.30	\$ 221.96	\$ 114.34		33%	\$ 12.61	\$ 114.34	\$0.00
034 2 * DVD's	23/02/2014	\$ 27.45	\$ 17.36	\$ 10.09		33%	\$ 1.78	\$ 10.09	(\$0.00)
035 2 * Signs - Daytime Swimming	29/05/2014	\$ 400.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 180.00		33%	\$ 59.00	\$ 180.00	\$0.00
036 MYOB Accounting Software	31/08/2014	\$ 743.00	\$ 347.35	\$ 395.65		33%	\$ 170.89	\$ 395.65	(\$0.00)
037 * Toshiba satellite L50D-CO16	31/12/2015	\$ 997.00	\$ 997.00	\$ -		33%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
038 * New marquee 3 * 3 + 3m wall * written-off using Grant	31/05/2016	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ -		33%	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
		\$ 68,252.04	\$ 65,674.31	\$ 2,577.73			\$ 282.80	\$ 2,577.72	\$ 0.00

GL Balances	\$ -
Reconciliation	\$ 0.00

Notes to and Forming part of the Financial Statement

Year Ended 31 December 2016

Note 1: Statement of accounting policies.

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report in order to satisfy the financial reporting of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (S.A.). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis from the records of the Branch. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements:

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciation amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from membership registrations and Branch affiliation fees are recognized when received and attributed to the financial year to which they relate.

Interest revenue is recognized on an accruals basis.

All other revenue is recognized when it is received and attributed to the financial year in which it is received.

(c) Taxation

The Branch is exempt from income tax and not registered for G.S.T.

Note 2: Mortgages, charges and securities

As at 31 December 2016 there were no mortgages, charges or securities over, on behalf of or affecting any assets of the Branch.

Office Bearers' Declaration

The officers of Masters Swimming in Australia, S.A. Branch Inc. declare that:

- 1) The financial statements and notes present fairly the Branch's financial position as at 31 December 2016.
 - (a) Comply with accounting standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the rules and by-laws of the Branch;
 - (b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Branch as at 31 December 2016 and the results of its operations for the year ended and are in accordance with the accounting policies of Note 1.
- 2) In the office bearers' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 3) As at 31 December 2016 there were no mortgages, charges or guarantees over, on behalf of or affecting the assets of the Branch.

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive, Dated:

T. Bland - President

R. Ferguson - Treasurer

Independent Audit Report

To the members of: Masters Swimming in Australia, S.A. Branch Inc

Report on the financial report

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets and Liabilities and notes applicable to both for the year ended 31st December 2016.

Branch Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The Branch's committee of management is responsible for the preparation and presentation, free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, of the financial report and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Branch's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. To accomplish this, the committee has such internal controls as it determines necessary.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Branch's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the branch's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to the Notes to the Accounts to the financial statements, which state that the financial report is prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework. Accordingly it may not be suitable for other purposes. The audit opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Independence

In our audit we have complied with the independence obligations imposed by the auditing and ethical standards.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the payments and receipts of Masters Swimming in Australia, S.A. Branch Inc. for the year ended 31st December 2016 and the assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2016 in accordance with the accounting policies contained in the Notes to the financial statements

Stephen Wigzell B(Acc) MIPA
SMSF Auditor no. 100000842

Dated: 30th April 2017

Summary MSA Budget 2017

Masters Swimming SA Summary Budget - 2017	
	Budget 2016
Income	
Operational Income	\$21,100.00
Sponsorship	\$3,500.00
Event Income	\$21,200.00
Carnival Income	\$0.00
Program Income	\$10,080.00
Branch Dinner Income	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$1,420.00
Jetty to Jetty	\$2,330.86
President's Cup	\$1,554.00
Total Income	\$61,184.86
Expenses	
Administration	\$18,549.50
Payroll Expenses	\$18,942.50
Event Expenses	\$11,557.75
Program Expenses	\$10,512.00
Open Water Swims	\$1,990.00
Jetty to Jetty Expenses	\$0.00
Branch Dinner	\$1,500.00
Carnival Expenses	\$0.00
Asset Expenses	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$63,451.75
Operating Profit	(\$2,266.89)
Proof	\$0.00

Detailed MSA Budget 2017

Account No.	Account Description	Membership	Grants / Sponsorship	Events	Administration	Programs	Jetty to Jetty / President's Cup	Branch Dinner	Budget 2017
4-0000	Income								
4-1000	Operational Income								
4-1100	Club Affiliation Fees	\$300						\$	300
4-1105	Registration Fees	\$20,800						\$	20,800
4-1106	Registration Fees - 16 months							\$	-
4-1107	Registration Fees - 4 months							\$	-
	Total Operational Income							\$	21,100
4-2000	Grant Income								
4-2005	Active Club Program		\$0					\$	-
	Total Grant Income							\$	-
4-3000	Sponsorship								
4-3005	Channel 9		\$2,000					\$	2,000
4-3010	Bendigo Bank						\$1,500	\$	1,500
	Total Sponsorship							\$	3,500
4-4000	Event Income								
4-4200	Summer Series							\$	-
4-4201	Summer Series - Gawler			\$1,400				\$	1,400
4-4202	Summer Series - Strathalbyn			\$1,400				\$	1,400
4-4203	Summer Series - Woodside			\$1,400				\$	1,400
	Total Summer Series							\$	4,200
4-4400	Inter Club Series								
4-4401	Inter Club 1			\$3,000				\$	3,000
4-4402	Inter Club 2			\$3,000				\$	3,000
4-4403	Inter Club 3			\$3,000				\$	3,000
4-4404	Inter Club 4			\$3,000				\$	3,000
	Total Inter Club Series							\$	12,000
4-4600	State Cup Series								
4-4601	Long Course State Cup			\$2,000				\$	2,000
4-4602	Short Course State Cup			\$2,000				\$	2,000
4-4603	Long Course Long Distance			\$1,000				\$	1,000
	Total State Cup Series							\$	5,000
	Total Event Income							\$	21,200
4-5000	Carnival Income								
4-5005	Naracoorte Masters Games							\$	-
4-5010	Australian Masters Games - 2015							\$	-
	Total Carnival Income							\$	-
4-6000	Program Income								
4-6005	Daytime Sessions					\$10,080		\$	10,080
	Total Program Income							\$	10,080
4-8000	Interest Income								
4-8005	Interest Received				\$1,420			\$	1,420
4-8010	Interest Accrued							\$	-
	Total Interest Income							\$	1,420
	Branch DWS Events								
	President's Cup						\$4,000	\$	4,000
4-9000	Jetty to Jetty						\$17,260	\$	17,260
	Total Branch DWS Events							\$	21,260
	Total Income	\$21,100	\$2,000	\$21,200	\$1,420	\$10,080	\$22,760	\$0	\$78,560
6-0000	Expenses								
6-1000	Administration								
6-1100	General								
6-1101	Postage				\$160			\$	160
	Computer Software				\$0			\$	-
6-1104	National Affiliation Fee				\$225			\$	225
	Official Badges				\$0			\$	-
6-1106	Administrator Workshop				\$250			\$	250
6-1107	FINA Badges - Top Ten				\$80			\$	80
	Business Cards				\$0			\$	-
	Vorgee Supplies				\$180			\$	180
6-1111	Government Charges				\$200			\$	200
6-1112	Insurance				\$85			\$	85
6-1113	Legal				\$0			\$	-
6-1114	Hytek - Meet Manager Program				\$700			\$	700
6-1115	Courses				\$500			\$	500
6-1116	Medical supplies				\$0			\$	-
	Total General				\$2,380			\$	2,380
6-1120	Trophies								
6-1122	Engraving				\$350			\$	350
	Award of Merit Trophies				\$0			\$	-
6-1126	Male / Female Swimmers of Year				\$0			\$	-
	State Cups Trophies				\$0			\$	-
	Interclubs Trophies				\$650			\$	650
	President's Cup Trophies				\$0			\$	-
	Summer Pool Series Trophies				\$350			\$	350
	DWS Trophies				\$0			\$	-
	Total Trophies				\$1,350			\$	1,350
6-1150	Phone Cost							\$	-
6-1151	Mobile Phone - Administrator				\$816			\$	816
6-1152	Mobile Phone - President				\$816			\$	816
	Total Phone Cost				\$1,632			\$	1,632
6-1200	Printing & Stationery								
6-1201	Printing				\$3,850			\$	3,850
6-1202	Stationery				\$1,000			\$	1,000
6-1203	Print Toner				\$100			\$	100
	Total Printing & Stationery				\$4,950			\$	4,950
6-1210	Rent & Accommodation								
6-1211	Assoc House - Office Rent				\$1,077			\$	1,077
6-1212	Assoc House - Fees				\$540			\$	540
6-1214	Assoc House - Storage Space				\$1,185			\$	1,185
6-1215	P.O. Box Rental				\$172			\$	172
	Total Rent & Accommodation				\$2,974			\$	2,974
6-1220	AGM Expenses								
6-1221	AGM Expenses - Venue Hire				\$150			\$	150
6-1222	AGM Expenses - Food				\$510			\$	510
6-1223	AGM - Stationery				\$100			\$	100
	Total AGM Expenses				\$760			\$	760
6-1230	Internet								
6-1231	Internet Access				\$550			\$	550
6-1232	Website Hosting				\$360			\$	360
	Total Internet				\$910			\$	910

Detailed MSA Budget 2017

Account No.	Account Description	Membership	Grants / Sponsorship	Events	Administration	Programs	Jetty to Jetty / President's Cup	Branch Dinner	Budget 2017
6-1240	<u>Transaction Costs</u>								\$ -
6-1241	Bank Fees				\$300				\$ 300
	Total Transaction Costs				\$300				\$ 300
6-1250	<u>Meeting Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-1251	Meetings - Food				\$100				\$ 100
6-1252	Meetings - Drinks				\$100				\$ 100
	Total Meeting Expenses				\$200				\$ 200
6-1260	<u>Membership Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-1261	Branch Life Members-Membership				\$450				\$ 450
6-1262	Branch Life Members-Dinner				\$650				\$ 650
6-1263	IMG On-Line Cost - Register				\$915				\$ 915
6-1264	Members - Goggles				\$330				\$ 330
	Total Membership Expenses				\$2,345				\$ 2,345
6-1270	<u>Travelling Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-1271	Accommodation				\$150				\$ 150
6-1272	Fares				\$150				\$ 150
6-1273	Meals				\$50				\$ 50
	Total Travelling Expenses				\$350				\$ 350
6-1280	<u>Subscriptions</u>								\$ -
6-1280	Subscriptions				\$200				\$ 200
	Sports SA Membership				\$198				\$ 198
	Total Subscriptions				\$398				\$ 398
	Total Administration				\$18,550				\$ 18,550
6-2000	<u>Payroll Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-2005	Administrator Wage				\$16,500				\$ 16,500
6-2010	Work Cover Premiums				\$225				\$ 225
6-2020	Staff Training Expenses				\$150				\$ 150
6-2030	Travel & Accom. Expenses				\$500				\$ 500
6-2045	Other Payroll Expenses				\$1,568				\$ 1,568
	Total Payroll Expenses				\$18,943				\$ 18,943
6-3000	<u>Event Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-3100	<u>Inter Club Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-3111	Inter Club 1-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3112	Inter Club 1-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3121	Inter Club 2-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3122	Inter Club 2-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3131	Inter Club 3-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3132	Inter Club 3-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3141	Inter Club 4-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3142	Inter Club 4-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
	Total Inter Club Expenses								\$ 4,953
6-3200	<u>State Cup Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-3201	LCSC-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3202	LCSC-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3203	LCSC-Gold Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3204	LCSC-Silver Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3205	LCSC-Bronze Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3211	SCSC-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3212	SCSC-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3213	SCSC-Gold Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3214	SCSC-Silver Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3215	SCSC-Bronze Medals			\$282					\$ 282
6-3221	LCLD-Pool Hire			\$788					\$ 788
6-3222	LCLD-Electronic Timing			\$450					\$ 450
6-3223	LCLD-Gold Medals								\$ -
6-3224	LCLD-Silver Medals								\$ -
6-3225	LCLD-Bronze Medals								\$ -
	Total State Cup Expenses								\$ 5,405
6-3300	<u>Summer Pool Series</u>								\$ -
6-3301	Pool Hire - Gawler			\$400					\$ 400
6-3302	Pool Hire - Strathalbyn			\$400					\$ 400
6-3303	Pool Hire - Woodside			\$400					\$ 400
6-3304	Survey Costs								\$ -
	Total Summer Pool Series								\$ 1,200
	Total Event Expenses								\$ 11,558
6-4000	<u>Program Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-4001	Branch Coaching					\$5,760			\$ 5,760
6-4002	Lunch time Pool Hire					\$4,752			\$ 4,752
	Total Program Expenses								\$ 10,512
6-5000	<u>Open Water Swims</u>								\$ -
6-5005	OWS - Awards			\$125					\$ 125
6-5010	OWS - Trophies			\$0					\$ -
6-5015	Trailer Expenses			\$300					\$ 300
6-5020	Trailer Registration			\$75					\$ 75
6-5025	Open Water Swims - Medals								\$ -
6-5030	OWS Magnets			\$140					\$ 140
6-5035	OWS - Towels			\$350					\$ 350
6-5040	SCSSA - Donation			\$1,000					\$ 1,000
	Total Open Water Swims								\$ 1,990
	Total Jetty to Jetty Expenses						\$14,929		\$ 14,929
	Total President's Cup Expenses						\$2,446		\$ 2,446
	Total Branch OWS								\$ 17,375
6-7000	<u>Branch Dinner</u>								\$ -
6-7005	Expenses							\$1,500	\$ 1,500
	Total Branch Dinner								\$ 1,500
6-8000	<u>Carnival Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-8001	Naracoorte Games - Expenses								\$ -
6-8002	Naracoorte games-Insurance								\$ -
	Total Carnival Expenses								\$ -
6-9000	<u>Asset Expenses</u>								\$ -
6-9005	Asset Depreciation				\$0				\$ -
6-9010	Minor Capital Purchases				\$400				\$ 400
	Total Asset Expenses								\$ 400
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$13,548	\$37,892	\$10,512	\$17,375	\$1,500	\$ 80,827
	Operating Profit	\$21,100	\$2,000	\$7,652	-\$36,472	-\$432	\$5,385	-\$1,500	\$ 2,267