



**masters
swimming**
QUEENSLAND

Annual Report

2015

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Masters Swimming in Australia,
Queensland Branch Inc.
Trading as

Masters Swimming Queensland Inc.

Under Business Names Act 1962-1990 Section 7 (4)
Business Number BN6091623

The Masters Swimming Purpose is “To encourage adults regardless of age or ability to swim regularly in order to promote fitness and improve general health”

Incorporated in Queensland on the first day of November 1988
under the Queensland Associations Incorporation Act of 1981

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Funding:	Swimming Queensland



2015 Branch Management Board

President	John Barrett
Treasurer	John Feddersen
Vice President (North)	Karen Harvey
(Central)	John Feddersen
(Sunshine)	Rachael Keogh
(South)	Brian Davis
Director of Recording	David Findlay
Director of Technical Services	Stan Pearson
Director of Risk Management	Trish Kirkman-Scroope
Director of Coaching Services	Janine Healy

Appointees and Staff

Registrar	Helga Ward / MSA
Minutes Secretary	Cheryl Brodribb
Administrator	Helga Ward

Life Members

Max Gillespie	QSM
Mary Sweeney	QBN
David Ryan	QBN
Rob Lucas	QNA
Derek Coghill	QSC
Ken Liddy	QTT
Stan Pearson	QCD
Therese Crollick	QDU

2015 Queensland Masters Affiliated Swimming Clubs

In 2015 there were 45 clubs Registered with Masters Swimming Queensland

**North Region: 10
MSQ: 1**

Central: 8

Sunshine: 12

South: 14

Albany Creek Masters	Maryborough Masters
Aqualicious Masters	Miami Masters
Atherton Mountaineers Masters	Millmerran Masters
Barbarians Masters Swimming	Noosa Challengers
Brisbane Northside Masters	North Mackay Sinkers Masters
Brisbane Southside Masters	Nudgee Brothers Masters
Caboolture & District Masters	Peak Performance Masters
Cairns Legends Masters	Rats of Tobruk Masters
Cairns Mudcrabs Masters	Redcliffe Peninsula Masters
Canungra Masters	Redlands Bayside Masters
Caribee Rocky Crocs	River City Masters Team
Central Cairns	Rum City Masters
Duck Creek Masters	South Burnett Masters
Genesis Aquatic Masters	Sunshine Coast
Gladstone Gropers Masters	Theodore District
Gold Coast Masters	Toowoomba Masters
Hervey Bay Masters	Tropic of Capricorn Masters
Ipswich City Masters	Twin Towns Masters
Logan Aquatic Masters	University of Qld Masters
Long Tan Legends Masters	Uni Wahoos Masters
Malanda Aquatic Dragons	Whitsunday AUSSI Masters
Manly Brisbane Masters	Yeronga Park Masters
Mareeba Masters	

- **One new club: Malanda Aquatic Dragons (North Region)**

Branch Management Board Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Compared to 2014, 2015 was a relatively relaxed year for Masters Swimming in Queensland. However, the work is always there and much has been done in preparation for the 2016 State Championships, 2016 Pan Pacific Masters Games and the 2017 National Championships – all to be held on the Gold Coast.

There was still plenty of swimming going on with the State Championships in Townsville, the National Championships in Hobart, the World Championships in Kazan as well as local swim meets and club activities.

I hope you found something amongst all of that to enjoy. Thank you for the hard work of volunteers at Club and Branch level and to our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward.

Governance

The Board met six times during 2015: five teleconference meetings and one face to face meeting in Brisbane. The focus has been on developing an updated strategic plan based on the MSA template. The Board meeting was held at Viridian Conference Room courtesy of Brian Davis and it proved to be an excellent location. Many issues are also discussed by-email.

We continue to have a service level agreement in place with SQ. This covers the services of our Branch Administrator, Helga Ward, as well as the financial administration. There are many benefits of having these services provided by experienced staff.

I attended the Autumn and Spring meetings of the National Executive as Queensland Delegate. This is an opportunity to not only hear about what is going on at the National level, but also a chance to meet other State delegates and hear about activities in other branches.

A key issue to good governance is the financial sustainability of the Branch and whilst MSQ recorded an operating loss in 2015 this is offset by the surplus generated in 2014 and the budgeted surplus anticipated from a successful 2016 Pan Pacific Masters Games.

Communication

We continue to issue an 'e-news' as a means of highlighting important information to be disseminated to members. We have expanded the use of our web site, member forum, facebook and twitter. The odd face to face discussion doesn't go astray and I find it useful to get the chance to talk to members at swim meets. Vice Presidents are also trying to work with clubs to provide information for the e-news and to be able to raise issues at Board meetings. Please take the opportunity to raise any issues you might have with them or with me when you can.

Programs

MSX - 2015 was the fifth year of our MSX program, which has been well received. Hopefully some of you have been able to progress up a level from last year.

Lane Warriors – Many clubs are dedicated to tracking the distance swum by their members and 'competing' against other clubs in a different way. This program isn't all about speed.

Endurance 1000 – Queensland clubs participate strongly in this national program.

National Swim Series – A number of Queensland swimmers participated in this program and it also attracted a number of interstate swimmers to the State Championships in Townsville.

Club activities – Club and membership development seems to vary across the state and I would encourage members to share the load and become involved in running your club and the Branch.

Competition

Townsville's Long Tan Legends and Rats of Tobruk Clubs combined to host a low key but successful 2015 State Championships. State Director of Recording, David Findlay, attended and ensured results were processed efficiently.

Hobart was an attractive venue for many Queenslanders for the 2015 National Championships. I don't know if it was the short course format or the cold weather that they found stimulating.

A few Queensland members made the trip to Kazan for the 2015 World Championships and quite a few of them came back with medals, pbs and records.

Club swims continued throughout the State with members travelling long distances to attend. One thing that always seems to be appreciated is when someone from Brisbane attends a swim meet in Mackay or Cairns or vice versa.

Coaching

Janine Healy in her role of Branch Coaching Director attended the workshop on the new MSA Club Coach1 program. Availability of time from our busy coaches has delayed the opportunity to implement the courses yet, but progress is anticipated in 2016 with the assistance of Tony Keogh, Mark Erickson and Raylene Rasmussen.

Technical

Stan Pearson and our other officials continued to ensure that swim meets were able to be run. Stan has also continued to be a member of the National Technical Committee.

Other Branch Activities

Much of 2015 was spent on preparing for a busy 2016. MSQ is mindful of the workload that this may place members in the Gold Coast area and ask for assistance from other members.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in Masters Swimming.

See you in the pool.

John Barrett

MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND

TREASURER

For the year ended 31 December 2015

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income

Membership Revenue figures for 2015 and 2014 were \$38,963 and \$43,332 respectively, reflecting membership numbers as well as the usual timing difference when members renew each year.

Grants Income for 2015 was the same as the 2014 grant from the Queensland government.

Revenue from Swims Meets for 2015 was \$11,329 compared with \$34,757 for 2014, due to the holding of a Pan Pacific Masters Games (PPMG) competition and the National titles (\$66,553) during 2014. The PPMG is held every two years and the National titles rotated between all of the States. MSQ (Masters Swimming Queensland) conducted the National titles in 2014.

Coaching revenue reflects two courses being conducted during the 2014 year when compared with no courses being held during 2015. The format of the coaching course has now been reworked and should see greater activity for 2016.

Interest income for 2015 of \$1189 was higher than the 2014 year figure of \$472 as cash balances were higher during the year.

Expenditure

Administration expenses have reduced due to lower costs for the Agreement with Swimming Queensland. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) is with Swimming Queensland and underpins the level of service our organisation is able to provide to members. The respective fees for the SLA were \$50,000 for 2015 and \$53,000 for 2014.

Expenditure on printing, photocopying etc. is lower for 2015 when compared with the previous year due mainly to the residual of the photocopier being paid out in 2014.

Swim meet expenditure reflects the expenditure that occurred that year. The cost of conducting the PPMG and the National titles is reflected in the 2014 figures.

Expenditure on the normal activities included in the line item Events and Programs such as Membership Development of \$4,612 for 2015 is lower than the 2014 figure of \$17,490 due to the lower expenditure on the MSX and NMK programs.

Coaching / Technical Development is basically conducted on a break-even basis with the aim of providing qualified personnel for Clubs to provide their service to the public.

Bank charges were higher in 2015 due to the higher Internet fees charges by IMG.

In summary, the small deficit for 2015 of \$216 compares with a 2014 surplus of \$26,276. The results for both years are pleasing. The amount of the surplus / deficit for each year will vary according to whether or not a major swim meet has been held during the year.

The next Pan Pacific Masters Games is scheduled for November 2016 and it is expected that this event will produce a surplus.

There is a need for a revenue source other than relying upon Government Grants and Membership fee revenue and this issue should be taken up by our National Board. New sponsorship obtained at a National level could then be distributed to each of the State organisations, in addition to the existing programs.

A comparison of the 2015 and 2014 financial results highlights the unevenness that MSQ has from year to year for Income and Expenditure items.

BALANCE SHEET

Cash availability in the cheque account and term deposits as at 31 December 2015 and 2014, was \$82,367 and \$70,596 respectively. The available cash in the term deposits is transferred, when needed, to the working (cheque) account in order to pay the expenses of operating Masters Swimming Queensland. The increase in cash balances reflects the surplus from the National titles.

A summarised Income and Expenditure Statement together with the Balance Sheet is outlined in the Auditor's Report

John Feddersen

Auditor's Financial Statements

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Year Ended 31st December 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income			
Membership & Affiliation Fees		38,963	43,332
Grant Funding		35,248	35,248
Meet Income		11,329	34,757
National Championships Income	2	937	66,553
Merchandise Agreement		-	1,814
Coach Development		-	2,136
Interest Received		1,189	472
Other Income		1	1,128
		<u>87,667</u>	<u>185,440</u>
Expenditure			
Administration Expenses			
Service Level Agreement		50,000	53,000
Printing		8,000	8,164
Photocopier		-	3,370
Sundry		6,837	4,864
Meet Expenses		9,518	19,294
National Championships Expenses	3	27	45,726
Coach Development		1,992	1,431
Membership Development		4,612	17,490
Meetings		4,356	4,283
Bank Charges		2,281	1,487
Registrations		260	55
		<u>87,883</u>	<u>159,164</u>
Net profit/(loss) from operating activities		<u>(216)</u>	<u>26,276</u>
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		<u>81,830</u>	<u>55,554</u>
Retained profits at the end of the financial year		<u>\$ 81,614</u>	<u>\$ 81,830</u>

MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND

Balance Sheet

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	82,367	70,596
Trade and Other Receivables	5	1,503	1,865
Inventories	6	13,646	11,045
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>97,516</u>	<u>83,506</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>97,516</u>	<u>83,506</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	15,902	1,676
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>15,902</u>	<u>1,676</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>15,902</u>	<u>1,676</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 81,614</u>	<u>\$ 81,830</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		81,614	81,830
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$ 81,614</u>	<u>\$ 81,830</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

1 Statement of significant accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld). The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association operates solely as a non-profit organisation and accordingly is exempt from income tax under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

c. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

d. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on an average cost basis.

e. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is recognised when invoices are raised. Interest revenue is recognised upon receipt.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

f. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

g. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services rendered by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
2 National Championships Income		
Entry Fees	-	52,368
Function Income	-	13,154
Merchandise Sales	937	1,031
	<u>\$ 937</u>	<u>\$ 66,553</u>
3 National Championships Expenses		
Hire of Plant & Equipment	-	3,309
Medals and Trophies	-	10,734
Merchandise Purchases	-	2,782
Officials' Expenses	-	7,653
Presentation Function	-	10,968
Printing, Postage & Stationery	27	2,173
Sanction Fee	-	4,600
Sundry Expenses	-	1,487
Uniforms	-	2,020
	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>\$ 45,726</u>
4 Cash Assets		
Cash at Bank – Cheque Account	34,646	23,554
Cash at Bank – 2014 Nationals Account	-	1
Term Deposit	28,104	46,541
Term Deposit – Nationals Account	19,617	-
Float	-	500
	<u>\$ 82,367</u>	<u>\$ 70,596</u>
5 Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Debtors	30	205
Sundry Receivables	1,026	1,650
Net GST Refundable	447	10
	<u>\$ 1,503</u>	<u>\$ 1,865</u>
6 Inventories		
Medals	13,646	11,045
	<u>\$ 13,646</u>	<u>\$ 11,045</u>
7 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade Creditors	15,902	1,676
	<u>\$ 15,902</u>	<u>\$ 1,676</u>

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Masters Swimming Queensland Inc., the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 4:

1. presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. as at 31 December 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981; and
2. at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



President



Treasurer

Dated this5th day ofMarch..... 2016

A M Giles & Co
Chartered Accountants

DIRECTOR OF RECORDING

In 2015 we had some considerable improvements in the recording of meets and some new issues to overcome. Here are some of achievements of this year:

- More clubs are now using Entry Manager for handling their club entry requirements, thereby saving time and reducing errors.
- Several meets had zero problems with the published results which enabled the results to be published immediately.
- Entry Manager is now able to fully handle relay entries, including relays with events and age group only.

Some changes to recording operations in 2015 were made:

- Record certificate printing has been returned to the MSQ office. I provide the MSQ office with a list of records to be printed each month.

There have also been some new issues with recording during the past year:

- A number of clubs that run meets have lost experienced members from the recording booth. This has meant that several meets have been run by inexperienced new operators.
- Several meets experienced serious problems with electronic timekeeping and recording.
- It has been noted that some clubs are not storing paper lane sheets and timekeeping sheets for the required one year after their meet.

2016

The following initiatives will be pursued in the coming year to address these issues:

- Training material on the operation of meets on the day will be produced. This will focus on the backup systems, such as paper lane sheets, timekeeping sheets and how to effectively use them. The aim will be to enable clubs to run accurate and prompt timekeeping and results' production even without electronic systems.
- A set of guidelines for Meet Referees will be produced. Meet Referees will be required to sight and check backup lane sheets for all records before sign off.
- Consideration is being given to only allowing MSQ certified recorders to record results of meets. In most other states, the state organisation provides a recorder as part of the sanction fee. This ensures an experienced recording operator records all meets. Some time ago this was the case in Queensland, but it ended for reasons unclear. I would appreciate feedback from clubs on this measure. Where a club has an experienced operator we would consider "certifying" that existing operator.

David Findlay

SWIM MEETS

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Short Course	13	12	12	12	12	12
Long Course	13	11	11	11	14	11
Postal	3	2	2	3	2	1
Open Water	1	2	2	1	3	2
TOTAL	30	26	26	27	31	26
Cancellations	3	3	3	3	4	6

The table lists the number of **swim meets** held in the last six years: 2010 - 2015

MEMBERSHIP

The registration numbers from MSA data since 2002 are as follows:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1886	1660	1606	1517	1455	1414	1348
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1425	1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1187

The membership does not include second claim members, refunds or social members.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

The past twelve months have seen a few highlights within the Technical portfolio. Sadly there have been more lowlights.

There are good signs in the south east corner of Queensland that people are finally realising the necessity of accredited technical officials.

Masters' members in Cairns, in far North Queensland, have also increased their accreditation levels. That is one of the highlights for this season.

Among the lowlights is the next to zero action in the rest of the state.

Remember, you don't need to be a Masters' swimmer to become a Masters Technical Official. Masters Swimmers' partners are welcome, as are people outside of Masters. Who knows, they might even enjoy it. If we have sufficient numbers, our current officials might even get a chance to compete at swim meets without their needing to officiate as well.

None of our current Technical Officials are getting any younger.

The day may come when we just run out of fit and active people to be Technical Officials on the pool deck, especially at the referee level.

What does this mean to Masters' swimming?

Be honest! Can we run a successful swim meet without accredited officials?

It appears that many members attend the Timekeepers Course, but a majority of these do not complete their log sheets to achieve their timekeepers' accreditation.

Sadly, of those who do achieve their timekeepers' accreditation, only a small number progress beyond that level.

At this point however, I must thank our current and our newly accredited Technical Officials for the time and effort they have contributed. They have again ensured the technical aspect of our swim meets is as successful as possible

To use some of the famous words of a man of history - "never have so few done so much for so many."

The challenge for Technical Services over the next twelve months is to find new officials and train them to the level of officiating we are known for.

I have a plan to improve our presence in all areas of Queensland.

I will be presenting this plan to the Board of MSQ at our next "face to face meeting".

We have Pan Pacific Masters Games later in 2016 and the Masters Swimming Australia National Championships early in 2017. Both events are being held on the Gold Coast, but I would be extremely happy to conduct both events with Queensland officials from all Masters Swimming Regions.

The remaining Technical Services' activities have progressed acceptably and will continue to do so for the next twelve months.

I look forward to being able to continue to be of service as Director of Technical Services for Masters Swimming Queensland for the next twelve months.

Stan Pearson

Director of Technical Services.
Masters Swimming Queensland.

National Technical Committee.
Masters Swimming Australia

DIRECTOR OF COACHING SERVICES

In 2015 I travelled to Melbourne to pilot the new MSA Masters Club Coach program, along with Tony Keogh and Raylene Rasmussen and Masters' coaches from across the country. The course was a success and we were looking forward to rolling it out in Queensland as soon as we could. However, due to the ongoing and urgent commitments of the coordinators including me, we were unable to lock in dates effectively to conduct the course in Queensland during 2015.

2016

I propose to seek an alternative to future proof our coaching courses and offer a value for our members. As an alternative I have sourced quotes from reputable and nationally recognised trainers to conduct the course for us on a trial basis with the anticipation that it will be approved by the board at the next face to face meeting and will be cemented as an ongoing initiative.

The draft proposal was presented to John Barrett, the MSQ President, in December for consideration. My solution to the ongoing issues of limited coaches qualified to teach the course coupled with lack of availability, means that we need to outsource the delivery of the Masters' course to a reputable nationally recognised and accredited organisation.

That this would free up our coaches to continue with their full time coaching commitments without the concern of trying to facilitate the course into their already hectic schedules and responsibilities. As a focus for 2016, I would like to promote sustainable changes and options to benefit MSQ membership, adding value and valuing our members in support of our motto of Fun, Fitness and Friendship.

Janine Healy

DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT

This year I would like to thank clubs for their diligence in completing and forwarding to me their Risk Assessments for their sanctioned meets. All clubs that had sanctioned meets in the last year, completed and returned their assessments without the need for me to follow up.

Throughout the year there was one serious incident which resulted in hospitalisation and the need to immediately notify our insurers. This incident and the facts surrounding it served as a timely reminder to clubs to ensure that swimmers are paid members, or if they are just "trying out" that those swimmers really are just "trying it out" as per our insurance policy and not simply coming along week after week and not joining. The latter of course will create enormous difficulties if an injury occurs.

On another note, during the year, I put quite a few hours into drafting a contract for a proposed sponsor which, in hindsight, was probably a bit legalistic and was not ultimately proceeded with. It was deliberate on my behalf to draft the contract in the manner that I did because it is my view that our intellectual property needs to be protected. From a risk management perspective, our MSQ brand is of considerable value and any potential sponsorship that tempts us with merchandise, discounts and potential members must be balanced against the significant benefit they will derive being affiliated with MSQ.

The draft risk register unfortunately did not come to fruition due to the lack of time I had to devote to its completion and the associated difficulty with board members being in many different locations. It is still my view that such a register needs to be agreed upon and ought to be an essential manual that is regularly updated. I am going to have to leave that to the next risk manager to complete.

Finally I have enjoyed my time on the board and I thank everyone for their friendship and support during this time. Due to other board commitments, a heavy work schedule and parenting matters I will not be continuing in this role. I am happy to be contacted for general advice and will assist in any capacity that I am able to. It has been a pleasure

Trish Kirkman-Scroope

VICE-PRESIDENT NORTH

Membership

Membership in the northern region remained steady. Efforts by our Whitsunday club to attract members by facilitating two blocks of six weeks of free adult swimming sessions, proved very successful with over forty-five participants taking part. Unfortunately, this did not increase membership. Many adults love taking part in swim training they don't however, want to commit to a club. Whitsunday will continue with its *Come and Try* days in 2016.

Swim Meets and Results

Members were disappointed by the cancellation of Mareeba and Muddies' swim meets and the absence of Atherton and Sea Eagles' meets. This was the first time in 33 years a Muddies' swim meet had been cancelled. Atherton is back on for 2016 but the Sea Eagles Club has discontinued.

The focus for Long Tan and Rats of Tobruk members was hosting the 2015 State Championships. The opportunity to organise and swim in such an event was appreciated. The response by Cairns Muddies' member, Cat Kerr, to use her life saving skills was instrumental in bringing a fellow competitor to safety.

A number of members swam at the National Championships in Hobart with great success. Four members of the Rats of Tobruk club swam in the World Championships in Kazan, Russia.

The Atherton club held its annual Christmas in July carnival. This is always a fun afternoon, with swimming in the indoor heated 25m pool at Atherton. An award is presented to the swimmer swimming the closest to the nominated time.

Margie Cunningham, Thelma Bryan and Marcello Tonelli all kept the State and National recorders busy.

Club Activities

Peak Performance Club held a few twilight time trials that attracted members from the other Townsville Clubs to their North Shore home.

Most clubs seem to hold either a 'smoko' or barbeque after their club training sessions which are always popular with members.

The new Malanda club currently has five members. As the club was set up in 2015 under the 'One Club' format, masters' swimmers attend junior Club Nights which had previously only been open to junior swimmers. The children and adults have enjoyed racing each other in the pool. It creates a great atmosphere!

Open Water swimming has increased in popularity in Far North Queensland, thanks to Muddies' Open Water Swim coordinator, Theresa Donnelly, who organised seven swims at Lakes Barrine/ Eacham, which attracted 102 participants in the May swim.

Whitsunday Masters Swimming celebrated its twenty-five year milestone in August.

Technical Officials

Rob Lucas and Karen Harvey assisted at the State Championships, but unfortunately Frank Matthews was unable to attend due to illness. Cheryl Brodribb also spent time on pool deck in the north as well as the south.

Kevin Jackson helped out unofficially at the Long Tan meet by covering Chief Timekeeper, Marshall and Check Starter positions. Geoff Robinson and Jenny Mack assisted at the North Mackay and Whitsunday meets.

Muddies has thirteen accredited officials. Muddies' concern is that timekeepers do not need re-accrediting but their certificates show an expiry date. They request that no expiry date be displayed in future.

Coaching

Whitsunday coach Andrea Mitchell does a great job coaching members on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings at the Proserpine Pool. There are usually a training programme, the Endurance 1000 programme or Mark Erickson who runs a session.

Steve Buchholz is also drawing a good turn-up at the Long Tan Legends training sessions.

Most Rats of Tobruk club members swim with the squad coach at Tobruk Pool. Chris Bell and Kevin Jackson run adult stroke correction and squads in the evening and they spread the word about Masters' swimming amongst those swimmers.

Muddies has eight accredited coaches and one who is completing accreditation. There are two on deck at training sessions. Muddies has purchased an underwater camera and Head Coach, Gaby Donnelly, is encouraging coaches to video all swimmers and discuss technicalities with them. Another incentive is an award for the member who attends most sessions in a season.

Malanda coaches, Anita Skews and Leonie Gageler have been doing an excellent job, offering lots of stroke correction and variety to keep members interested.

Funding / Grants

Cairns Muddies' members held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings and a mango picking session, both of which enhanced club funds as well as being good social events. Muddies received \$8,891 from the *Gambling Community Benefit Fund* with which they purchased an IRB, electric motor, defibrillator and self-inflating lifejackets to enhance safety precautions at open water swims. These items were implemented at the 2015 open water swims.

The Malanda club was successful in the *Get Going Clubs Grant* application. This funding will be used to help coaches attend the *Australian Swim Teachers and Coaches Association* (ascta) annual convention in 2016.

Other

The redevelopment of the Cairns' Tobruk pool is still on track to be completed in time for the official opening on Anzac Day 2016. Swimmers are very excited to swim in the new facilities which will include a wave pool. At the moment the Cairns Clams club is training at Smithfield or the Woree pool. Theresa Donnelly was presented with the prestigious Allen Burgoyne Memorial Trophy by Cairns Muddies. This is awarded annually to the member who, during the year, epitomises Allen Burgoyne's spirit and assists the club and members in upholding the philosophy of Masters Swimming, as Allen had done.

2016

A number of swim meets are planned for the first half of 2016 with the Rats of Tobruk meet back on the calendar. Members are planning to attend the 2016 regional swim meets, State and National Swims and Pan Pacific Masters Games in 2016.

Karen Harvey

VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL

Membership

QBB - the Bundaberg / Rum City club finished the year slightly down on numbers. The Club's usual methods of promotion include *Come and Try Day* as well as information stalls at the *Health and Well Being Expo* and at local pools. There is also exposure through local newspapers and television.

QRH - Caribee Rocky Crocs' membership steadily increased to twenty-nine members. Attendance numbers noticeably increased with up to 50% level under the instruction of Coach David Milburn.

QGS - the Gladstone Gropers finished the year with a membership of approximately fifty. The Club experienced a number of swimmers leaving Gladstone and not renewing in 2015. As the population of Gladstone has tapered, due mainly to the industrial expansion projects being finished, so too has the Club's membership. Recently several new members joined the Club and it is expected that membership will steadily increase throughout 2016.

QHB -the Hervey Bay Humpbacks finished the year with membership remaining steady. Renewed effort in this area will occur in 2016.

QNS - the North Mackay Sinkers finished the year with a membership of twenty-eight. The Club attended the Mackay Sports Expo held during February 2015 as well as the Seniors Expo in August 2015. Interest was shown from all age groups. Various methods were used to attract new members such as newspaper articles of swim meet results.

QMB - Maryborough has a membership of seventeen.

Swim Meets and Results

Bundaberg's annual swim had good representation from other clubs and was financially viable as well. Club members also attended other swim meets during the year as well as regional swim meets.

Hervey Bay continued to conduct its annual, highly successful swim meet and social function thereafter. Members attended the National titles in Hobart as well as the State titles in Townsville. Caribee Rocky Crocs and Gladstone did not conduct a swim meet in 2015. However, members attended other regional swim meets as well as the State and National titles. Mackay had club members who attended the State Swim Meet held in Townsville. Margaret Cunningham broke six State and four National records in her age group at the State titles. She also broke another four State and National records at the Long Tan and North Mackay Sinkers swim meets. Maryborough members performed well at various swim meets.

Club Activities

Bundaberg had a mixture of beach days, ten pin bowling and morning teas around town.

Gladstone has a social program that includes activities such as a long weekend at Agnes Waters, a mid-year presentation / barbeque, regional swim meets and the End of Year Presentations / Christmas party.

Hervey Bay had a fundraising swim to support Diabetes Australia with over \$1500 being raised.

Mackay members, Geoff Robinson and Jenni Mack, were presented with certificates for their placing in the top ten for their age group in the MSA series.

Maryborough participated in a number of competitions.

Technical Officials

Bundaberg has no accredited officials and relies upon the resources of the southern area.

Gladstone has two accredited Referee.

Hervey Bay has approximately six qualified officials. Mackay has only one qualified official in Geoff Robinson.

Coaching

Bundaberg has one Head coach available three times per week, as well as two other coaches when the Head coach is unavailable. "Guest" coaches from other local swim clubs add support for specific programs as required.

Hervey Bay has training sessions conducted by Caleb Ryan, Janet Cochrane, Darryl Higgins, Brent Milne and new addition to the team Peter McMonagle.

Caribee Rocky Crocs has David Milburn from Caribee Swimming Academy as their regular coach.

Gladstone has five coaches (Don Jones, John Feddersen, Rodney Porteous, Russell Ogden and Sandra Pugh) who provide three training sessions each week via a roster system. All coaches have undergone advanced safety training with the Bronze medallion as the minimum. Mackay has one coach, Greg Born and Maryborough has one coach.

Finances / Fundraising / Grants

Bundaberg's finances are satisfactory. Caribee finances are good.

Gladstone is in a strong financial position. A raffle and a fundraiser at the local Bunnings store ensured a surplus for the year.

Hervey Bay's financial position is strong even though the club did not receive any grant funds during the year. Mackay had two successful sausage sizzles and raffles for the year. In 2015 the Club was successful in obtaining two grants. The Mackay Regional Council grant of \$4979.57 was used to purchase new lane ropes and reels. The grant from the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing of \$4207 was used to purchase a laptop computer, a shade gazebos and buoys. Maryborough held sausage sizzles as their fund raisers.

Other

Bundaberg have a major risk area in potentially not having accredited coaches available in future years.

Gladstone Gropers have moved from the John Dahl pool to the Gladstone Regional Council's Aquatic Centre. The move has been successful from a financial viewpoint as well as it having given them access to improved swimming facilities.

Hervey Bay continues to improve their Club room / shed.

John Feddersen

VICE-PRESIDENT SUNSHINE

Membership

Albany Creek had six new members in total for 2015. Three members were second claim to the club. During 2015 Albany Creek organised a sign on day at the Albany Creek Leisure Centre.

Aqualicious had 65 club members in 2015. Initiatives by Aqualicious to attract new members and/or to retain the numbers included Mardi-Gras, Pride Fair, Pride March, Boot Co, CAMP-IT and Facebook advertising. Some new and about to be suggested new initiatives include MEETUP, Gay magazines and local newsletters.

Noosa Masters Swimming Club (QNA) had eighty-two members in 2015 with six new members joining during the year.

The Redcliffe club remained strong with regular interest from potential new members and popular training sessions twice a week.

Brisbane Northside had a membership of twenty-six at the start of 2015, with three new members signing up through the year. Interest in joining the club was through their web site, Facebook page and local promotion at the Valley Pool.

Genesis Aquatics had one new member during 2015.

Swim Meets and Results

Albany Creek had 186 from 27 clubs, plus guests attend their meet. Meets attended by Albany Creek were QRC, QMM, QHB, QNA, QSM, QTW, QAL. Notable successes enjoyed by members at different swim meets for Albany Creek – See records below plus Nicole Bartley at the LA Special Olympics and Mary Albrow at the World Transplant Games. Both ladies won a number of medals.

Albany Creek Members set State records.

200m Butterfly	Karina Horton	11.04.2015	Hobart
800m Butterfly	Karina Horton	08.04.2015	Hobart
50m Breaststroke	Matthew Wright	18.01.2015	Somerville House
100m Breaststroke	Matthew Wright	18.01.2015	Somerville House
4 x 50m Medley	John Crowley, Matthew Wright, Rachael Keogh, Kim Norris	02.05.2015	Albany Creek

Aqualicious had 106 Attendees at the swim meet; which went well.

QNA held their annual swim meet on 16 May 2015. There were 137 entrants from twenty-one clubs. The day was cold and windy, but enjoyable nevertheless and the club retained the overall points' trophy. Swimmers from QNA attended nine meets in 2015 and won the overall trophy in three of them. At the State Championships in Townsville, Stephanie Jones created State long-course records in her age group for the 200m and 400m freestyle. At the British Masters Championships, Rob Jolly became the 2015 British 100m Breaststroke Champion in his age group. Noosa again became the State and National Endurance 1000 champions for 2015.

Northside was forced to cancel their swim meet scheduled for August, when inspection of the pool in July revealed major damage to the tiling, which resulted in closure of the pool for six months. This meant that alternative venues had to be arranged with disruptions to training and meetings. It was very difficult for the club to recruit new members or to organise members to compete in swim meets. The members competed in eight Queensland meets, the State and National Titles and the Maryborough Masters Games. The highlight for the competition year was winning the *Small Clubs Trophy* at the Albany Creek meet.

Highlights for Sunshine Coast were the Swim Meets in Regional areas, where some members had a great time staying for the weekend and enjoying the country hospitality. Hervey Bay, Toowoomba and Maryborough were very popular.

Open Water Swim events attended by Albany Creek members included Marion who attended various international swims and the Cerberus Half Moon Bay swim in Melbourne. Karina, Rachael, Greg, Julie, David, Heather, Jenny, Cherry-Kee, Thea and David H attended the Noosa Swim. Thea did the Bribie Triathlon Series.

The Interstate swim meet attended was the MSA National Championships in Hobart. (Karina competed as QBR at the NSWMS state championships)

Northside member, Tracy Clarkson had outstanding success in 2015, with an impressive array of titles. She won all Queensland events she entered in 2015. At the Nationals in Hobart in April, from eleven swims she won nine and came second in two. She broke National Records in three events: the 200 Back, 200 Fly and 400IM.

At the State Titles in Townsville in March she broke the State record for 50 Fly. Tracy also had outstanding success in two overseas swim meets. In April at the US Spring Nationals Short Course in San Antonio,

Texas, Tracy came first in the 400IM and 50 Back, with three second and one third placing. She then went to the World Masters in Kazan, Russia in August where she came first in the 300m open water swim, and she followed this up with a gold medal in the 800 Free, Silver in the 400 Free, and Bronze in 400IM, 200 Free and 50 Back. What impressive looking medals they are! Tracy also entered the USMS postal one hour swim where she came second in her age group.

QSC supported the Swim for Diabetes at the Kawana Aquatic Centre. A number of QSC members helped with marshalling, timekeeping and selling raffle tickets at the Kawana Waters Swimming Club's Spring Challenge.

Genesis Aquatics members attended various meets throughout 2015 including QAC and QSM.

The Nudgee Masters Bluefins had another great year both in the pool and out. Deanne Atkinson had done the club proud all year and she continued to be in the top 10 for her age group nationally. The Down Syndrome Swimmers also excelled and Tiffany Smith, Matthew Walker, Ross Hughes and Colin Marks all qualified for the Trisomy Games in Florence in July 2016.

Club Activities

Activities of interest held and attended by Albany Creek included – three-way sprint day with QBN and QGA and the Diabetes swim in November. Albany Creek held a Christmas lunch, member, Mary Albrow attended the Transplant Games and Nicole Bartley the LA Special Olympics. Karina completed all Endurance 1000 swims. Million Metres awards went to Heather (2M) and Karina (3M).

Aqualicious held a great Christmas Party at Roy's house. The 2015 winners were announced on the night as:

- Swimmer of the Year:
 - Female – Sara Henderson Male – Jack Lindfield
- Coaches Award:
 - Female – Leigh Kruger Male - Fernando Claro
- Club Persons of the Year:
 - Roy Lancaster and Dylan Carmichael
- Inspirational Swimmer Certificates went to Ken Koh, Rachael Mathews, Erin Marshall, Dylan Carmichael, Nic Pirie, Indra Hidayat and Janet McCrystal

QNA had an extensive social calendar including: Welcome to the New Year, Valentine's Day, Melbourne Cup, Xmas Party and monthly after squad breakfasts. The club commenced a Handicap Competition at the start of 2015. This is run once a month during Sunday squad. The aim is to provide an opportunity for new swimmers to experience competitive swimming, while catering for the serious swimmers who want to improve their competition skills. The club supported fundraising charity events including: Diabetes Qld 10km Swim-a-thon, Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea and a 15km Mudjimba Island Swim supporting local Special Schools.

Northside also attended two unofficial three-way meets organised by the Albany Creek and the Genesis club. The main purpose was to educate members from the three clubs, who are yet to attend a swim meet, in the general rules for starts and turns, and the general running of a meet, in the hope that these members can start to enjoy competition. They were highly successful and enjoyable days, with Karina Horton and Tony Keogh offering advice and encouragement for potential new competitors. Northside hopes to reciprocate early in 2016, when they are established back on their home turf.

Northside had their annual barbeque and trophy presentation in January at the Valley Pool, straight after their AGM. The highlight of the presentations is what they call the *Superfish Award*, which is given to a club member who isn't necessarily the best swimmer, but rather someone who gives their all for the club, does their best at training, and shows improvement throughout the year. This year it was won by Bev Stubbings for her outstanding 2014, competing, coaching, and helping organise fun social events.

Sunshine Coast members attended numerous social functions including Christmas in July at Flaxton Gardens, the Melbourne Cup Party at Sheila's home, Cecily's 80th birthday party, Bev's seventieth, the QSC Christmas Party at Cecily's home as well as parties and walks in parks. QSC members and friends are

also excellent supporters of the productions at the *Caloundra Chorale and Theatre Company* at Wurtulla. The best 2015 productions were "Sinatra My Way" and "Blitz The Musical ". Monthly gatherings for swimming, social and timed, morning teas, socialising and raffles were held at the four main pools, where QSC members train. They are Kawana, Cotton Tree, Caloundra and Buderim pools.

Genesis Aquatics took part and hosted a three way sprint day with QAC and QBN.

The Nudgee College charity fundraising events continued successfully with a Cancer Council Big Morning Tea in May and the Diabetes Swim-a-thon in November. They enjoyed numerous outings to shows as well as regular monthly Birthday dinners, which were well patronised. They ended the year with a lovely lunch at the Geebung Club and a Christmas breakfast at the home of President Jenny Roberts.

Technical Officials

Courses run and/or attended: Albany Creek hosted a Technical Official Course for Timekeeping, Chief Timekeeper, Clerk of the Course, Marshall, Check Starter, Inspector of Turns and Judge of Strokes. This was run by Stan Pearson and attended by members from other clubs, including Twin Towns and Noosa. Albany Creek has twelve Technical Officials. The club requests an IOT and JOS course.

Other than coaches, there are no technical officials in Aqualicious and Noosa has one official. Six members completed a CPR course that was subsidised by the club. Three members received their timekeeping certification.

Coaching

Albany Creek currently has five active volunteer coaches. The members were disappointed that no Coaching Courses were run by MSQ during the year as numerous members expressed interest in coaching. Albany Creek has engaged a coach, Miriam Knowles, under an honorarium.

The Aqualicious club would like to train more coaches. Aqualicious requests that Queensland masters run coaching courses during 2016. Members would have taken training courses if courses were available. Aqualicious has two coaches coaching every week and three part time coaches that rarely coach.

QNA has one Head Coach and four volunteer assistant coaches. The members enjoyed a one day coaching clinic with Wayne Goldsmith and Helen Morris. Two technical sessions were held at the pool followed by talks on relaxation, diet and racing skills.

The Redcliffe coaching team for 2015 continued to be Head Coach Terry Bourke and Assistant Coaches Jacque Dorante and Maureen Smith.

Northside's coach, Bev is on deck each Sunday getting the best out of her charges, with innovative and thoughtful programs to keep members fit and with some fun thrown in. Even though they were without a home pool for half the year, Bev was able to keep everyone motivated and interested, and she was even able to get a crowd along to help raise money for the Diabetes Queensland Association's 10k Swim-a-thon.

Funding/Grants

Albany Creek received a donation from Councillor Mike Charlton. The club put this donation towards a new barbeque.

Aqualicious did not receive any grants in 2015 and their funding was from CAMP-IT, Boot-Co, Swim Meet and White-Wolf.

QNA did not apply for nor receive any grant funds in 2015. Club fundraising activities included several Bunnings' barbeques and volunteering at Ironman events such as Noosa Triathlon and Ultimate Sports Festival

Other

The QSC members and friends, who train at the Kawana Aquatic Centre, would like to thank Steve Miller,

one of the Centre Managers, for his continued support of Masters Swimming. It is very much appreciated. Wendy, Derek and Bev received Kawana Electorate Community awards for voluntary services to sport and the excellent newsletters produced by Bev McCuaig have kept members very well informed about Swim Meets and functions.

2016

Albany Creek's goals set for 2016 include a new club newsletter, increasing communication, developing a new team wardrobe and increasing membership.

Aqualicious initiatives and plans for 2016 require thought and discussion. Initiatives to grow numbers, attend events, raise money and train coaches will be discussed.

QNA is looking forward to attending more swim meets in 2016 with members already committed to the State and National Championships. The club is intending to defend its Endurance 1000 title.

Redcliffe will be focusing on ensuring potential new members join the club. 2015 was a very difficult year for Brisbane Northside Club, but despite the pool closure for half the year, and their popular swim meet, this tightknit group was able to keep together and enjoy their swimming, and they are looking forward to 2016 back "home".

Genesis Aquatics is hosting a meet during 2016 for the first time and may host two meets the following year.

Nudgee College plans to take swimmers to the Pan Pacific Masters Games in November and the World Games in Auckland in 2017.

Rachael Keogh

VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTH

Membership

Brisbane Southside had eighty-six members with no new members. Initiatives for new members was through communication by email, phone and word of mouth on pool deck.

Ipswich membership remained steady at twenty-two, though injury took its toll on quite a few swimmers.

Duck Creek Squad numbers have increased, though not all are registered Masters' swimmers. Members met informally several times during the year to discuss increasing membership, participation in swim meets, training times and coaching.

Millmerran Masters had no increase on a membership of four and have advertised on Facebook for new members.

Logan City Masters membership stayed steady and was pleased to have a number of enquiries from prospective new members.

Toowoomba Tadpoles Masters increased membership to seventy-two, four more than in 2014. The club gained nine new members in 2015. They used social media and local community noticeboards and events to encourage new members.

Yeronga Masters Swimming, a small club with committed swimmers, had eight members in 2015. It attracted members through word of mouth, the club website and through promotion on Facebook.

River City Rapids had twelve members with one new member. The Masters' club (River City Masters Swim Club)

amalgamated with the River City Rapids in November 2015 to form one club that caters for junior swimmers to Masters' swimmers. The club ran a masters' membership drive for the upcoming 2016 season and has increased its members from twelve to twenty-six.

Miami Masters had one hundred members. Membership was augmented by the President being interviewed on radio, having a strong pro-active committee, and by active encouragement to participate in competitive swimming and in the endurance program.

Gold Coast Masters had eleven members with recruitment achieved by word of mouth.

Swim Meets and Results

The July 2015 Brisbane Southside meet at Chandler attracted one hundred and forty-six competitors, forty -one from the club and two from New Zealand. The success of the meet boosted club spirit.

Eleven meets were attended by club members with twenty-six QSM members achieving Top Ten Australian rankings and setting three State records. Two members attended Nationals in Hobart.

Four Duck Creek members attended most of the Masters sanctioned meets, with a number of high finishes achieved. Four members regularly competed and participated in the Lane Warriors, Million Metres and National Swim Series. Three members were in the National Top Ten and all four were in the Queensland Top Ten.

The Toowoomba Tadpoles club meet returned in 2015 with eighty four entries. Members attended six interclub meets, the State Long Course Championships and two members attended the national championships in Hobart.

Yeronga won the Small Clubs Trophy at the River City meet, but injuries and work commitments resulted in few other meets being entered.

The River City Short Course swim meet was successful with approximately one hundred and seventy swimmers attended the event. Members attended six interclub meets, with six swimmers competing at the Nationals, where some state and national records were set and seven at the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

Miami Masters hosted an extremely successful meet and many members regularly attended local and interstate meets. Some members attended the world championships, with outstanding results.

Gold Coast Masters was represented at all South and Sunshine region swim meets and some also attended the Maryborough Masters' meet. There standout performances from Jay Neville with a State Short Course record in the 65-69 400m Butterfly and Clive Robinson with State Short Course records in the 60-64 200m Backstroke and 25m Breaststroke, were achieved. Steve Cornelius participated in the Burleigh Heads to Surfers Paradise 10 km ocean swim.

Club Activities

Brisbane Southside club members met for coffee twice weekly after training sessions. A Bunning's sausage sizzle fundraiser and club promotion activity was held to support a club social function. Trophies were awarded to *Club Person of the Year* and for *Male and Female Coach's Awards*. New club hoodies were designed for sale.

One member completed a bronze level coaching course, while specialised coaching initiatives were undertaken for new members and for forthcoming meets. Private, corporate and local government assistance was provided to support the club's annual meet and to subsidise pool hire, coaching costs and meet attendance on occasions and items of club apparel.

Ipswich City Masters relationship with Ipswich Grammar School in the use of their pool was very cordial and resulted in the club contributing \$3,625 to school funds. *Ipswich incinerator Theatre* nights supporting charity were well attended and very enjoyable as were the two Boonah trips.

Duck Creek's regular social night at Lismore after training on Fridays was popular and the Christmas party was a very happy and successful evening.

Logan City had a good end of year breakfast gathering.

Toowoomba Tadpoles had monthly barbeques, which included Endurance 1000 swims. The annual Presentation was incorporated into the AGM. The club's Christmas Party was a barefoot bowls afternoon. Team Tadpole emerged from the water and walked the *Relay for Life* in aid of the Queensland Cancer Council in May and the club was the third highest fundraiser.

Yeronga enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Yeronga Bowls club.

Miami Masters conducted a well-attended Annual Dinner and Presentation Night held at the Burleigh Heads Surf Life Saving Club. Social nights such as *Trivia + Soup* were held. Post-training Saturday drinks and nibbles were always well supported.

Gold Coast Masters conducted their meetings/dinners at Southport Sharks. A club motto –“The Gold Coast Rays” – was adopted. A club slogan TAA - Teamwork, Adventure and Achievement – was adopted.

Millmerran members attended the Toowoomba Tadpoles and River Meets with Jamie Shaw being Age Group champion at Toowoomba.

Coaching

Brisbane Southside had one coach on deck per training session.

Logan City found that the trial period before new members commit, captured new membership and coach Jan King's attention to detail - seen in selection of programs, accommodation of the requirements of individual swimmers and persistence in improving the performances of swimmers – paid dividends in attendance at training and swim meets.

Duck Creek was fortunate in having Dee Hawkins continue as coach. Training sessions increased to five mornings and two afternoons weekly with two training venues at Southern Cross University and Lismore pools.

Toowoomba Tadpoles had one qualified coach. There was a strong response of mentoring from retired coaches. At each swim session a member, with Bronze Medallion training provided by the club, volunteered to be on deck. Funding has been sought to cover the costs of this training.

The coaching of Yeronga by Rick Van der Zant attracted and retained members.

River City had two dedicated adult swimmer coaches employed by Somerville House. Only five or six club members were in these squads. With the amalgamation it is expected that club numbers will increase in 2016.

Miami Masters has two paid professional coaches and one honorary coach. The club had two long course sessions and one short course sprint training session each week. Several members, who are qualified coaches, conducted Master Classes in all strokes about six times a year.

Gold Coast Masters had two qualified coaches and an initiative was, by helping public swimmers during training sessions with stroke correction, to encourage them to join the club.

Technical Officials

Both Brisbane Southside and Toowoomba had one technical official each.

Funding/Grants

Brisbane Southside received private, corporate and local government assistance to support the club's annual meet. Brisbane Southside subsidised pool hire, and coaching costs at times, attendance at certain swim meets and items of club apparel.

Toowoomba Tadpoles unsuccessfully applied for funding.

Gold Coast Masters received \$500.00 funding from Community Concepts for the annual fees of the Club and the design costs for uniforms.

2016

Toowoomba Tadpoles has committed to the *Relay for Life*. When funding is available the club plans to run a Grey Medallion course to increase water safety in the community. This is intended to be a course for the general public, thus promoting the club in the general community.

Logan City Aquatic needs other club members to nominate for committee roles or consideration will have to be given to closing the club. Millmerran Masters does not have any current members and with Millmerran being a small town prospects are not good.

Brian Davis

ADMINISTRATOR

MSQ maintained the Administration Fee paid to Swimming Qld as part of the Service Level Agreement. The amount paid effectively means that three and a half days should be devoted to administering MSQ's operations, which includes the support of the accountant. However, as in 2014, the actual time devoted to MSQ's administration is four and a half days and during the busy times, it works out to five days.

One day is devoted to Swimming Queensland.

The assistance with registration matters did not eventuate, however, MSA is the main source of support for MSQ and the other states.

One major event was held in 2015 - the State Long Course Championships. The Long Tan Legends club hosted a friendly and efficient event and although our numbers were down, it was still an enjoyable event. Many members chose to travel to Hobart for the National Championships in favour of our state event in Townsville.

Newsletter, Website and Social Media

Seven e-newsletters were produced in 2015. The IMGSTG database is the console we have to use to create the newsletter and it does not have much flexibility in formatting the e-news. The website continued to provide information and documents for members to access, but many members do not make the effort to first consider finding the relevant material on the website. In 2015 we established two Instagram accounts: one in the North region, managed by Cheryl Brodribb from Cairns Muddies and Nicolai Morris, in the South region.

This has added another dimension to MSQ sharing achievements and information with clubs and members. Both have done a tremendous job in representing our members in the different regions.

I would like to thank both Cheryl and Nicolai for their work on Instagram.

Our Facebook page 'friend' numbers are steadily climbing and in 2015 the numbers in particular moved up more rapidly.

The objective is to keep members informed of events, but to also highlight club swim meets and posts of interest to swimmers.

National and State Championships and Pan Pacific Masters Games

In 2015 MSQ agreed to host the National Championships 2017 in Southport as Western Australia declined to host it despite it being their year for the event. The reason for the decision made by WA took into consideration the Masters Games in New Zealand in 2017. It was believed that few members nationally would travel to Perth as most of our members live in the east and travelling to New Zealand would be less expensive from there.

Despite the fact that MSQ had only just hosted the 2014 event, the decision to host it in Southport is believed to be an attraction.

Rachael Keogh, the Vice President Sunshine, took on the role of Meet Convenor and she quickly set about forming committees and planning for the major event. With such a tremendous support, we are confident that the championships will be successful.

MSQ was again awarded the right to host the Pan Pacific Masters Games, swimming event. Our organisation declined to host the Open Water swim. Fortunately, Events Qld was able to find a replacement with the Miami Surf Life Saving Club agreeing to host an Ocean Swim.

Brian Davis from Miami will be the Meet Convenor and most of our requirements have already been put into place. Michael Hill from Brisbane Southside agreed to be the Meet Director.

MSQ Programs

The MSX Program continued to be popular with members who enjoy the challenge of working towards a goal in achieving better times in different events.

A total of 264 of our members won one of the four qualifying standards in the MSX Program.

Platinum:	94
Gold:	65
Silver:	59
Bronze:	46

David Findlay, the MSQ Recorder is responsible for compiling the results and calculating the new time standards for the following year.

Five clubs submitted their spread sheet results for the Lane Warriors' Program. Two individual swimmers from two different clubs also took the trouble to send in their results.

We would love to see more people taking up the Lane Warrior program.

Finally, I would like to thank our volunteer board members for the time and effort they put into their roles on the MSQ Board and for the assistance some of them have given me.

Thank you to the club volunteers throughout Queensland, who continue to keep their clubs going and growing. Your commitment does not go unnoticed.

Helga Ward

Endurance 1000 – 2015: MSQ RESULTS

Club Results

Total Points per Club – Top 12

	Club Code	Club	Total Points
1	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming Club	19793
2	QMM	Miami Masters Swimming Club	13118
3	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	5909
4	QGS	Gladstone Gropers	5001
5	QTT	Twin Towns Services Masters Swimming	4261
6	QBN	Brisbane Northside Masters Swimming Club	1768
7	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming Club	1556
8	QAC	Albany Creek Masters Swimming	1299
9	QWY	Whitsunday Masters Swimming	1263
10	QHB	Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swimming	747
11	QTW	Toowoomba Tadpoles	666
12	QCN	Cairns Mudcrabs Masters Swimming	378

Club Results:

Average Points per Swimmer in each Club – Top 12

	Club Code	Club	Average Points
1	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	281.38
2	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming Club	241.38
3	QMM	Miami Masters Swimming Club	144.15
4	QGS	Gladstone Gropers Masters Swimming Club	80.66
5	QTT	Twin Towns Services Masters Swimming	73.47
6	QWY	Whitsunday Warriors Masters Swimming Club	66.47
7	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming	62.24
8	QBN	Brisbane Northside	57.03
9	QAC	Albany Creek Masters Swimming	23.20
10	QMB	Maryborough Masters	20.60
11	QHB	Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swimming	19.66
12	QRC	River City Rapids	15.00

Club Results

Club Participation Percentage of Total Club Membership – Top 12

	Club Code	Club	Participation Rate %
1	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	80.95
2	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming	74.39
3	QWY	Whitsunday Warriors Masters Swimming Club	73.68
4	QMM	Miami Masters	62.63
5	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming	56.00
6	QPP	Peak Performance Masters Swimming	55.55
7	QRT	Rats of Tobruk Masters Swimming	53.33
8	QTT	Twin Towns Masters Swimming Club	51.72
9	QBN	Brisbane Northside Masters Swimming	51.61
10	QHB	Hervey Bay Masters Swimming	50.00
11	QYP	Yeronga Park Masters Swimming	44.44
12	QNS	North Mackay Sinkers Masters Swimming	42.85

39 Clubs participated in the Endurance 1000 Program.

Endurance 1000

Individual Members to have completed the program

Total points - 1005 each

Total Swims - 62

	Name	Club	Code	Age	Points
1	Tracy Clarkson	Brisbane Northside	QBN	66	1005
2	Alan Grant	Miami	QMM	68	1005
3	Clive Griffin	Ipswich City	QIP	57	1005
4	Brian Hoeppe	Noosa Masters	QNA	68	1005
5	Hobe Horton	Miami	QMM	58	1005
6	Karina Horton	Albany Creek	QAC	57	1005
7	Don Jones	Gladstone Gropers	QGS	81	1005
8	Geoff Lander	Noosa	QNA	82	1005
9	Rob Lucas	Noosa	QNA	72	1005
10	Helen Morley	Miami	QMM	57	1005
11	Fran Moroney	Gladstone Gropers	QGS	53	1005
12	Jonathan Patterson	Ipswich City	QIP	67	1005
13	Jane Powell	Noosa	QNA	57	1005
14	Irene Symons	Noosa	QNA	64	1005
15	Bob McClausland	Noosa	QNA	86	915
16	John Feddersen	Gladstone Gropers	QGS	62	807
17	Lynette Clemitson	Noosa	QNA	68	758

Endurance 1000

Masters Swimming Australia Ranking - Highest Points

144 Competing Clubs Nationally

MSQ Clubs in the Top 50

Ranking - MSA	Club	Code	Total Points
1 st	Noosa Masters	QNA	19793
4 th	Miami Masters	QMM	13118
15 th	Ipswich City Masters	QIP	5909
17 th	Gladstone Gropers	QGS	5001
21 st	Twin Towns Masters	QTT	4261
37 th	Brisbane Northside	QBN	1768
41 st	Sunshine Coast	QSC	1556
47 th	Albany Creek	QAC	1299
48 th	Whitsunday Warriors	QWY	1263

2015 MSA SWIM SERIES WINNERS

The results are recorded nationally, with the MSQ results highlighted in red.

FEMALE

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets attended	Total Points
18 – 24	Elyshia Sheldon	CDW	2	1248
25 - 29	Emma Pendlebury	VPP	2	1594
30 – 34	Rowena Burch	VIS, WAM	5	5855
35 – 39	Susan McCaughtrie	NSA, QDU , VIS	5	5440
40 – 44	Nicky Kerr	VMV	3	3223
45 – 49	Pamela Nix	NBT	2	1755
50 – 54	Daphne Briggs	VMV	3	2994
55 – 59	Dee Sheffrin	VDC	3	3221
60 – 64	Leigh Rodgers	VMV	2	2221
65 – 69	Jennifer Nock	QTT , VIS	4	4307
70 – 74	Clary Munns	NBT	2	2390
75 – 79	Sue Mayne`	TAC	2	1366
80 – 84	Denise Robertson	QMM	2	1818
85 - 89	Dorothy Dickey	VDC	2	2161
90 - 104	N/A			

Male

Age Group	Winner	Club	Meets attended	Total Points
18 – 24	Nicholas Grinter	NSA	2	1431
25 - 29	Brenton Ford	VPP	2	1396
30 – 34	William Hall	QLT	2	1599
35 – 39	Todd Patrick	VGS	4	4492
40 – 44	Archer Talbot	VPP	3	2045
45 – 49	Mark Thompson	VPP	4	7912
50 – 54	Anthony Dunne	WCM	2	1718
55 – 59	Paul Blackbeard	WCM	2	1824
60 – 64	Maciej Slugocki	TAC	5	9127
65 – 69	Don Taylor	VMV	3	3054
70 – 74	Peter Kaupert	NWG	2	1405
75 – 79	John Cocks	VMV	5	8270
80 - 84	Patrick Galvin	VMV	4	5817
85 - 89	Max van Gelder	NWG	2	938
90 - 104	N/A			

LANE WARRIOR RESULTS 2014

The Lane Warrior Program was introduced at the beginning of 2011. The objective is to encourage as many swimmers as possible to record all the distances they swim during the year. The distances include all drills using pool accessories, training program distances, including technique work and those swum at swim meets throughout the year.

At the end of the year, the clubs submit the spread sheet of each member who has recorded each swim. Three age categories have been created and the Top Five winners in each category receive a certificate and a towel with the MSQ logo and 'Top 5 Lane Warrior' printed on the material.

Top 5 Individual Winners			
18 - 34			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Vanessa O'Sullivan	QTW	169,200
2	Nicholas Hill	QTW	125,375
3	Sarah Wilson	QTW	93,000
4	Justin Maddock	QTW	87,500
5	Melissa Ireland	QGS	12,000
35 - 60			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Janet Cochrane	QHB	634,400
2	Susan McCaughtrie	QDU	618,800
3	Fran Maroney	QGS	516,200
4	Paul Somerfield	QTT	428,000
5	Jan Penny	QCN	427,100
61 +			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Conrad Gleeson	QTT	858,750
2	Gary Backus	QTT	760,600
3	Geoffrey James	QCN	638,300
4	Jenny Nock	QTT	548,200
5	Trudy Zussino	QGS	365,190

Top 3 Club Winners: Average Distance swum by participants:

Top 3 clubs			Average Distance
1	Hervey Bay	QHB	445,400
2	Cairns Mudcrabs	QCN	341,900
3	Twin Towns	QTT	252,455

MSX CLUB AND AGE GROUP RESULTS 2014

Number of qualifiers from each club in each standard

Club Code	Club	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Grand Total
QAC	Albany Creek	5	2	3	1	11
QAL	Aqualicious		1	1	2	4
QAT	Atherton	1				1
QBB	Rum City	3	2		1	6
QBN	Brisbane Northside	4	2	2	2	10
QBR	Barbarians	2	4	2	4	12
QCC	Central Cairns					
QCD	Caboolture & District		1	2		3
QCN	Cairns Mudcrabs	2		3		5
QCS	Cairns Clams	3	1	1		5
QDU	Duck Creek		1			1
QGA	Genesis Aquatic	1	1			2
QGC	Gold Coast	1	2		1	4
QGS	Gladstone Gropers	1	1	2	2	6
QHB	Hervey Bay	1	6	4	2	13
QIP	Ipswich City	1	1	1		3
QLG	Logan Aquatics					
QLT	Long Tan Legends	5	1	5	1	12
QMA	Mareeba					
QMB	Maryborough	1	3	1		5
QMM	Miami	19	5	6	4	34
QMY	Manly Brisbane	4				4
QNA	Noosa	8	8	4	6	26
QNB	Nudgee Brothers	1		1		2
QNS	North Mackay Sinkers	1		3	3	7
QPN	Redcliffe Peninsula					
QPP	Peak Performance	1		2		3
QRB	Redlands Bayside	1	1			2
QRC	River City	7	1	1		9
QRH	Caribee Rocky Crocs		2			2
QRT	Rats of Tobruk	6	2		1	9
QSB	South Burnett					
QSC	Sunshine Coast	1	3	1	4	9
QSM	Brisbane Southside	3	3	6	5	17
QTT	Twin Towns	2	3	3	3	11
QTW	Toowoomba Tadpoles		2	2	2	6
QUQ	University of Qld	5	3	2		10
QUW	Uni Wahoos	1				1
QWY	Whitsunday Warriors	1	1	1	2	5
QYP	Yeronga Park	2	2			4
Grand Total		94	65	59	46	264

TROPHY WINNERS 2015

Masters Swimming Queensland 2015 Long Course Branch Trophy Awards

The following awards relate to the State Long Course Meet, held at the Long Tan Pool, Townsville.

1. **Queensland Branch Trophy:** *Long Tan Legends Masters Swimming*
(Highest aggregate points)
Individual Points: 837 + Relays: 1063
 2. **Max Gillespie Trophy:** *Miami Masters Swimming*
(Larger clubs with the highest average points)
Average of 50.3 Points each
 3. **Mary Maina Trophy:** *Gladstone Gropers Masters Swimming*
(Smaller clubs with the highest average points)
Average of 82 Points each
 4. **Vorgee Female Swimmer of the Meet:** *Jen Thomasson (QSM)* FINA Points: 3960
 5. **Vorgee Male Swimmer of the Meet:** *Marcello Tonelli (QRT)* FINA Points: 3748
 6. **National Seniors Trophy:** *Jen Thomasson (QSM)* FINA Points: 3960
(Best performance for a swimmer 50 + years)
 7. **MSQ Trophy over 30 winner:** *Marcello Tonelli (QRT)* FINA Points: 3748
(Best performance by a swimmer 30 - 49 years)
 8. **MSQ Trophy - under 30 winner:** *Danielle Garner (QCS)* FINA Points: 2355
(Best performance by a swimmer 18 - 29 years)
- Other Awards:***
9. **Mary Sweeney Trophy :** *Nil*
(Official of the Year)
 10. **Oz Sports Trophy:** (Coach of the Year) *Nil*
 11. **John Hughes Trophy:** *Noosa Masters Swimming (QNA)*
(Endurance 1000 Swimming: Highest Club Points)
1. **MSQ Endurance 1000 Trophy:** *Ipswich City Masters Swimming (QIP)*
(Highest club Endurance 1000 average)
 2. **Rats of Tobruk Open Water Swim Trophy** *Nil*
 3. **Life Member:**

The former Registrar's Trophy winners will receive a Certificate acknowledging them as the leading club in welcoming new members.

Joint winners of the Registrar's Trophy:

Miami Masters - QMM
Redlands Bayside - QRB

MSQ Swim Meets - 2015

Cancelled Events *** next to Club Code

DATE	L/S C	CLUB	CODE	REGION	SANCTION	VENUE
JANUARY						
18	SC	River City Rapids	QRC	South	01/15	Somerville House, South Bbn
FEBRUARY						
14	LC	Miami Master	QMM	South	02/15	Miami Olympic Pool
14	LC	Mareeba Masters	QMA	North	03/15	Mareeba Memorial Pool
14	SC	Gladstone Gropers *Cancelled	QGS	Central	04/15	John Dahl Pool
28	LC	Hervey Bay	QHB	Central	05/15	Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
March						
13 - 15	LC	MSQ State Championships			06/15	Long Tan Memorial Pool
April						
8 - 11	SC	National Championships				Hobart, Tasmania
18	SC	Whitsunday Warriors	QWY	North	07/15	Cannonvale Pool
MAY						
02	SC	Albany Creek	QAC	Sunshine	08/15	Albany Creek Leisure Centre
16	LC	Noosa Masters	QNA	Sunshine	09/15	Noosa Aquatic Centre
JUNE						
13	SC	Rum City	QBB	Central	10/15	Bundaberg Swim Academy
JULY						
11	LC	Brisbane Southside	QSM	South	11/15	Brisbane Aquatic Centre
15 July - 15 Sept	Postal	Redlands Bayside	QRB	South	23/15	
AUGUST						
05 - 16	LC	World Masters Championships				Kazan, Russia
22	SC	Brisbane Northside * Cancelled	QBN	Sunshine	12/15	The Valley Pool, Brisbane
SEPTEMBER						
12	SC	Toowoomba Tadpoles	QTW	South	13/15	Glennie Pool, Toowoomba
OCTOBER						
03	SC	Redlands Bayside * Cancelled	QRB	South	14/15	Ormiston Pool
03 - 05	LC	Australian Masters Games				TBA
10	SC	Maryborough Masters	QMB	Central	15/15	Maryborough Centenary Pool
18	LC	Long Tan Legends	QLT	North	16/15	Long Tan Memorial Pool
24	LC	Caribee Rocky Crocs * Cancelled	QRH	Central	17/15	
25	OVS	Caribee Rocky Crocs * Cancelled	QRH	Central	18/15	TBA
NOVEMBER						
14	SC	Cairns Mudcrabs * Cancelled	QCN	North	19/15	Gordonvale Aquatic Centre
28	LC	Aqualicious	QAL	Sunshine	20/15	Centenary Pool
28	SC	North Mackay Sinkers	QNS	Central	21/15	North Mackay High School
29	OVS	North Mackay Sinkers	QNS	Central	22/15	Pioneer River, Mackay