



# Annual Report

2017

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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

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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"

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

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday  
9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Affiliations:** Masters Swimming in Australia Inc.  
Q Sport – Sports Federation of Qld Inc.  
Swimming Queensland  
National Officiating Program  
Australian Coaching Council  
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**Funding:** Swimming Queensland



## 2017 Branch Management Board

President	Rachael Keogh
Treasurer	Julie Bott
Vice President (North)	Cheryl Brodribb
(Central)	John Feddersen
(Sunshine)	Grant Hoskins
(South)	Shane Knight
Director of Recording	David Findlay
Director of Technical Services	Stan Pearson
Director of Risk Management	Nikhil Mathur
Director of Coaching Services	Mark Erickson & Raylene Rasmussen (Support)

## Appointees and Staff

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

## Life Members

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

## 2017 Queensland Masters Affiliated Swimming Clubs

*In 2017 there were 46 clubs Registered with Masters Swimming Queensland*

North Region: 11

Central: 6

Sunshine: 13

South: 15

MSQ: 1

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### **NORTH REGION**

Atherton Mountaineers  
Azure Meteor  
Central Cairns  
Cairns Mudcrabs  
Cairns Clams  
Long Tan Legends  
Mareeba Masters  
Malanda Aquatic Dragons  
Rats of Tobruk  
Townsville Aquaholics  
Whitsunday Masters

### **CENTRAL REGION**

Caribee Rocky Crocs  
Gladstone Gropers  
Hervey Bay Maryborough  
Maryborough  
North Mackay Sinkers  
Rum City

### **SUNSHINE REGION**

Albany Creek  
Aqualicious  
Brisbane Northside  
Caboolture & District  
Genesis Aquatics  
Healthstream  
Noosa Masters  
Nudgee College  
Redcliffe Peninsula  
South Burnett  
Sunshine Coast  
University of Qld  
Uni Wahoos

### **SOUTH REGION**

Brisbane Southside  
Duck Creek  
Element  
Griffith University  
Ipswich City  
Logan Aquatic  
Manly Brisbane  
Miami Masters  
Redlands Bayside  
River City Rapids  
Somerset  
Turbo Jets  
Twin Towns Services  
Toowoomba Tadpoles  
Yeronga Yabbies

### **MSQ VIRTUAL CLUB: Barbarians**

**New clubs: Azure Meteor (North), Townsville Aquaholics (North), Element (South), Somerset (South), Turbo Jets (South)**

# Branch Management Board Reports

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Governance and Administration

The fresh look Board met for the first time at a face to face meeting in May.

As President I liaised with the new National President, Gerry Tucker and other delegates as well as MSA Staff. I also met with Kevin Hasemann, CEO of Swimming Queensland. The purpose of the meeting was to renegotiate the Service Level Agreement. On Julie Bott's recommendation, we extended the term of the SLA to 18 months which will bring it to the end of December 2018 for renewal.

A discussion paper on including Multi Class swimmers into Masters Swimming was prepared for the National meeting. I wish to thank Helga Ward and David Findlay for attending the National meeting on my behalf.

I would also like to extend my thank you to Noosa for trialling our online payment system and for other clubs for adopting this process. Congratulations to Yeronga on a very successful first meet.

Thank you to Shane Knight, VP South and Grant Hoskins, VP Sunshine for the work they did on the MSQ Board. Their time and input has been greatly appreciated.

It was with great sadness we farewelled Ray Smythe in Toowoomba. Ray was a very popular and respected Technical Official. We donated \$100 towards the family's chosen charity on behalf of all members.

David Findlay has prepared a Draft Strategic Plan. I hope the new Board Members will agree to adopt it. It takes away any unrealistic goals and really focuses on the core capabilities and functions of our organisation.

Considering two recent resignations, it is an appropriate time to consider the Board structure and its future composition. As part of that review, investigations were made into the other Branch structures to investigate ways to improve the current Board structure in MSQ.

The state championships' manual still needs to be reviewed, which is a process followed every few years.

Thank you to Dawn Thompson for her work on the Newsletter. Dawn has had to withdraw from preparing the newsletter due to health issues and a move interstate.

I also wish to extend a thank you to Nicolai Morris for administering the Masters Swimming South Instagram account from its creation.

Investigation of a dual membership for SQ/MSQ/BS to enable Masters' members to compete at SAL/SQ/BS events is also being explored.

### Financial

Julie Bott and Amanda Noble (SQ Accountant) have done an excellent job in tracking the MSQ financials. As Julie's report shows, we are doing well against the budgeted figures.

### Patron

Thank you to Jess Schipper for agreeing to be our Patron. Although we haven't asked Jess to events yet, I'm sure she will attend some throughout 2018.

### National Championships

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the running of the 2017 National Championships to make it such an enormous success.

The Acquittal document for funding from the City of Gold Coast was completed and successful in funding for Nationals. I am very pleased to be advised we made just over \$28,000 from this event.

## **Appointed and Board Positions**

Michelle Govers filled the Appointed Position, Membership Protection Information Officer and Nikhil Mathur took on the Director of Risk Management. I would like to thank both Michelle and Nikhil for their efforts during their time with MSQ. Both Michelle and Nikhil will step down from their positions in 2018, however, their input has been invaluable with Michelle guiding many club members regarding the Member Protection Policy and Nikhil preparing some critical documents for the organisation in relation to risk management.

Michelle drew up a complaint handling process and has suggested feedback for the National Member Protection Policy in terms of social media.

## **State Championships**

Planning is underway for the Queensland State Championships in March 2018. This event is being jointly hosted by two clubs: Caribee Rocky Crocs and North Mackay Sinkers. The venue is the same as that for the 2014 National Championships. An extra day for a long course 1500m event was added to the four-day short course format.

We continue to have regular teleconferences with both Rocky Crocs and North Mackay Sinkers about this event. Both clubs are working hard to ensure the event is successful.

## **Non-pool Events**

The Rottneest Island Channel Swim Association is very excited to have interest from MSQ. We can go ahead with planning a 10km event and a Cairns' club has shown interest in hosting this event. Thank you to Cheryl Brodribb for her hard work in organising this event in the North region.

The *Starts and Turns* clinic was attended by seven swimmers. I would like to thank Steve Cornelius for stepping in as replacement for Todd Robinson who was unable to present the session. The swimmers who attended learnt a great deal from Steve.

## **Multi Class**

The Branch Administrator and President met via teleconference with Michael Woods (SAL) and Michael Andersen (SQ) regarding the processes and systems required for including Multi Class swimmers in the MSQ State Championships (with the view to including these swimmers in all meets in Queensland). A flyer was prepared and sent to all clubs in Queensland with a media release planned within the next few weeks.

We have been updated by Michael Anderson from SQ about swimmers obtaining provisional classification for Multi Class.

Helga Ward has been working hard on information regarding Multi Class for our Technical Officials for the State Championships.

There have been a few enquiries from new members to enter our State Championships. This is very promising and should be a momentous event for everyone.

I sincerely hope the President and the MSQ Board continue with the inclusion of Multi Class.

## **Communication and Promotion**

MSQ has lost its editor of our *Around the Clubs* newsletter and has been looking at a different format (Mailchimp) as a means of communicating with members. We encourage our members to use our web site, member forum, Facebook and Instagram to find out information.

Facebook followers continue to grow. Helga posts some very popular topics that receive a lot of shares and comments.

Both Instagram accounts are also doing well. Thanks to Cheryl Brodribb for continuing to look after the North region. The Masters Swimming South Facebook account needs a new Administrator to manage the account.

## **Programs and Activities**

**MSX** - The results of the MSX program will be posted to clubs with recognition given to platinum, gold, silver and bronze awards winners through a certificate and swim cap. The future of this program will be reviewed at the next face to face meeting.

**Lane Warriors** – Many clubs are participating in this program. However, there seems to be some confusion about the differences between this program, and the Vorgee 1000 in terms of the use of swimming aids such as fins or pull buoys. This was recently explained and the Lane Warrior program will be continued at this stage.

**Club activities** – Based on the information submitted to the *Around the Clubs* newsletters and conversations with members, many MSQ clubs are enjoying the social aspect of masters swimming.

**Coaching** – Two coaching courses were offered to MSQ members by Mark Erikson and Raylene Rasmussen. Thank you to Natasha Bletchly for training to be a presenter.

**Technical** - Stan Pearson has recently re-nominated for a role on the National Technical Committee. This was endorsed by the MSQ Board. The decreasing number of Technical Officials in Queensland is a real concern. We have appealed to our membership on several occasions to consider completing the Technical Officials' course.

### **Competition**

For only the second time, MSQ hosted the swimming at the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games. This event was very well run, and feedback was very positive. Due to its heavy promotion, it is expected to grow each year.

Some clubs have expressed concern at the number of meets during the year and have proposed two or more clubs co-host local meets. Some members are finding the travel and costs involved, a main reason for not competing.

MSQ would like to explore the option of an event fee, believing this to be a better option than guest swimmers. The event fee offers flexibility for non-members to compete in the sport.

### **2018**

Julie Bott and I have a meeting scheduled with SQ to confirm the Service Level Agreement and how MSQ will be supported when our Administrator retires. We will also raise Technical Official shortages and how we could potentially work together.

*Rachael Keogh*

President



# MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND

## TREASURER

Firstly, I would like to thank the MSQ President, Rachael Keogh, the MSQ Board and the Administrator, Helga Ward for their support and assistance in this, my first year as MSQ Treasurer.

Amanda Noble from Swimming Qld attended to the daily payments and receipts for MSQ along with the preparation of the regular monthly financial statements. She also prepared the documents for the auditor from which this report has been compiled. Amanda has made my job a breeze and I cannot thank her enough for her assistance.

Under Rachael Keogh's astute guidance, my first task was to create a budget for 2017 and this was completed with the thorough and exacting contribution of the Administrator and all Board members. The audited report does not show our budget, but I can report that we set a very conservative budget for 2017 which I can happily report we bettered by approx. \$9000.

If I am successful with my nomination as Treasurer for 2018, I would like to say that whilst it is good to better a budget, I look forward to assisting the Board by helping to prepare a slightly more accurate budget for this calendar year.

As I am unable to attend the AGM, I send my apologies and I now make some comments to add to the Audited Financial Report:

1. Membership and Affiliation Income has increased by approx. \$1000 from 2016 to 2017. In 2017 MSQ received \$ 40 per swimmer from general memberships and \$33 per swimmer from Concession Card Holders. These fees have changed little over the last eight years. Since 2010 the Standard and Health Care Card fee per swimmer has increased by only \$5.
2. Swimming Qld again provided a grant to MSQ in 2017 to the tune of just over \$35k.
3. This Grant was used in 2017 to assist with the payment of the wages of our Administrator plus overhead operating expenses which combined, total approx. \$67k.
4. The grant of \$35k is confirmed until Dec 2018 subject to Brisbane Swimming receiving no reduction to its annual funding from the Qld State Government.
5. MSQ hosts the Pan Pacific Masters Games at Southport every two years, which explains why both the Meet Income and Meet Expenses figures are so much higher in 2016 compared to 2017.
6. Please note that the Meet Expenses figure of \$9.1k in 2017 contains over \$6k of costs relating to the 2018 State Championships otherwise a profit of approx. \$4.2k would have been recorded for Meet Income less Meet Expenses in 2017.
7. This Profit was almost entirely due to the very successful hosting of the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games by our Northern Clubs.  
This is a remarkable effort in the first year of hosting what promises to be a popular and well attended biennial event.
8. In 2017 you will see that MSQ made a profit of just over \$29k. This is due mainly to the successful hosting of the MSA 2017 National Championships at the Southport Pool. This figure can be confirmed from the detailed Nationals Financial Report on Page 13.
9. Historically Merchandise Sales, including caps for new members, have not been run as a profit-making exercise. This statement is supported by the income and expenses data for the past two years.
10. Coaching Development Income and Expenses broke even in 2017.
11. Finally, a determined effort by the President, Administrator and the Board Members has seen a reduction in costs relating to meeting expenses.

If any member or club has any queries or comments you would like to make about this report, you are most welcome to email me at [julieandgregbott@bigpond.com](mailto:julieandgregbott@bigpond.com).

*Julie Bott*

Treasurer

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**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Membership & Affiliation Fees		40,457	39,428
Grant Funding		35,248	35,248
Meet Income		7,338	42,543
National Championships Income	2	89,160	-
Merchandise Sales		1,006	2,265
Coach Development		1,241	1,636
Interest Received		804	1,060
Other Income		18	87
		<u>175,272</u>	<u>122,267</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Administration Expenses			
Service Level Agreement		55,000	52,500
Printing		8,000	8,000
Sundry		3,724	3,024
Meet Expenses		9,188	31,425
National Championships Expenses	3	61,472	-
Coaching and Officials Development		1,354	468
Membership Development		-	2,473
Merchandise Purchases		1,902	2,508
Meetings		2,368	3,007
Bank Charges		2,386	2,329
Registrations		527	464
		<u>145,921</u>	<u>106,198</u>
Net profit/(loss) from operating activities		<u>29,351</u>	<u>16,069</u>
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		<u>97,683</u>	<u>81,614</u>
Retained profits at the end of the financial year		<u>\$ 127,034</u>	<u>\$ 97,683</u>

**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	111,823	80,555
Trade and Other Receivables	5	1,898	6,293
Inventories	6	13,942	13,924
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>127,663</u>	<u>100,772</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>127,663</u>	<u>100,772</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	7	<u>629</u>	<u>3,089</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>629</u>	<u>3,089</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>629</u>	<u>3,089</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 127,034</u>	<u>\$ 97,683</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		<u>127,034</u>	<u>97,683</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>\$ 127,034</u>	<u>\$ 97,683</u>

# MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

### **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.

**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**Revenue and Other Income**

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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.

**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>2 National Championships Income</b>		
Entry Fees	64,800	-
Grants Received	6,500	-
Merchandise Sales	1,173	-
Presentation Function	10,255	-
Program Sales	1,118	-
Services – Engraving	2,084	-
Services – Massages	2,236	-
Sponsorship	545	-
Sundry Income	449	-
	<u>89,160</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$	\$
<b>3 National Championships Expenses</b>		
Accommodation	700	-
Advertising & Public Relations	1,000	-
Committee/Meeting Expenses	197	-
Complimentary Refreshments	270	-
Hire of Plant & Equipment	45	-
Medals and Trophies	10,220	-
Merchandise Purchases	1,800	-
Officials' Expenses	7,256	-
Paypal Fees	2,382	-
Presentation Function	11,986	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,154	-
Recorder/Technical	2,673	-
Sanction Fee	4,924	-
Services – Engraving	1,736	-
Services – Massages	2,132	-

**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Sundry Expenses	998	-
Venue Costs	10,999	-
	\$ 61,472	\$ -
	\$ 61,472	\$ -
<b>4 Cash Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank – Cheque Account	32,260	31,734
Cash at Bank – Nationals Account	-	50
Term Deposit – CBA # 542	50,000	29,154
Term Deposit – CBA # 967	29,563	19,617
	\$ 111,823	\$ 80,555
	\$ 111,823	\$ 80,555
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>5 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
Trade Debtors	518	81
Prepaid Expenses	1,326	6,212
Net GST Refundable	54	-
	\$ 1,898	\$ 6,293
	\$ 1,898	\$ 6,293
<b>6 Inventories</b>		
Medals	13,942	13,924
	\$ 13,942	\$ 13,924
	\$ 13,942	\$ 13,924
<b>7 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
Trade Creditors	629	2,750
Net GST Payable	-	339
	\$ 629	\$ 3,089
	\$ 629	\$ 3,089

**MASTERS SWIMMING QUEENSLAND INC.**

**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 5:

1. presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. as at 31 December 2017 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:



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President



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Treasurer

Dated this .....8<sup>th</sup> ..... day of .....March 2018



**We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, the income statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.**

#### **Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

***The committee of the Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.***

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have 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 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 risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981.

#### **Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Masters Swimming Queensland Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (Qld) 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



AMG Accountants & Advisors

Brisbane      29 January 2018

## DIRECTOR OF RECORDING

During this past year my work and family commitments have increased, reducing the amount of time I have had available for MSQ tasks. As a result I have been delegating some of the work I regularly do. Thanks to Brian Davis for his work assisting in managing the Meet Calendar duties during 2017.

Unfortunately, delegating work often takes a long time to get started. I have been intending to delegate work in the Endurance 1000, Million Metres and Lane Warriors programs to other volunteers and to form a Recording Subcommittee. As yet I haven't succeeded in this due to time constraints. I'd like to thank those people whom I've spoken to in regard to potentially volunteering for these roles and would appreciate further volunteers to help out with various programs.

During 2017, we significantly improved the quality of meet entry data over previous years. I'm spending less time correcting problems with member data in entries, largely as a result of greater uptake of the Entry Manager system.

Unfortunately, however, there were a number of issues with meets during the year. A number of meets failed to provide signed off record sheets in a timely fashion and due to my time constraints I didn't identify this problem early enough. This combined with a delayed survey result from Yeronga has contributed to a significant backlog of record ratification. I am currently working to resolve this backlog.

I have proposed the following changes for this year:

- Responsibility for opening meets on Entry Manager/Quick Entry to be managed in the office
- Where meet results are not received until mid-week after a weekend meet, the office will be responsible for following them up and uploading them. (Results received by me on the weekend will still be uploaded as soon as I receive them, if they are correct)
- Responsibility for ratification of records will return to the office
- Responsibility for regular level 1 support of Entry Manager/Quick Entry will be managed in the office

These proposed changes reflect that my time is more limited than in the past. I took over many of these roles in order to reform them to eliminate past problems. I've been successful in doing this, but now my time availability represents a new problem. Assigning staff to undertake these regular tasks will alleviate this problem.

This said I would still like to form a sub-committee of interested volunteers in the recording space so that we can improve programs available to members, particularly with regard to fitness swimming.

*David Findlay*

Director of Recording

# Swim Meets

The table lists the number of **swim meets** held in the last seven years: 2010 – 2017

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Short Course</b>	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Long Course</b>	13	11	11	11	14	11	11	12
<b>Postal</b>	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	Nil
<b>Open Water</b>	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	30	26	26	27	31	26	25	26
<b>Cancellations</b>	3	3	3	3	4	6	3	1

## MEMBERSHIP

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

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1886	1660	1606	1517	1455	1414	1348	1425
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1316	1138	1280	1235	1242	1187	1198	1184

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

### Club Numbers in 2017 (including second claim)

Code	Club	2017	2016	Code	Club	2017	2016
QMM	Miami Masters	105	104	QCN	Cairns Mudcrabs	18	16
QNA	Noosa Masters	87	89	QIP	Ipswich City	16	21
QSM	Brisbane Southside	87	81	QRT	Rats of Tobruk	13	14
QAL	Aqualicious	83	71	QLG	Logan Aquatics	12	11
QAC	Albany Creek	67	57	QCD	Caboolture & District	12	13
QTW	Toowoomba Tadpoles	64	68	QCN	Cairns Clams	11	10
QTT	Twin Towns Services	59	59	QYP	Yeronga Park	11	7
QHB	Hervey Bay	48	41	QRC	River City Rapids	11	27
QNS	North Mackay Sinkers	45	40	QRH	Nudgee College	10	13
QGS	Gladstone Gropers	44	49	QNB	Caribee Rocky Crocs	10	12
QBN	Brisbane Northside	43	31	QGA	Genesis Aquatics	10	8
QUQ	University of Qld	42	15	QMD	Malanda Aquatic Dragons	9	6
QRB	Redlands Bayside	38	59	QGC	Griffith University GC	9	6
QBR	Barbarian (Virtual club)	36	42	QMY	Manly Brisbane	7	10
QBB	Rum City	33	29	QTA	Townsville Aquaholics	5	
QAT	Atherton	30	29	QDU	Duck Creek	4	8
QPN	Redcliffe Peninsula	28	25	QMA	Mareeba Masters	4	4
QLT	Long Tan	26	39	QES	Element	3	
QSC	Sunshine Coast	24	25	QHM	Healthstream	3	2
QMB	Maryborough	21	20	QSS	Somerset	2	
QWY	Whitsunday Warriors	19	15	QTJ	Turbo Jets	2	
				QUW	Uni Wahoos	2	4

# DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

This will be my last report as Director of Technical Services for Masters Swimming Queensland. After five years as Director I have decided it's time to move on so that another person can look at ways of improving the Technical Services division.

I wish John Barrett success in the role and assure him of every possible assistance in the years to come.

## **Technical Officials activities:**

Over the past five years, under my direction, MSQ Technical Officials have officiated at:-

- 2 MSA National Championships – at Rockhampton in 2014 and at Southport in 2017.
- 2 Pan Pacific Masters Games in 2014 and 2016
- 2 Great Barrier Reef Masters Games
- 4 MSQ State Championships
- Between 15 to 20+ MSQ Sanctioned swim meets each year, which is close to 100 swim meets over the five years.

To add to this, I have had to deal with the ongoing rule changes by FINA, passed down to MSA, passed down to MSQ, passed down to the Director of Technical Services to ensure the Technical Officials and the MSQ clubs are kept up to date.

All of the above have been handled by no more than 10 Technical Officials. This is less than 1% of Masters Swimmers in Queensland.

Most Technical Officials do not get to compete at swim meets because they are required on pool deck to officiate. If they were not there the swim meet would not proceed as a sanctioned swim meet, which means that there would not be any records, no top tens and so on.

Only another 10 or so accredited Technical Officials would allow the current Officials a chance to have a swim at a club meet or just have a day off occasionally.

We all need to really look at ourselves and ask whether we could have assisted or whether we've simply said "*I'm here to swim. Somebody else can do the Officiating.*"

Over the past years we have lost Technical Officials to retirement and other reasons. We have gained some replacements, but the losses have been greater than the gains.

If this trend continues we will shortly have no accredited Technical Officials in MSQ.

## **Ray Smythe.**

On December 26 we were saddened by the passing of Ray Smythe. He was a good man gone too soon.

Ray was a very keen Technical Official for some years. He was a very competitive swimmer with Toowoomba Masters, but realised Technical Officials were just as important as club swimmers. He ceased swimming to become an MSQ Technical Official.

I had the honour of following him into the role of Director of Technical Services for MSQ and also as the Queensland delegate to the MSA National Technical Committee. I had big shoes to follow in both instances.

## **MSQ Administration.**

Over the past 5 years I have come to realise the enormous and valuable workload done by Helga Ward in the MSQ Office. I know many clubs are also aware of her assistance.

As I have heard many times and I regularly say it myself "*Where would we be without Helga?*"

## **The Future.**

I wish John Barrett every success in the role of MSQ Technical Director. I can assure him of every assistance from the current Technical Officials and I hope we can generate more Technical Officials in MSQ.

## **Finally.**

On behalf of the current Technical Officials I would like to acknowledge the many people who have thanked us for the work at swim meets. I trust I have been able to answer your technical questions to your satisfaction.

We are and will always be available to assist you wherever possible.

*Stan Pearson*

Director of Technical Services; National Technical Committee (MSA)

## **DIRECTOR OF COACHING SERVICES**

### **Coaching Courses**

For the past few years, Tony Keogh has done a fabulous job of promoting and facilitating the Masters Swim Coaching Extension course at the ASCTA Convention. Unfortunately, due to illness Tony was unable to present the course and asked me, Mark Erickson to fill in. It was a great experience presenting the Masters course to Bronze and Silver licensed coaches, but I also realised that the course needs to be revamped to fit into the current Masters Swim Coaching pathway and also provide experienced and highly qualified swim coaches with skills to train Masters' swimmers.

ASCTA and MSA have made some improvements to the Extension course and I look forward to co-presenting the course in May, 2018 with Bruce Allender.

During September, 2017, MSQ hosted two Club Coach courses. Six participants attended the Brisbane course held at Genesis Aquatics and three participants attended the Townsville course (Tobruk Pool). A big thank you to Genesis Aquatics and Tobruk Pool for supporting MSQ and the coaching courses. A couple of the participants have almost completed the course which is fantastic. Natasha Bletchly and Racheal Keogh assisted with the Brisbane Club Coach course and are keen to present coaching courses in SE Qld.

Currently, I am still on the National Coaching Committee for MSA and contribute to discussions when I am able.

I would like to thank all the Masters' coaches, volunteers, administrators and officials throughout Queensland for all their outstanding efforts throughout 2017.

*Mark Erickson*

Coaching Committee, MSQ

## **DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

Nikhil Mathur took on the role of Director of Risk Management during the course of 2017. He had considerable experience in that role and one of the tasks he immediately took on, was to rewrite the Risk Assessment sheet. We are grateful to Nikhil for taking on the role and providing our clubs with a relevant and significantly improved Risk Assessment procedure.

Due to work commitments, Nikhil was unable to continue with his role as Risk Manager.

On behalf of the Board and MSQ members, we would like to extend our appreciation to Nikhil for fulfilling this important task.

# VICE-PRESIDENT NORTH

## Membership

Membership in the Northern region has decreased despite the efforts of clubs to attract Masters' members. Many adults enjoy taking part in swimming training sessions with clubs, but unfortunately do not want to commit to Masters' membership.

**Atherton Mountaineers (QAT)** have 24 members which has declined since 2016.

**Cairns Legends (QCS)** have a few new swimmers who are looking to participate in up and coming swim meets.

**Cairns Mudcrabs' (QCN)** barbeques after Tuesday evening swims with tea and coffee after the Sunday swim are great incentives to bringing fun and friendship back to swimming. Shorter and enticing open water swims encourage first timers resulting in growth in club membership.

**Long Tan Legends Townsville (QRT)** had 25 members including three new members. Initiatives to increase membership is to ensure there is always a coach on deck for all training sessions, inviting adult swimmers doing laps to join in training sessions and through social media.

**Malanda Aquatic Dragons (QMD)** members are mostly parents of the junior club swimmers.

**Townsville Aquaholics (QTA)** was a newly formed club in 2017 and they were excited to start off with four members and are now looking forward to increasing their membership.

**Whitsunday Warriors' (QWY)** membership was down in 2017 to 16 members, but the club is expecting membership to increase during 2018 since the Proserpine pool became entry free from 1 January 2018. There has been a noticeable increase in attendance at the pool and we hope this flows on to the club.

## Swim Meets and Results

**Atherton Mountaineers** held a sanctioned swim meet on 1 April with the largest turnout for a number of years with 47 swimmers entered. It was a very relaxed meet and 35 swimmers stayed on for a very social pizza dinner at the pool. Members also attended the Mareeba Masters and the Rats of Tobruk swim meets with Linda Fogg attending the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns where she achieved a PB and plenty of good swim times. The clubs favourite "Winter Warmers" was held on 22 July in the 25m heated pool (33<sup>o</sup>C). Atherton was joined by Mareeba and Cairns Mudcrabs.

**Cairns Mudcrabs** had five members who swam at the Mareeba swim meet – Sam Sakamoto, Ian Campigli, Geoffrey James, Sue Rayner and Thelma Bryan returned with many gold, silver and bronze awards. The same five members as well as Kevin Murgatroyd, Russell Hooper, Graham McCallum and Katie O'Rourke competed at the Atherton swim meet gaining even more gold, silver and bronze awards. The Muddies' contingent for the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in May consisted of 12 swimmers: Kevin Murgatroyd, Graham McCallum, Geoffrey James, Nick Wardrop, Russell Hooper, Sean Hampson, Nobumasa, Andrea O'Shea, Katie O'Rourke, Karen Whitworth, Gaby Donnelly and Mako Watanabe – with the ages ranging from 21 years to 86 years. The fantastic medal haul was 42 gold, 25 silvers and 12 bronzes. What a team!

Unfortunately, Thelma Bryan was unable to swim being in hospital due to injury to her knee and hip. Kevin Murgatroyd was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his age group in the Bunbury winter postal swim, Geoffrey James gained gold in the MSX awards and Thelma Bryan silver. In early May Tara Diversi placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the gruelling 20 km Lake Argyle swim. Muddies held the inaugural Crater Lake Classic swim at Lake Barrine in May with 66 participants from many clubs. A relay event was introduced for the first time as were age groups. There were five water craft ensuring paramount safety and the Jason's Cradle equipment was used for the first time enabling a cramped swimmer to climb into the IRB with ease. This swim will be an annual event. Mark Todman swam his first Magnetic Island to Townsville event and Sean Hampson bettered his PB by four minutes. Seven members enjoyed the great *Adventures Green Island* swim in August – a little choppy, but a great swim. Many members participated in the Cairns Ironman either as individuals or in teams. Ian Campigli won his latest triathlon making him Cairns's fastest man in his age group. Some members competed in the "Soldier On" triathlon held in Yungaburra. In November Muddies held its first sanctioned open water swim at Copperlode Dam. The numbers were capped by Council and registration was by way of a ballot. The club is the first and, so far, the only organisation to be allowed to swim in the Dam. This was the inaugural Copperlode Classic, which approval permitting, will be held annually.

**Long Tan Legends Townsville** hosted a successful swim meet in October attended by QLT, QRT, and QAT members. Members attended swim meets in Townsville, Proserpine, Launceston Tasmania, the combined State and National swim as well as the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns. John McKaig won the Swim Series for the 45 – 49 male age group. Congratulations John! Michelle Scott placed in the Top Ten for her age group - 50–54 in the Swim Series.

**Mareeba Masters** held a successful swim meet and it was a lovely relaxing day. With Brendon on the computer they just flew through the program. There were swimmers from Rats of Tobruk Townsville, Cairns Mudcrabs, Cairns Legends, Malanda Aquatic Dragons and Atherton Mountaineers and a full complement of Mareeba Masters Swimming Club members. Cairns Mudcrabs proved to be worthy winners on the day with 530 points, followed by the hosts Mareeba with 464 points with Rats of Tobruk third with 443 points. There were 15 events on the program including 400m events. Poolside pizza was enjoyed after a successful carnival. Katrina Coffey and Irene Shanks represented QMA in the Atherton swim meet and in the annual Christmas in July.

**Rats of Tobruk Townsville** held their annual swim meet in May. Numbers were low, but an enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone including Officials from North Queensland Swimming who assisted with recording and starting including Cheryl and Brian Brodribb from Cairns. Members attended the combined State and National Championships, the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games, the World Masters Games in Auckland and the FINA Masters World Championships in Budapest as well as local meets. Members attended open water events in the Whitsundays, Townsville and Mackay. Trish Telford and Lisa Schifcofske swam as a duo in the Magnetic Island to Townsville swim and other members assisted in running the event.

**Whitsunday Warriors** held a successful swim meet at the Cannonvale pool on 22 April. The club takes this opportunity to thank club members, especially Mark Erickson and Raylene Rasmussen, for preparing the pool for competition in such a short space of time considering the amount of work that needed to be done after Cyclone Debbie. Attendance at other meets was dismal, although members had a great time in Townsville at the Rats of Tobruk meet with seven members taking part.

**The Great Barrier Reef Master Games** were held in Cairns in May and swimming was at the newly refurbished Tobruk Memorial Swimming Pool. Competitors were from throughout Australia and two great days of swimming and fun was enjoyed by everyone. Many enjoyed the nightly entertainment provided by Cairns Regional Council as well as great sight-seeing in the region. A big thank you to the Cairns Regional Council for their support with the hire of the pool, the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games Committee, to all who helped, Officials and especially the local SAL Officials. Cairns Legends organised the raffle and assisted with announcing. There was good media coverage for the swimming. The next games will be held in May 2019.

## **Club Activities**

**Atherton Mountaineers** held a fun swim across Lake Eacham in January and in March they joined with Malanda Aquatic Dragons for a fun swim night at the Malanda pool, which was enjoyed by all participants. In April the traditional post swim meet recovery swim across Lake Barrine followed by a breakfast at the Lake Barrine Tea House where those lost calories were easily replaced. Kim has continued the club's Wednesday morning swim squads which continue to be well supported as has been his Monday afternoon stroke correction squad. In October and November mini swim meets were held, which were very popular with those who attended.

**Cairns Legends (Clams)** held their annual "bleeding eye balls 100" swim in December. They had a lot of "0" birthdays with Kent 70, Linda 60, Walter 60 and Jamie 60, which led to many celebrations.

**Cairns Mudcrabs** held a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle making a record profit of \$1,800 towards equipment. The Annual Dinner and Christmas Party was a combined affair held at Akemi's house with a Sushi Chef preparing the excellent food and music provided by a live group. The prestigious Allen Burgoyne Memorial Trophy 2017 was awarded to Gaby Donnelly – a most worthy winner. As Gaby was overseas the award was accepted by her mother.

**Malanda Aquatic Dragons** held a fun swim night at the Malanda pool in March and swimmers were joined by members of Atherton Mountaineers. Members enjoy open water swimming at nearby Lake Eacham.

**Mareeba Masters had** two outstanding swimmers from the club in 2017: Peter Barty and a new member Katrina Coffey. Peter was awarded an MSX Silver Excellence program certificate. Katrina was here there and everywhere - she attended the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns in May, the Pan Pacific Games, the

N.T. Open Championships, the Darwin Disabled Swimmers meet, the Atherton swim meet, the Mareeba swim meet, and the National swim at Geelong.

Irene Shanks was honoured to be the first Life Member of the Mareeba Club with a surprise presentation of a Life Member shirt and a beautiful floral display. Congratulations Irene!

**Rats of Tobruk Townsville** are continuing to hold their club swim training on a Sunday morning.

**Townsville Aquaholics** held an informal club night with interested Masters' swimmers and they have had joint club nights with other local Townsville Masters' clubs. Some members competed at the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns and enjoyed the atmosphere of Masters Swimming.

**Whitsunday Warriors.** Cyclone Debbie hit the Whitsundays on 28 March and the town of Proserpine was badly damaged with the Council Pool Complex taking a big hit, which curtailed club activities. Club members had their homes and property damaged or destroyed and swimming was off the calendar for many. The Cannonvale Pool became the main venue for training and club activities with coach, Mark Erickson leading the way and Raylene Rasmussen providing the fun. The club Christmas party was held at *Barjos*, which took place after a hilarious training session at Cannonvale, which was a HOOT. The Endurance 1000 activities started in the early part of the year and they were well attended and enjoyed by members, but Cyclone Debbie put a stop to that. Now that a new season is upon us, we shall do it again.

### **Technical Officials**

Brian and Cheryl Brodribb assisted at the joint National and Queensland State Championships, the Rats of Tobruk and Long Tan swim meets in Townsville as well as the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games. Kevin Jackson assisted at the Rats of Tobruk swim meet and the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

Accredited Officials: Atherton has one, Cairns Mudcrabs nine, Rats of Tobruk one and Whitsunday Warriors has some accredited officials.

Clubs recognise the need to try and encourage members to gain technical training and also recognise that there are too few opportunities in the North, which makes accreditation difficult – especially for the Referee qualification. A suggestion has been for on-line courses and / or fewer hours.

### **Coaching**

Atherton Mountaineers has one coach and Cairns Mudcrabs has six coaches with two coaches on deck at each session. Muddies has purchased extra insurance for each coach. Mareeba Masters has one coach and Whitsunday Warriors has three coaches. Long Tan Legends Townsville had three members participate in a coaching course conducted by Mark Erickson and Raylene Rasmussen in September and they are now working with other qualified coaches at the pool to gain the necessary hours on pool deck to qualify.

### **Funding / Grants**

Cairns Mudcrabs has had donations made to the club and they intend to purchase more OWS safety equipment.

### **Other**

**Atherton Mountaineers** were unfortunate to have the main pool closed from May until August for renovations. While it was a quiet year for the club, the activities which were run were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated.

**Cairns Legends** train on a Wednesday night and most weekends.

**Cairns Mudcrabs** AGM saw the election of a new President, Jane Bentley, and some new faces on the committee.

**Long Tan Legends** are producing a newsletter every month or so to remind members of swim meets and to increase interest. Committee meetings are combined with social events to allow members to be more involved with decision making.

**Mareeba Masters** – Mareeba contributed to a campaign to reduce the four month gap for The Australian Swimming Team from the Olympic Trials to The Olympics by QMA was finally successful. This involved three letters printed in The Australian newspaper and two letters to Australian President of Swimming Australia, John Bertram, over two Olympics! Then came the confirmation that this procedure will be adopted. It will improve the Australian Swimming Team results.



2017 was a difficult year for QMA with Joanne being away working in Mt. Isa, Peter Barty in Townsville and Karen out on a Station. It is difficult to get together. They have made Tuesday 5.30 pm-6.30 pm a coaching and training time.

**Whitsunday Warriors** – The Proserpine pool re opened on 16 October after being repaired and upgraded with modern pumps and valves, refurbished pool surrounds and a new spectator's stand. The club house had withstood the cyclone structurally and only needed a clean out to render it new again. There are plans to construct a water fun park adjacent to the pool later in 2018 and the Whitsunday Shire Council is to be congratulated on doing a great job and taking the time to do it properly. Organised training sessions are held on Tuesdays and Sundays.

## **2018**

**Atherton Mountaineers** will continue operating in a similar fashion to 2017. Members are a friendly enthusiastic group of swimmers who are predominately keen to swim as part of their fitness program, rather than compete in swim meets, and the coaching sessions are catering well to this need. They will host a long course swim meet on 7 April giving members the opportunity to see their performance in a more competitive situation. The successful winter social event will be held in July with the format still to be decided.

**Cairns Legends** have some members going to Perth to do the Rottneest swim in February.

**Cairns Mudcrabs** will host a short course swim meet at the Gordonvale pool on 3 November as well as open water swims. They are hoping to have more accredited coaches and technical officials.

**Long Tan Legends** will host a long course swim meet at the Long Tan pool Townsville on 27 October.

**Mareeba Masters'** will host a long course swim meet at the Mareeba pool on 17 February.

**Rats of Tobruk** members are planning to attend the State Championships in Rockhampton, the National Championships in Perth, Pan Pacific Masters Games at Southport and local swim meets. Rats will host a long course swim meet at the Tobruk pool Townsville on 12 May.

**Townsville Aquaholics'** members are looking forward to attending the State Championships in Rockhampton and local swim meets. They will host their first swim meet, a short course meet at the Kirwan Aquatic Centre, on 12 August.

**Whitsunday Masters'** will host a short course swim meet at the Cannonvale pool on 26 May.

### **Technical Officials and Coaching Courses**

Plans are under way to hold both technical and coaching courses in the North in 2018.

Our **Mastersswimmingnq** Facebook page and **mastersswimmingnq** Instagram page are well liked with followers from throughout Australia and overseas.

*Cheryl Brodribb*

VP North

# VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL

## **Membership**

**Rum City [QBB]:** During the year the club made a significant effort to increase the membership, with a sign on day (along with the junior club – Fairymead), Swim into Spring, and handing out flyers at the *Pageant of Lights*. The membership was up slightly to 33 members from the 28 they had in 2016. Unfortunately the club will be losing a few long term members next year as they move away from Bundaberg, but these members will be moving onto other Masters' clubs, and club members wish them well.

**Gladstone Gropers [QGS]:** The Club finished the year with a membership of approximately 42 and it is expected that membership will remain steady or increase slightly throughout 2018.

**Hervey Bay [QHB]** had a total membership of 49 with eight new members. Initiatives were mostly by word of mouth, but they did attend one community club expo.

To retain members, Humpbacks try to mix up Sunday club morning activities – mini meets, postal challenges between clubs, barbeque breakfasts etc. They also encourage members to enter swim meets and enjoy the camaraderie.

**Maryborough [QMB]:** The club had 12 competitive and active training members, 10 full members not competing as well as 13 social members. The ages are from 22 to 89 years of age. The Sunday morning social swim followed by coffee has been well attended with up to 15 attending.

**North Mackay Sinkers [QNS]** In 2017 the club enjoyed a growth in membership with 45 members registered with the club. (up from 40 in 2016, after a low of 18 members in 2012). The club managed to attract approximately 10/12 new registrations during the year which is terrific, but also highlights that about 5/6 members a year do not return. This is an area the club can explore and try to improve retention of members that are difficult to attract in the first place.

The club engages new members by a number of methods, but word of mouth and club members bringing friends would account for a large proportion.

**Caribae Rocky Crocs [QRH]** had 11 members.

The Crocs took on the *Swim Into Spring* campaign, for which flyers were produced and distributed. Efforts are continually being conducted to increase and retain membership and therefore to ensure the club remains in a strong position

## **Swim Meets and Results**

**QBB:** The club members are regular attendees at the central regional meets, with a good attendance at the state championships and one member attended the North Queensland Masters Games in Cairns. A special mention should be made of James Alexander who attended and swam particularly fast at six meets.

The *Rum City Short and Sweet* meet was once again held in July this year, with just under 80 swimmers attending. This meet has been successfully run by the Fairymead swimming club as a fund raiser to send their rising stars to the New Zealand open and age championships for the last two years. This allows the Rum City Masters to be able to concentrate on swimming at their own carnival – Many thanks to Fairymead for that!

One of the outstanding outcomes from the meet is that a Queensland record was set in the 4 x 25 medley relay for the club's 240 – 279 female team of Jann Edwards, Tracy Dunn, Trudy Ford and the Rum City Masters' Captain Courageous, Daph Soppa.

**QGS** did not conduct a swim meet in 2017. However, members attended other regional swim meets as well as the State and National titles. The Club has a small group of swimmers who attend swim meets as well as compete in the Endurance Program.

The **QHB** swim meet in February was extremely well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks must go to their extremely efficient Meet Director, Sam Millar. The presentation dinner was a sell-out! As a result of this they will be limiting numbers attending in 2018.

The club has a few very active members when it comes to meet attendance and good numbers for other meets that members regularly attend. Members attended Albany Creek, Caloundra, Sunshine Coast, Rum City, Noosa, Brisbane Southside, Brisbane Northside, and Maryborough Meets with varying successes.

Humpbacks had attendees at the Pan Pacific Masters Games, the MSA National Swim (a record number) and the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games and one member travelled to the World Masters Games in New Zealand. One club member, Gary Ullmann, has been seconded to Melbourne for work and has been attending swim meets in Victoria.

We have a few keen OWS swimmers in the club who have attended open water swims.

**QMB:** Over the last year swimmers attended nine away swim meets. China Johnson was again a prolific gold and silver medallist at swim meets including State and National championships at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in March where he won 15 gold, one silver and claimed two state records. Patricia O'Brien won a bronze relay medal there as well. Patricia and China also attended the Auckland World Masters Games in April and China won four gold and three silver medals. Patricia attended the Singapore Masters Championship where she won two gold and three silver medals. China did well at the Miami Masters in September with four gold and State records. The club had good attendances at Hervey Bay (seven), Caboolture (Nov.2016, five), Bundaberg (nine) and their own Swim meet (10) in September. Bundaberg was very successful with four gold and five silver medals. Bob Evans, Doug Walker and George Moore (Noosa) tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Patricia and Doug attended the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games at Cairns in May each winning a silver medal. Congratulations to all those who won medals and swam PBs. The club's association with the Maryborough Swimming Club has benefitted the club through borrowed equipment.

Thanks go to the Mayor, Chris Loft for his cheque for covering the pool costs at their Masters Games' swim meet, Bob Puller and others through their efforts which gained good prizes for the swim meet raffle and which made up for the lack of a big sponsor. Thanks to Jens for his help with the barbecue at sausage sizzles etc.

**QNS:** The club's scheduled SC March meet was cancelled due to heavy rain and the approach of a cyclone. They rescheduled to the last weekend in November to coincide with the OWS on the Sunday. Both events attracted a total of just over 90 swimmers which was on par with 2016.

Club members attended a number of meets throughout the year as detailed following: National Championships – Gold Coast - (14 entries) & Qld State Titles (Gold Coast), World Masters Games (NZ), Whitsunday Warriors – Club champions - (10 Entries), Rats of Tobruk 2017 ( 3 entries), Magnetic to Mainland OWS – Townsville, Whitehaven OWS and Club nights organised by Jaime. Thank you to everyone.

Jaime Caruana and Nigel Dalton swam strongly at the National meet and the club performed well as a group. Naomi McGilvray swam well in both her OWS events in NZ. Her efforts at the Magnetic Island 8 km solo swim and the club's own 5k Balnagowan solo swim were tremendous.

**QRH:** The club did not host a swim meet as it was agreed that they would focus on the 2018 State Short Course Championships, which they would host with the North Mackay Sinkers' club. Club members attended the Maryborough and Mackay meets, including the OWS hosted by QNS.

### **Club Activities**

**QBB:** The club does a number of standard social activities such as Coffee after Sunday training and a Christmas Breakfast overlooking the beach at Bargara. One of the highlights was a 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Daph and Ray Soppa

**QGS:** Gladstone has a social program that includes activities such as the mid-year presentations / barbeque, regional swim meets and the End of year presentations and Christmas party.

**QHB-** The club enjoys Bunnings' barbeques, Thank You morning tea to acknowledge past and present club contributors and the Annual Postal Challenge against a WA club.

**QMB:** A mid-year Christmas-in-July party at Patricia O'Brien's place was enjoyed by all who attended.

**QNS:** In addition to the club's regular sessions (Mon & Weds) the club continues with its additional Saturday sessions and longer swims at Balnagowan. The Sinkers "Off" season (May - Sept) sees OWS the focus and members attend the Townsville Strand, Magnetic Island and Whitehaven beach swims.

Members enjoyed an end of season evening out, but they are more social than formal so presentations take a back seat.

**QRH** initiated a few fundraising and membership drives and their efforts to increase and retain their membership are proving positive.

### **Technical Officials**

**QBB** only has one technical official with accreditation greater than timekeeping whereas **QGS** has two accredited referees and **QHB** has one Technical Official – Chief Timekeeper.

**QNS**: No courses were held or attended by the club, but a number of members have shown an interest in attending. The club has one official in Geoff Robinson. Unfortunately, the **Rocky Crocs** do not have any technical official.

### **Coaching**

**Rum City** only has one regular coach, and unfortunately another who attended the recent coaching course has now moved town. This continues to be an issue for the club.

**QGS**: Gladstone has five coaches (Don Jones, John Feddersen, Rodney Porteous, Russell Ogden and Sandra Pugh) who provide 3 training sessions each week via a roster system.

**QHB**: Two members write programs for club day and offer advice.

**QMB**: have had only limited attendances at Ray's training sessions. The club needs once again to have good numbers at training sessions under a coach. The club also needs to encourage younger Masters' swimmers to join the club to replace those who have age related health problems so that they can continue to have a vibrant club.

**QNS** is fortunate to have their long serving coach, Greg Born continue coaching the club members and **QRH** members enjoy the support of three coaches on deck.

### **Finances / Fundraising / Grants**

**QBB** runs on a shoestring basis, with funding requirements being met by an annual Bunnings' barbeque. Many thanks must go to the pool lessees who provide a great facility for minimal returns.

**QGS** is in a strong financial position. A raffle and a fund raiser at the local Bunnings' store ensured a surplus for the year.

**QHB** received a \$110,000 grant for new club rooms. Quotes etc. are ongoing. The building should commence early in 2018.

**QNS**: The club has had continued success in funding with their last package of just over \$5000 from the Sport & Rec Council. The funds secured an AED (Defrib), a go Pro, Rescue buoys and a lane rope cover.

### **Other**

**QGS** arrangements at the Gladstone Regional Council's Aquatic Centre continue to be successful from an operational and financial viewpoint.

**QMB**: Doug Walker, on behalf of the club expressed his appreciation to office bearers, Patricia O'Brien as Secretary, Bob Puller as Treasurer, Muff Skov-Christensen as registrar and Maurice Ambrosoli who took on Club Captain duties, which can be very time consuming and who helped out with their swim meet. Best wishes to ex member, Grant Pedley, Tony Wallach and Carmel Ambrosoli who have their concerning health issues. The **QRH** members are looking forward to hosting the State Championships, with the support of the North Mackay Sinkers

## **2018**

The **Rum City Masters** are once again running a winter meet, and are currently training for a big turn out to the state carnival in Rockhampton.

**QHB:** Building and moving into the new clubrooms is the main goal. They also look forward to their swim meet on 10 February 2018. In early February the club will be involved with the Community Club Expo and they will continue to use Bunnings barbeques as a fundraiser.

**QNS:** The club looks forward to Co-hosting the State Championships in March at one of the best swim venues in Queensland.

They aim to consolidate their member base and hopefully grow club numbers during the year. They hope to offer members a great club experience. Members are always excited about their regular meets and swims such as the Whitsunday Warriors, Magnetic Island and Whitehaven Beach and the club's own Open Water Swim at Balnagowan.

They will watch with interest the development of the new sports' precinct at CQ University that will have new Olympic and 25m pools.

**QRH:** The club hopes to retain current members and increase the numbers. They are also planning to attend more meets organised by other clubs. They hope to report on a successful State Championships.

For *John Feddersen*

VP Central

## **VICE-PRESIDENT SUNSHINE**

### **Membership**

**Albany Creek Masters [QAC]** swim club had 67 financial members which was five up from 2016. It is the largest membership the club has ever had. There were 14 new members, which is a slight increase from 10 the previous year. There were also three members who re-joined the club.

**Aqualicious [QAL]** The number of club members in 2017 was 82, of which 23 were new members.

Initiatives taken by the club to attract new members and/or to retain the numbers were:

- Advertising throughout the whole year in the MeetUp mobile app
- Publishing interesting articles on Aqualicious Facebook and Instagram page to encourage people to swim with them.
- Surveys to existing members to find out satisfaction rate with training sessions and management of the Aqualicious club.

**Brisbane Northside's [QBN]** membership grew from around 30 early in the year to 43 by December. The increase in membership was due to regularly updating the club Facebook page and website, and local promotion at the Valley Pool. With the growth in the number of apartments in the inner city, many of the newer members live very close to the pool.

At the Annual General Meeting in February, the management committee of the club was re-elected unopposed. There have been very few changes to the committee over the last few years, which is an indication not only of stability, but that people are enjoying their roles in steering the club in a positive direction.

**Nudgee College [QNB]** had 33 members of which only 10 are registered MSQ members.

**Sunshine Coast [QSC]** membership numbers were 22, with five new members. The club posted notices on the board at the pool and distributed business cards to attract members.

**University of Qld [QUQ]** has had a tremendous increase in membership from 17 to 42. Hosting the club's first swim meet contributed to the increase and combined with regular training sessions under the guidance of an experienced coach and the club's social activities, the club is regarded as an attractive option to new members.

## **Swim Meets and Results**

**QAC:** held its swim meet on 28 January. It was a great success with good attendance.

Many members participated at other meets, Hervey Bay, Brisbane Northside and Southside, Genesis, Noosa, Yeronga and Caboolture. The club also conducted an extremely successful Sprint morning with QBN and QAL on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The club was represented at the State and National Championships and the Pan Pacific Masters Games and other swimming events throughout 2017. QAC became a sponsor of the Nationals. They also had a number of volunteers from the club who assisted and contributed to the success of the Nationals. Eight members participated in the MND Charity Swim Carnival in February with Shand Taylor.

The success continued at the World Masters Games in 2017. **Matthew Wright** won **GOLD** in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke and **SILVER** in the 50m. They were also represented by Nev and Helen Sprott at the Games, who both had great swims on the World stage. Mary Albrow also won five Gold Medals at the World Transplant Games in Spain. Records were set by Jan Wicks and Matthew Wright.

**QAL:** Aqualicious hosted the "Twilight Relay and Fun" meet in December 2017. The total number of swimmers who attended was 111. The swim meet started at 3pm and finished around 7pm, without major interruptions or disruptions. General feedback that Aqualicious received is that the meet was a success and everyone had a great time. Club members attended 15 meets during the year.

Most of Aqualicious' swimmers achieved PBs. Out of their 23 new members, five ventured in their first swim meet ever; feeling empowered and keen to participate in more. Members also attended two interstate meets and one member attended the National Championships.

**QBN** hosted a swim meet in August, attended by over 80 swimmers. It was a very successful meet with some very good feedback by the clubs that participated. During the year, with input from a wide variety of members, the club formulated a very comprehensive check list to follow for the setting up and running of their meet so that the Meet Director's task can be made much easier.

Twenty members competed in 11 Queensland meets, the Nationals and two overseas meets. Bev Stubbings and Shelley Parrish represented the club at the Masters Games in New Zealand, and Tracy Clarkson had a very successful World Masters Swimming meet in Budapest in August. Northside won three team trophies at local meets. Outstanding performances through the year were Harry Bahrend who won all events he swam in over three meets, and Adam Szilagyi who won all but one event over three meets. The club was a keen participant in the Endurance 1000 swims in 2017, with the ladies throwing out the challenge to the men, who responded with great enthusiasm, especially towards the end of the year to make it a real competition.

**QNB:** Five swimmers attended regular carnivals at Albany Creek, Noosa, Brisbane Southside, Genesis, Yeronga, Brisbane Northside, Caboolture, UQ and Sunshine Coast with most gaining overall placements in their age groups. Nudgee College Masters with four swimmers, all with Down Syndrome won the Small Club Champion Trophy at the Sunshine Coast carnival.

Two swimmers nominated for the National Championships on the Gold Coast. Deanne Atkinson swam well and gained top three placings in all her swims for her age group.

Swimmers are looking forward to the State and National Championships and Pan Pacific Masters Games in 2018.

**QSC** hosted a swim meet, but due to bad weather, the numbers were down and the meet was not as successful as in 2016. Club members attended 12 meets during the year. A number of members swam personal best times at club meets as well as at the Nationals in March and the World Masters Games, where they achieved 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> placings. Seven members attended the Nationals and one the World Masters Games.

**QUQ** hosted its own meet for the first time in a 25m pool with great success. This was followed by favourable reports from clubs and members. The club attempted to introduce a few new concepts, which worked very well. A number of National and State records were set, with the majority going to UQ members, which also included the Champion Club Trophy.

Members competed in eight local meets, one travelled to New Zealand to compete in the Masters Games and one swimmer competed in a few Swimming Australia meets, including the Brisbane Short Course Championships. Eleven swimmers competed in the Australian Masters Championships, which resulted in 13 National gold, seven silver and nine bronze medals. Added to that they also received 21 Qld gold, 17 silver and one bronze medal. Three National and four Queensland records were broken. Throughout 2017, 20 UQ squad members picked up National records, some two or more and a few picked up Queensland medals.

## **Club Activities**

**QAC:** During 2017 the club conducted the following events:- barbeque at Bullocky's Rest; Italian/ Mediterranean Night; Swim for a Steak and Monthly barbeques. All events were well attended and enjoyed.

**QAL:** The main activity for the club was the Aqualicious Twilight Relay and Fun meet. Members held their annual Christmas dinner and Awards' presentation in the middle of December 2017 at the Wickham. They introduced a new trophy to recognise the effort of one of their members, Rachel Matthews, who swam 10km butterfly to fundraise for her friend who had a brain tumour.

Fernando Claro (Aqualicious President) is also involved in Surf Lifesaving Queensland. He is expecting to bring more lifesavers to the MSQ community and vice versa.

**QBN:** The club has two members who take care of social activities, and during the year they organised bike rides, a 14km bush walk, dinners, and an end of season lunch at the Valley Pool in December. After training on Sundays most of those attending the session adjourn to a nearby café for coffee and a chat. During the year meetings are held after training at the pool, and a barbeque lunch and coffee is provided, ensuring good attendances.

**QNB** entered a display 'Under the Sea' at the Warwick Jumpers and Jazz Festival. They knitted and crocheted sea creatures to go with a mermaid and then had a social weekend in Warwick!

**QSC** members enjoyed social birthdays, golf days, theatre excursions, barbeques, Melbourne Cup celebrations and Christmas in July. Those who attended the Nationals and the Hervey Bay meet also enjoyed the dinners. Greg Smith completed his 10 Million Metre swim, which is a tremendous achievement.

## **Technical Officials**

**QAC:** No courses were run at Albany Creek. The club has the following officials: Heather Butler completed IOT and JOS and along with Referee Karina Horton, they have been technical officials at many club meets.

**QAL** did not run or attend any officials' courses, nor does the club have any officials and **QSC** members attended a stroke correction workshop and some did the time keeping course hosted by Viv Merrill from Noosa.

## **Coaching**

**QAC:** The club has 6 coaches on pool deck, four of whom are Club Coach accredited and two in training.

**QAL** has 5 coaches on deck and 2 members attended a coaching course. The club works on a roster basis. Coaching courses were attended by 2 members. They introduced a set routine each training session, focusing on main components such as endurance, style, form or sprinting.

**QBN:** Northside has a membership spread right across the city, so unlike many suburban clubs, the club finds it difficult to have more than one coaching session a week. This occurs on a Sunday morning, and is enthusiastically taken up by over 20 swimmers every week at the Valley Pool. Bev Stubbings is the coach, and she conducts a well thought out program to suit all the abilities present.

A **QSC** member attended the coaching course led by Mark Erickson and Raylene Rasmussen. As her qualifications have yet to be completed, she is the only coach on deck, although it is still pending. However, despite that, swimming programs were still able to be introduced to members.

## **Funding/Grants**

**QAC:** received \$1079 through *Get Going Grant-MBRC*. They were able to train upcoming coaches and CPR/First Aid training.

**QAL:** The club received some funding, which benefitted the club. The club also held two Bunnings' barbeques at Rocklea.

## **Other.**

**QAC's** new logo and club shirts was a great hit, which included a new banner and flag.

**QBN:** Brisbane Northside is currently reviewing strategies to involve more of their members in swim meets, by stressing to new members that the spirit of Masters' competition is about competing against yourself to increase your fitness, and to meet new friends and foster team spirit.

**QSC** volunteered for the Noosa and Mooloolaba triathlons and the Noosa Velathon. The club also had three barbeques at Bunnings as well as raffles to raise funds for their swim meet.

## **2018**

**QAC's** Strategic Goals for 2018 are:

1. **Coaching**- Continually working to improve what they deliver to members
2. **Membership** – The club will continue to focus on new membership. Must always recruit –Involvement in Older and Bolder.
3. **Merchandise** – Increasing the club's wardrobe
4. **Participation** – as a Club – getting more involvement at Swim Meets and Events. Interclub Sprint mornings will continue in 2018 with QBN and QAL.

The club is planning on a new initiative with a sponsored relay at their Swim meet- a **\$1000 prize money** for winning club- under 50 and over 50 mixed medley relay. This is attracting great interest.

A team will be going to the Nationals in Perth 2018

5. **Endurance** – More focus on this program in 2018

**QAL:** Initiatives and goals for 2018 as a result of activities/funding:

Aqualicious is supporting the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mardi Gras, putting up a float with 20 members participating. The club will continue to advertise within the LGBTI community and straight allies to welcome any swimmer who would like to train in a non-confronting, safe and inclusive environment.

**QSC** hopes to purchase stop watches, build a club shed and arrange for travels to meets by bus. They also hope to undertake a membership drive.

**QUQ** members plan to attend more local meets, as well as the Queensland Championships in Rockhampton, the Nationals in Perth and more Swimming Australia meets. The club will again host its own meet and they will assist the UQ Swimming club with their Preparation Meet to be held in the 50m Pool in February. Many of their members will also compete in Ocean swims, ultra-distance ocean swim and in Surf Life Saving Competitions.

Club members wish to thank their coaches Jae Marr and Dave Heyden for their support, the UQ Aquatic Centre and UQ Sport.

Compiled by Helga Ward



## VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTH

### **Membership**

**Duck Creek [QDU]** registered members remained at five although the club's adult squad regularly has 15 -20 members at training. A number of squad members expressed interest in joining and the club had several articles in the local newspaper and flyers at three local pools, but for a number of reasons the other members of the training group did not join MSQ.

The club has started two new training sessions at the Trinity College school pool on different days and times in addition to what is currently available and the club has also been invited to participate in monthly race nights with the junior Trinity club. The club is hoping this may attract some more members.

**Ipswich City [QIP]** commenced 2017 with 16 members. The complement continues to be a mixture of long-term members and a few newcomers.

The office bearers were unchanged except for Lynn Bartlett taking over from long-serving Registrar, Dot Jarvis. Dot remains a member of the club and members are all very appreciative of her efforts over the years.

Another year has passed by. The club remained strong due to the continued support of a small but dedicated band of members. Members organised most of club training sessions this year internally, with Eric Edgeworth taking primary responsibility for formulating training programs. With the appointment of Justin Lemberg as the new Grammar School coach, members are taking the opportunity to have a coached skills and stroke correction session once a month. This will be on a Monday night. They hope that members will support this initiative with their attendance and participation.

**Logan Aquatic [QLG]** had a membership of 25 club members, of which 12 were MSQ members, including two new members. The club updated its club logo and bulletin board publication.

**Miami [QMM]** once again had a very successful year with over 100 members by year end with club Finances looking positive.

**Manly Brisbane [QMY]** The club membership has always had a small but focused group of members. However, numbers reduced slightly through the year, but the core members have remained apart from the departure of Todd Robinson due to loss of the Manly Pool Lease and his relocation to the Gold Coast. At the end of 2017 there were six active members, but sadly as at 31 January 2018 the club will only have three members who are active.

They lost some members due to change in residence and changing sport focus and health. The club continues to make swim and triathlon squad members aware of the benefits of participating in Masters Swimming Queensland events and QMY membership.

**Redlands Bayside [QRB]** QRB had 38 members in 2017. The club had five new members in the last year. Initiatives to attract new members included a promotional stand at Cleveland pool open day, a *Swim into Spring* advertisement in the local paper and *Swim into Spring* flyers distributed and displayed on the community noticeboard at a local shopping centre. Furthermore, brochures at pool reception and at two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles during 2017 were distributed.

**Brisbane Southside [QSM]:** The number of club members in 2017 was 87 and 10 of them were new members. The club endeavoured to attract new members through an advertising brochure; free introductory swims; one on one approaches and a Framework for Invitations' Registration.

**Twin Town's [QTT]** membership of the club grew from 58 at the beginning of 2017 to 59 currently. It was another difficult year for Leonie managing registrations using the fickle "SportsTG program," but she has claimed success at last. The club will lose a few members initially in 2018, but hope to recruit a few more members in 2018.

**Toowoomba Tadpoles [QTW]** The club had 60 financial members. There were 15 new members, which is three more than last year. The club used social media and publicity in local newspapers to encourage new members.

**Yeronga Park Yabbies [QYP]** had 11 members in 2017, of which three were new. Initiatives by the club to attract new members include word of mouth and advertising in Yeronga Park Pool's materials. Nationals/States hosted at Southport impacted our new membership gains and retention.

### **Swim Meets and Results**

**QDU:** Only two club members – Therese and Paul Crollick - attended State, National and club meets with an additional member, John Haw participating in the Pan Pacific Masters Games. The participating members won a number of medals at the three major meets.

Therese also represented the club at the World Masters Championships in Budapest. Members also swam in the Yamba, Burleigh Heads and Byron Bay open water swim.

**QIP:** This year again Boonah and Goodna were venues for away Sunday Endurance 1000 sessions. The club Sprint Championships' swim was held at Boonah and the winner for 2017 was again John Reugebrink. Congratulations to John on his uncanny ability to swim to a nominated time. Ipswich City was again the Endurance 1000 Queensland Best Average Club Points' trophy winner from 2017. Well done to all who completed swims in this program! The high participation rate is the club's strength. In 2017, the club had four participants in the Lane Warriors' Program and when the results are released, the club expects to be placed prominently again.

Graeme and Shiralee joined the club list of Million Metre award winners and Graeme submitted his application for the Two Million Metre award. Seven of the club's present and past members have now achieved these awards, with two swimmers now closing in on the Five Million Metres.

The club continued to support the many interclub swim meets with good results. The club's best performance was at the Yeronga meet in May and members congratulate QYP on an excellent inaugural meet. A few also continue to test the elements in the many open water swims held during the year. The Heron Island swim could attract some of the QIP members in 2018.

**QLG** members attended two club meets during the year.

**QMM:** 24 men and 17 women attended 11 swim meets including State, Nationals and seven at the World Championships in Budapest. They won an amazing stash of medals and recorded two National Records. They were the Runner Up club at the Nationals. In September, club members organised a Relay Swim Meet (which was not well attended) although quite a number of records were set.

The club is still involved in a weekly Ocean Swim and their Endurance Swim results placed Miami second in Queensland with five members scoring maximum points. A number of members swam at Swim Trek open water events in Mexico and Italy.

**QMY:** The club does not have immediate plans for hosting a meet due to the current small membership base. Various members of QMY during 2017 attended many meets including Miami Masters, Albany Creek, State Championships, the Australian Championship, Pan Pacific Masters Games and the World Masters Games.

There were many tremendous results, but most notable were the two members who travelled to Auckland for the World Masters Games both of whom won multiple medals.

The QMY Men's 4 x 50 Freestyle relay managed to successfully defend the club's Australian Masters title in the applicable age group. Team members were Cristian Staal, Larry Forsyth, David Ahern and Angus Macleod.

**QRB** did not host a swim meet in 2017.

QRB club members attended meets at Albany Creek, MSA Nationals, Hervey Bay, Noosa, Yeronga, GBR Masters Games, Brisbane Southside, Genesis, Northside Masters, Caboolture, Miami, Maryborough, UQ, Sunshine Coast and Aqualicious

Nationals 2017 medals received: L Meredith-five gold; N Mead-two gold, two silver, three bronze; T Green-one gold, three bronze; E Marshall-one silver. QRB was awarded the trophy for the large club results at the Sunshine Coast meet.

Members attended the OWS at Hervey Bay, Mooloolaba and Burleigh Heads.

At the World Masters Games in New Zealand Trevor Green won a silver medal.

Seven members competed at the National Championships and the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

**QSM** held its swim meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 LC with 154 Entries.

The club had attendees at Nationals/States; Miami; UQ: Noosa; Northside; Hervey Bay; Sunshine Coast; Genesis; Caboolture and Aqualicious. There has been a significant improvement in numbers to each meet from recent years. Notable successes were enjoyed by members at different swim meets.

Records set by members:

1 x Branch Record Miami Relay; 3X National and State Records at the QUQ Meet

A Gold Coast OWS event was attended by members and Interstate swim meets attended were with one at the South Australian SC Championships

Eleven members also attended the National Championships and some competed at the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

**QTT** enjoyed another good year in training, competition, and socially. Members attended six swim meets during the year, a little less than last year, mostly due to either floods, holidays or illness. Changes to the computer entry system without "Team Manager" had Judy tearing her hair out "one by one", managing program changes, passwords etc.

Besides swim meet competitions, club members participate in many of the postal events which means they swim at their own pool, and send the results back to the officiating club. Amongst the most notable were the "British one hour Open", the "Bunbury Postal", and the "MSQ Up- Hill" all of which received good results earning Medals and Certificates. The Up-Hill results are yet to be announced. Postals need a fair bit of organising and organiser Robyn managed all but the British open this year. The internal competitions are also well attended, with trophies awarded to the winners at the Masters Swimmers' AGM. These include the 'John Scarr' trophy, an award for the closest nominated time over a 1000 Metre swim. Another good competition is what they term as the PSG (Pat Scott -Glassock) trophy. This competition is run monthly and is a nominated time over 100 metres, the best of six times in a calendar year, wins the trophy. (It's hard to get it right).

Outside of this, members are involved in Masters Swimming Australia competitions, such as recording the metres swum up to and beyond one million. Awards are presented for one, two, five, ten, etc. million metres. It usually takes a good swimmer about three years to achieve one million metres. Each year they count the metres and enter in the "Lane Warriors". Trophies are presented to the highest recorded metres by "Masters Swimming Australia."

There are other competitions run by "Masters Swimming Australia" which involves swimmers who attend meets, and achieve winning times closest to world times; Points are awarded, and trophies presented at the end of year. George is always up there with the best, and in his hundredth year they are certain he will break a few more records.

**QTW** The club did not host a swim meet in 2017. Seven members attended State and National Championships at Southport bringing home a swag of medals.

The club members attended many meets- Albany Creek - five, Noosa - two, Hervey Bay- five, Great Barrier Reef Masters Games - two, Southside - four, Turbo Jets -five, Sunshine Coast - two, Aqualicious – nine and one member competed successfully in the World Masters Games in Auckland Two members attended the Fina World Masters Championships in Budapest. Ann Todd brought home a gold and two bronze medals and Hana Wassenaar swam several PBs.

**QYP** Yeronga hosted its Inaugural Short Course Meet on 29 April 2017 with 162 registered swimmers representing 27 teams. The club invited the Yeronga Park Swim Club to host the barbeque and enjoyed great support from Shelly Douyere and her team.

Yeronga members attended eight Queensland club meets and one NSW club meet in addition to States/Nationals, World Masters Games (Auckland), The Great Barrier Reef Master Games and Down Syndrome Swimming Australia Nationals.

**National Championships** – Yeronga Yabbies had eight swimmers represent at National Championships. The Club won the National Life Members Trophy for clubs with 5-20 members for rewards, participation and performance. Club members combined for six individual National titles, one National relay title, ten individual silvers, one relay silver, nine individual bronze and one relay bronze.

**State Titles** – Yeronga Yabbies won the Large Team award for their performance at State Titles. Club members combined for 13 individual State titles, three State relay titles, 20 individual silvers, and eight individual bronze medals.

**State Records** - Two State records were set at Nationals/States by the Women's 4x50m Free Relay (Tahnee Winks, Fiona King, Angela Pond, Claire Huegill) and the Women's 4x50m Medley Relay (Fiona King, Claire Huegill, Beth Thornton, Angela Pond).

Fiona King set the 100m Back record (SC 45-49W) at Albany Creek.

**World Master Games (Auckland)** – Yeronga Yabbies were represented by Susanne Milenkevich who finished top 10 in her three individual events and in the 4x50m mixed medley relay in a team with members from Aqualicious and Brisbane Southside Masters.

**The Great Barrier Reef Master Games** – Yeronga Yabbies were represented by Susanne Milenkevich who finished top three in all her individual events and who set the GBRMG meet record for the 200 Breaststroke (LC 35-39).

**Down Syndrome Swimming Australia Nationals** – Yeronga Yabbies were represented by Zac Telfer who won Bronze in the men's open 100m backstroke and finished top 10 in four other events.

### **Club Activities**

**QDU:** Only two club members – Therese and Paul Crollick - attended State, National and club meets with an additional member, John Haw participating in the Pan Pacific Masters Games. Those members won a number of medals at the three major meets. Therese also represented the club at the World Masters Championships in Budapest. Members also swam in the Yamba, Burleigh Heads and Byron Bay OWS.

**QLG:** Members enjoyed the end of year Christmas Party, where the most consistent and improved swimmer awards were presented. Andrea Hutchison achieved her Vorgee 2 Million Metre Record. Well done to Andrea!

**QMM:** The Club provided funds for its members to partake in courses which were swimming related. They included CPR, First Aid and Bronze Medallion and a number of members took the opportunity to become more competent.

The club is not just a swimming club as they also had a Golf day at the Boomerang Farm, a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Theatre Nights etc. Members also have a weekly relaxation session at Lane 11 at our pool with drinks and nibbles where all are welcome, including those from other clubs.

**QMY:** The Manly Pool swim squad (home of QMY) held the club's traditional end of year 100 x 100m swim session in December. The Manly Pool again sponsored team t-shirts.

**QRB:** Olympic medallist Jessicah Schipper attended a Sunday morning QRB swim session and morning tea. The QRB team participated in a lawn bowls tournament wearing QRB club shirts and the ladies attended a high tea and a Melbourne Cup luncheon.

Presentations were made at the AGM at Cleveland Aquatic Centre.

QRB sponsored an event and seven members volunteered at the MSA National Championships.

**QSM** members enjoyed a Tennis Day, Annual dinners and presentations, the Annual Christmas Breakfast. The Club Person of the Year and Coaches Awards were again a feature of their annual event.

**QTT** Socially the club had another good year thanks to Sue, with plenty happening, such as picnics and Tivoli Shows at the Main Twin Towns Services Club with the year culminating in a fantastic Christmas night "for the second year in a row", at the Island House Banora Club. There they enjoyed a meal, which was second to none.

**QTW** The club held monthly barbeque breakfasts and encouraged Endurance 1000 swims on these mornings. The annual presentation morning is incorporated with the AGM. A team of 12 supported the MS Swimathon and raised \$1500 for the cause. Significant birthdays and achievements were celebrated as part of the monthly barbeques. A medley progressive dinner and Christmas BBQ and water polo match were held as well.

**QYP** Yeronga Yabbies held the annual Mid-Year dinner at the Yeronga RSL Club on 21 July to celebrate the team's success at the National/State Championships and a successful inaugural meet. Approximately 25 swimmers/coaches and family members attended.

## **Coaching**

**QDU:** Dee Hawkins continued to be the club coach with occasional assistance from the junior club coach and the Trinity sessions were conducted by Hal Holley who previously coached Masters when the club was based at Alstonville some years ago.

Dee and Hal regularly attend coaching courses and the ASCTA conference and the club is very fortunate to have such dedicated coaches who keep up to date with the latest coaching methods.

**QLG:** Jan King continued to coach the Logan Aquatic Masters' swimmers.

**QMM's** professional coaches put in the work to allow members to achieve such great results, and then John Crisp and his team of champion swimmers ran regular Master Classes to improve strokes.

**QRB** has four volunteer coaches. On Sunday mornings there is usually a coach in both the 25m and 50m pools, while Wednesday evening there is usually a coach in the 25m pool but not always in the 50m pool. No coaching courses were attended by members in 2017 nor were specific coaching initiatives introduced.

**QSM** has three Coaches and three Volunteer Coaches

**QTT's** results of course cannot be achieved without good coaching. In 2017, as in the past, the club's dedicated coach Allaine, provided all the necessary guidance and corrective advice to ensure members swim at their top capability at swimming meets. Unfortunately, Allaine will not be coaching in 2018, and the club will need to look for a way to find a replacement.

**QTW** The club has one qualified coach.

**QYP** Yeronga Yabbies experienced a transition of Coaches with Rick Van der Zant taking a step back from Yeronga Park and Clay Douyere-Pate stepping in to run weekday morning sessions. When Clay is away, Rob Van der Zant and his assistants run the squad along with their squad.

## **Technical Officials**

**QMY:** The club has no technical officials at this stage. An absence of technical officials has not been problematic for the club.

**QRB:** Two QRB members attended the timekeeper's course in Noosa. QRB has one official, who is based in Melbourne.

**QSM:** Members did not attend any courses. The club also has one retired official.

**QTW:** Bronze Medallion training was held to keep a qualified member on deck for each session. There are 12 qualified Bronze medallion holders. There are, unfortunately no longer any officials in the club.

## **Funding/Grants**

**QSM** received Council support for their Swim Meet.

## **Other**

**QMM** provided funds for members to partake in courses which were swimming related. They included CPR, First Aid and Bronze Medallion and a number of members took the opportunity to become more competent.

Alan Grant will be standing down at the AGM after over 25 years on the committee (eight as club president). He expressed his enjoyment in his involvement both here and around the world. Alan wished Miami and Masters Swimming all the best for the future.

**QMY:** The club currently operates as a very low cost club and relies upon member's fees and donations from members. This is an adequate level of funds for the club's current needs.

**QTT** Club Secretary Freda has kept the club on the straight and narrow, and financially they are keeping their heads above the deep end of the pool, thanks to the effort of Treasurer, Lyn.

Lastly, besides the committee, there are a lot of unsung helpers that make a club run smoothly, their help is thankfully appreciated as always.

**QTW** Most committee positions were filled at the AGM and duties efficiently carried out.

## **2018**

**QDU:** A renewed push for squad members to join MSQ will be undertaken by the club with flyers and posters being put up at the Trinity pool. A good relationship with the local media continues with most information about club successes and activities being published. The club will encourage everyone to attend the Trinity race nights as a means of promoting some friendly, local competition and as an incentive to join MSQ as well. The 100 x 100s will be promoted more widely and used as a way of promoting Masters' swimming.

**QIP:** A celebration of 25 years since the formation of the club is planned for Feb 2018. They intend to involve the local media in this event and will use the event to promote both the club and Masters' swimming in general. With continued solid support, they feel that their club will be around for many more years. Thank you to all who have contributed to the running of the club this past year.

In closing this report, Clive Griffin would also like to record in writing their thanks to the Ipswich Grammar School for their generosity in allowing the club to use their pool on such reasonable terms. He added that he would also like to record the club's appreciation for the efforts of Helga Ward and all the volunteer officials and office bearers who keep the wonderful institution of Masters Swimming "afloat".

**QLG:** The club hopes to encourage more swimmers to attend swim meets. They also plan to run a 'Cent-A-Metre' fundraiser, seek additional funding and make more of an effort in updating the club Facebook page more regularly.

**QMY:** Over the next 12 months the club will to seek rebuild the core membership base and compete in many local and interstate Masters Swimming meets. The club hopes to host a member's family fun race day in conjunction with the broader Manly Pool swim squad during the next 12 months.

**QRB:** Initiatives and goals for 2018 are to attract new members, encourage participation in swim meets and to continue meeting members' goals and expectations in training as well as fun, fitness and friendship. The club plans to participate in MSQ swimming programs Lane Warriors and Vorgee Million Metres.

**QSM** created new early morning training session on a trial for three months bringing their weekly training session to four. The club plans to attract and register new members, increase attendance at Swim Meets and run the club Swim Meet on 23 June.

**QTW** members will be encouraged to continue to support swim meets in the year ahead. A MSA postal swim meet for a 1500m event will be held during July in preparation for the event in the Pan Pacific Masters Games in November.

One or more mini meets will be held during 2018 to encourage members to learn the skills required to hold a swim meet.

**QYP** Yeronga is hosting a swim meet on 5 May 2018 due to the success of the 2017 meet. The club also hopes to have good representation at the Pan Pacific Masters Games and expects some strong swims from its members.

for VP South  
compiled by Helga Ward

# ADMINISTRATOR

The arrangements in the Swimming Qld (SQ) office remained the same for the administrator of MSQ. Four days were devoted to MSQ and one day to SQ tasks.

## **Meets**

Two major swim meets were hosted by MSQ: the National Championships combined with the State Championships on the Gold Coast and the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns. Both events were extremely successful, both financially and organisationally.

The National Championships attracted swimmers from all over the country and although numbers were not as large as we had hoped for, MSQ was nevertheless pleased with the outcome. MSQ had stepped in to take on the event as WA declined to do so at the time for valid reasons. Our organisation did so, a mere four months after the Pan Pacific Masters Games and we understood that numbers would be down.

The Masters Games in New Zealand were always going to attract a lot of interest and many swimmers nationally had made the decision to travel to New Zealand.

The Great Barrier Reef Masters Games was held at the newly refurbished Tobruk pool, which proved to be a very popular venue. The numbers were not large, but exceeded those of the event last held in 2013. Swimmers from interstate supported the event and we believe that its popularity will ensure more interest from swimmers around the country. The venue proved to be very popular.

Cheryl Brodribb, from the Cairns Mudcrabs coordinated the event, with some support from members in the north. She is to be commended on the incredible amount of work she had done to ensure a well-run meet.

The planning of the Pan Pacific Masters Games 2018 started in August when MSQ had to apply to Gold Coast Events to host the Pan Pacific Masters Games. Shane Knight was the Convenor and he immediately became involved in all the planning. This included meeting with the organisers as well as the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Management team. In December he resigned from this position and by the end of the year, the role had not been filled.

Shane had done an excellent job as Convenor and he had a good grasp of the requirements of this event.

## **Newsletter, Website and Social Media**

Dawn Thompson, a member of the virtual club, The Barbarians, coordinated the newsletter, with the focus being on the *Around the Clubs'* section. Her support in taking on the task was a welcome one, which assisted enormously in alleviating some of the workload in the office. Dawn, however, had to resign from the role as she and her husband moved back to New South Wales.

It was decided that the newsletter would be coordinated in the office again using Mailchimp. Few clubs send in their club news, but we continue to encourage them to do so.

MSQ had to continue to use the outdated web site while all the states were waiting for an updated one through SportsTG. The MSQ board had initially expressed interest in creating a different web site for MSQ, but the national board determined that in the interest of uniformity, we would wait for the new site to be released in 2018.

The administrator with some support from the president continued to maintain the MSQ Facebook page. The MSQ Instagram page is managed by the president, Rachael Keogh.

Cheryl Brodribb manages the Facebook page for the North as well as its Instagram. I would like to thank both Rachael and Cheryl for their assistance.

## **MSQ and MSA Programs**

The MSX and Lane Warrior programs continued although members who completed the Lane Warriors' program would only be receiving a certificate and not an additional award.

MSA's *Swim into Spring* program was taken up by a few clubs, but unfortunately, not many of our clubs took on the initiatives created by MSA. The objective of the program is to provide ideas for events to be hosted by clubs in order to increase the membership of the club and to generate an awareness of Masters Swimming in the community.

As I have made the decision to retire in mid-2018, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all clubs for their tremendous support over the years. I thank the various MSQ Board members I have served and the wonderful volunteers, officials and coaches without whom our organisation would cease to exist. I have had the pleasure of working with you and hold the commitment you all have to our organisation in high regard. I wish you all well for the future.

*Helga Ward*

**Endurance 1000 – 2017: MSQ RESULTS**  
**Club Results** **Total Points per Club – Top 12**

	<b>Club Code</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming Club	22238
2	QMM	Miami Masters Swimming Club	15571
3	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	5989
4	QGS	Gladstone Gropers	4893
5	QBN	Brisbane Northside Masters Swimming	4532
6	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming Club	3163
7	QTT	Twin Towns Services Masters Swimming Club	2505
8	QAC	Albany Creek Masters Swimming Club	535
9	QHB	Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swimming	500
10	QSM	Brisbane Southside Masters Swimming	415
11	QNS	North Mackay Sinkers Masters Swimming	276
12	QMB	Maryborough Masters Swimming	266

**Club Results: Average Points per Swimmer in each Club – Top 12**

	<b>Club Code</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Average Points</b>
1	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	374.31
2	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming Club	261.62
3	QMM	Miami Masters Swimming Club	154.17
4	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming Club	137.52
5	QGS	Gladstone Gropers Masters Swimming Club	113.79
6	QBN	Brisbane Northside Masters Swimming Club	105.4
7	QTT	Twin Towns Services Masters Swimming Club	43.19
8	QMB	Maryborough Masters Swimming Club	12.67
9	QHB	Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swimming Club	10.42
10	QUW	Uni Wahoos Masters Swimming Club	10
11	QWY	Whitsunday Warriors Masters Swimming Club	8.53
12	QAC	Albany Creek Masters Swimming	8.23

**Club Results Club Participation Percentage of Total Club Membership – Top 12**

	<b>Club Code</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Participation Rate % (rounded)</b>
1	QUW	Uni Wahoos Masters Swimming Club	100
2	QIP	Ipswich City Masters Swimming Club	88
3	QNA	Noosa Masters Swimming Club	72
4	QSC	Sunshine Coast Masters Swimming Club	61
5	QRT	Rats of Tobruk Masters Swimming Club	54
6	QMM	Miami Masters Swimming Club	53
7	QNB	Nudgee College Masters Swimming Club	50
	QDU	Duck Creek Masters Swimming club	
	QSS	Somerset Masters Swimming Club	
10	QMY	Manly Brisbane Masters Swimming Club	43
11	QWY	Whitsunday Warriors Masters Swimming Club	42
12	QTT	Twin Towns Services Masters Swimming Club	40

**40 Clubs participated in the Endurance 1000 Program in 2017**

**38 Clubs participated in the Endurance 1000 Program in 2016**



# Endurance 1000

**2017**

**Individual Members to have completed the program**

**Total points - 1005 each - Total Swims - 62**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Anthony Baker	Brisbane Northside	QBN	61	1005
2	Stephen Booker	Brisbane Northside	QN	68	1005
3	Tracy Clarkson	Brisbane Northside	QBN	68	1005
4	Alan Grant	Miami Masters	QMM	70	1005
5	Brian Hoepper	Noosa Masters	QNA	70	1005
6	Hobe Horton	Miami Masters	QMM	60	1005
7	Liz Little	Brisbane Northside Masters	QBN	62	1005
8	Rob Lucas	Noosa Masters	QNA	74	1005
9	Jo Matthews	Noosa Masters	QNA	62	1005
10	Helen Morley	Miami Masters	QMM	59	1005
11	Fran Moroney	Gladstone Gropers Masters	QGS	55	1005
12	Jane Powell	Noosa Masters	QNA	59	1005
13	Mark Powell	Noosa Masters	QNA	62	1005
14	Colette Southam	Miami Masters	QMM	52	1005
15	Gordon Southam	Miami Masters	QMM	55	1005
16	Irene Symons	Noosa Masters	QNA	66	1005
17	Ian Tucker	Noosa Masters	QNA	62	1005
18	Clive Griffin	Ipswich City Masters	QIP	59	975
19	John Feddersen	Gladstone Gropers Masters	QGS	64	700
20	Gerard Pender	Ipswich City Masters	QIP	61	630

## 2017 MSA SWIM SERIES WINNERS – MSQ Winners

### FEMALE

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Meets Attended</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
35 – 39	Susanne Milenkevich	Yeronga Yabbies	5	2	1021
35 – 39	Paula Taylor	Hervey Bay	6	2	994
40 - 44	Rachael Keogh	Genesis Aquatics	7	2	787
50 – 54	Michelle Scott	Long Tan Legends	4	2	1795
50 – 54	Meryl Churchill	Rats of Tobruk	9	2	1009
55 – 59	Linda Hodgkinson	Hervey Bay	8	2	1108
60 – 64	Linda Munn	Cairns Legends	10	2	582
65 – 69	Tracy Clarkson	Brisbane Northside	5	2	1399
70 – 74	Sandra Rogers	Miami	6	2	626
75 – 79	Margaret Fittock	Miami	3	2	1315
80 – 84	Beres Hindman	Toowoomba Tadpoles	7	2	687
<b>MALE</b>					
45 – 49	John McKaig	Long Tan Legends	1	3	3742
55 – 59	John Barrett	Rats of Tobruk	6	2	738
60 - 64	Kevin Jackson	Rats of Tobruk	3	2	898
75 – 79	Brian Davis	Miami & Malvern Marlins	1	4	2225

**MSX 2017 results at the time of publication were not available.**

**State Long Course 2017 top three placings at the time of publication were unavailable.**

## **LANE WARRIOR RESULTS 2017**

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.

<b>Top 5 Individual Winners</b>			
<b>18 - 34</b>			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Vanessa O'Sullivan	QTW	260,850
2	Joanne Lee	QTW	78,600
3	Daniel Little	QTW	41,050
<b>35 - 60</b>			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Graeme Williams	QIP	688,525
2	Paul Somerfield	QTT	664,000
3	Shiralee Bielenberg	QIP	604,500
4	Alison Green	QGS	570,025
5	Fran Maroney	QGS	522,600
<b>61 +</b>			
Rank	Name	Club	Distance
1	Conrad Gleeson	QTT	850,450
2	Geoffrey James	QCN	774,600
3	Brian Cairns	QNA	671,096
4	Rob Lucas	QNA	603,000
5	Jean O'Sullivan	QTW	391,050

**Top 3 Club Winners: Average Distance swum by participants:**

<b>Top 3 clubs</b>			<b>Average Distance</b>
1	Noosa	QNA	442,650
2	Ipswich City	QIP	410,681
3	Cairns Mudcrabs	QCN	329,867

## TROPHY WINNERS 2017

### Masters Swimming Queensland 2016 Long Course Branch Trophy Awards

The following awards relate to the State Long Course Meet, held at the Miami Olympic Pool, Miami.

- 1. Queensland Branch Trophy:** *Miami Masters Swimming*  
(Highest aggregate points) 1734 Points
- 2. Max Gillespie Trophy:** *Yeronga Park Masters Swimming*  
(Larger clubs with the highest average points)  
Average of 50.8 Points average
- 3. Mary Maina Trophy:** *Long Tan Legends Masters Swimming*  
(Smaller clubs with the highest average points)  
Average of 48.4 Points average
- 4. Vorgee Female Swimmer of the Meet:** *Michelle Scott (QLT)* FINA Points: 3809
- 5. Vorgee Male Swimmer of the Meet:** *Brett Woods (QUQ)* FINA Points: 4218
- 6. National Seniors Trophy:** *Brett Woods (QUQ)* FINA Points: 4218  
(Best performance for a swimmer 50 + years)
- 7. MSQ Trophy over 30 winner:** *Casey Flouch (QRC)* FINA Points: 4145  
(Best performance by a swimmer 30 - 49 years)
- 8. MSQ Trophy – under 30 winner:** *Thomas Clarke (QGC)* FINA Points: 3641  
(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) *Natasha Bletchly (QAC)*
- 11. John Hughes Trophy:** *Noosa Masters Swimming (QNA)*  
(Endurance 1000 Swimming: Highest Club Points)
- 12. MSQ Endurance 1000 Trophy:** *Ipswich City Masters Swimming (QIP)*  
(Highest club Endurance 1000 average)
- 13. Rats of Tobruk Open Water Swim Trophy** *Nil*
- 14. Life Member:** *John Barrett*

## MSQ Swim Meets - 2017

Cancelled Events \*\*\* next to Club Code

DATE	L/S C	CLUB	CODE	REGION	SANCTION	VENUE
<b>JANUARY</b>						
28	SC	Albany Creek	QAC	Sunshine	01/17	Albany Creek Leisure Centre
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
11	LC	Hervey Bay	QHB	Central	02/17	Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre
11	OWS	Hervey Bay	QHB	Central	03/17	Torquay
25	LC	Mareeba Masters	QMA	North	04/17	Mareeba Memorial Pool
<b>March</b>						
8 - 11	LC	<b>MSA National /MSQ Championships</b>			05/17	<b>Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Gold Coast</b>
25	LC	Noosa	QNA	Sunshine	06/17	Noosa Aquatic Centre
<b>April</b>						
1	LC	Atherton	QAT	North	08/17	Atherton Pool
22	SC	Whitsunday Warriors	QWY	North	09/17	Cannonvale Pool
29	SC	Yeronga	QYP	South	10/17	Yeronga Pool
<b>MAY</b>						
13	SC	River City Rapids	QRC ***	South	11/17	Somerville House, Brisbane
13	LC	Rats of Tobruk	QRT	North	12/17	Tobruk Pool, Townsville
26 - 27	LC	<b>Great Barrier Reef Masters Games</b>			13/17	<b>Tobruk Pool, Cairns</b>
<b>JUNE</b>						
10	SC	Rum City	QBB	Central	14/17	Bundaberg Swim Academy
10 - 11	SC	Clarence River	NCM	NSW	15/17	Yamba, NSW
<b>JULY</b>						
8	LC	Brisbane Southside	QSM	South	16/17	Brisbane Aquatic Centre
29	SC	Genesis Aquatic	QGA	Sunshine	17/17	Genesis College
<b>AUGUST</b>						
19	SC	Brisbane Northside	QBN	Sunshine	18/17	The Valley Pool, Brisbane
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
9	SC	Caboolture & District	QCD	Sunshine	19/17	St Peters School, Caboolture
17	LC	Miami	QMM	South	20/17	Miami Olympic Pool
23	SC	Maryborough Masters	QMB	Central	21/17	Maryborough Centenary P
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
7	SC	University of Qld	QUQ	Sunshine	22/17	UQ Pool, St Lucia, Brisbane
21	LC	Sunshine Coast	QSC	Sunshine	23/17	Kawana Waters Pool
28	LC	Long Tan Legends	QLT	North	24/17	Long Tan Pool, Townsville
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
25	LC	Aqualicious	QAL	Sunshine	25/17	Centenary Pool, Brisbane
25	SC	North Mackay Sinkers	QNS	Central	07/17	North Mackay SHS Pool
26	OWS	North Mackay Sinkers	QNS	Central	26/17	Pioneer River, Mackay