



Mandurah
Masters Swimming Inc.

President's Report (2018) for the 2019 AGM - 27th February 2019

First of all thank you all for giving up your time to be here tonight and I want to acknowledge our life members Graeme McAuslane, Gerry Green and Wayne Cable for their ongoing support. They continue to be very active members of our club.

The club has had another successful year both in and out of the pool and at the beach. A lot of that is due to the very hard-working committee you have. They have given up a lot of their time over the past year to ensure the club functions effectively. As in past years we usually have committee members vacating their positions, this year we say farewell and thank you to Mike Bennett who has been on the committee for the past 6 years and Marta Daniels who is stepping down from the Secretary Role. I am sure they will both continue to be active club members and on behalf of all members I thank you for your efforts. To those continuing for this year I look forward to working with you all again.

This Report is a summation of the year that was from the end of February 2018 until today. Whilst writing the report it is very evident the club is in a great position. We finished the year with 114 members and already we are in the membership is in the 90's.

Our members are a diverse lot, and hopefully the club caters for your needs, albeit at club sessions here at MARC or Doddi's Beach There are also members who also choose to swim elsewhere and at other times. There are some that do all the above! We are a swimming club and I think we need to celebrate the fact that people are swimming, and opportunities are provided for them.

Financially the club is in a very sound position. I am not going to go into detail here, they will come next in the Treasurer's report. However, we did have some big expenses this year that were not budgeted for so it is pleasing that we still made a surplus. Expenses include the new Honour Board, the Hot Water System and shelving at Doddi's beach and the fact we are now charged a yearly fee for our beach storage shed and venue hire for our 25th celebration. The money received from ALCOA courtesy of Wayne organising the beach clean-up certainly helped here.

Overall the results across the state for Masters events suggest we have had a very successful year both in pool events and open water events. At the recent MSWA

AGM I was reading through the Annual Report and quite proud to see that we stacked up well against the other 31 clubs.

- Our membership was the 3rd highest out of 32 clubs (biggest country club by 49 members)
- we came 10th in the Vorgee Endurance Awards
- In the OWS series Jen Rollins Busby, Rebekah Weller and Paul Jacklin won their respective age groups
- Rhiannon James, Rebekah Weller, Sue Johnson and Jenny Crake won their age groups at the state OWS at Rockingham last March.
- John Cahill won his age group In the Livelighter pool series
- and Mandurah was the top country club in the State Championships held at Challenge Stadium and we are one of only 12 clubs who attended all Council of Club Meetings in Perth.

We also had 15 members compete in the Nationals this year in May as well as a group who spent hours volunteering at the event.

Whilst mentioning Masters Swimming events I want to acknowledge Des Seery who officiated at the majority of pool and OWS events.

Once again, the two events that the club organise were very successful. The LLCC Pool Event held in March was a great day and it was very encouraging to see so many members either swimming or assisting on the day. We used the Dolphin timing system which went well. Gerry has stepped down from the coordinator's role and he is to be thanked for doing this for many years.

The Australia Day swim saw an increase in swimmers this year and the committee led by Steve Ferguson worked extremely hard to promote and run the event. These two events really bring the club together.

Two events on our calendar that are not sanctioned MSWA swims that we participated in and supported extremely well are the

Busselton Jetty Swim and the recent Rottnest Channel Swim.

At Busselton this year, 39 members competed in either the solo, team or 1 mile swim event, as well as a group of supporters who travelled down.

Notable achievements were Ray completing 20 swims around the jetty, Tessa Viljeon winning her age group and being 2nd female out of the water and Sue Johnson and Anne Marie Leahy coming 3rd in their respective age categories.

Now to the Rottnest Channel Swim just quickly I could name at least 27 members who travelled to Rottnest on Saturday by either swimming, boat or by ferry. There was a lot of hype around this crossing and quite right too. To see Barb competing in and completing her 30th crossing was fantastic, and the media interest was very fitting. Congratulations Barb from all members.

To Steve and Glenda well done on achieving your goal. To see you both putting in the effort and determination over the past few months has been amazing. To Sue J, Erica, Wendy and Jodie who completed another crossing each shows just how good they are. Well done also to Paul, Ray and Joel who competed in the teams event.

As well as swimming events there were also several occasions that deserve comment.

The club celebrated its 25 years of operation last year and the Silver Anniversary function organised by Glenda Hurtado was a very enjoyable night as were the many other social functions she organised.

I want to thank Des, Steve and Steve for their commitment to ensuring we have a compliant constitution that we will be voting on later.

Last year we mourned the loss of our long-time member Rod Baker. What a champion he was, and his presence is missed. I still hear people referring to Rod at the beach. We were so lucky to have had Rod in our club. ***Mention the article in the MSWA Annual Report...***

There was also the passing of Jimmy McQuade who was a past member and remembered for the role he did as Safety Officer.

Whilst we celebrate our successes, the committee is also mindful and aware that numbers at pool sessions and some pool events have been lower than in previous years. We will be endeavouring to find solutions to reverse this trend.

To you all I thank you for your support throughout the year, 2018 was big year. Let's remember our motto Fitness Fun and Friendship and make 2019 even bigger.

Deborah Bloor
27th February 2019