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2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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LIFE MEMBERS

- Dr Kay Cox
- Fred Johnson
- Glenys McDonald
- Frank Mongan
- David Cummins
- Robert Dunstan (deceased December 2010)
- Lynne Malone
- Jack Busch
- Judith Crawford
- Sandra Mutch

PATRON

- Dale Alcock

BOARD

• President	Ivan Martinovich - Melville
• Director of Development	Gary Bradley – Claremont
• Director of Coaching	'Tricia Summerfield – Stadium Snappers
• Director of Marketing	Vacant
• Director of Finance	Kaye Bolger – Albany (from September 2011)
• Director of Swimming	Peter Maloney - Melville
• Director of Recording	Sandra Mutch - Swan Hills
• National Delegate	Lynne Malone – Carine
• Executive Officer	Wendy Holtom

APPOINTMENTS

• Auditor	Lloyd Scott – Byers Scott Pty Ltd

OFFICERS

• Book-keeper	Lynne Hunter - Belmont
• Technical Officer	Judith Crawford – Somerset (retired July 2011)
• Swim Meet Coordinator	Robyn Wilson – Stadium Snappers
• Records Officer	Lillian Hadley – Stadium Snappers
• MSWA Open Water Series Coordinator	Sandra Mutch
• Pool Officials Coordinator	Ron Gray – Thornlie (from September 2011)
• OWS Officials Coordinator	Scott Richardson – Somerset (from December 2011)
• Technical Education Coordinator	Ken Phillips – Mandurah (from October 2011)

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

• National Technical Committee	Judith Crawford
• National Swim Committee	Lynne Malone
• National Board of Management	David Cummins

DELEGATES

• AUSTSWIM	Kay Cox - Carine
• WA Sports Federation (WASF)	Wendy Holtom
• MSWA Technical Committee	Judith Crawford (Chair), Kay Cox, Ron Gray (Gosnells), Brian Harper (Maida Vale)
• 2011 National Swim Organising Committee	Fiona Wilkins (Chair – Perth City), Elena Nesci (Claremont), Nick Wyatt (Cockburn), Heather Whitehead (Osborne Park), Lorraine Quayle (Westcoast), Kim Klug (Stadium Snappers), Peter Maloney, Sandra Mutch, Lynne Malone & Ivan Martinovich, Wendy Holtom *(ex officio)*

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Metropolitan Clubs	Members		Country Clubs	Members
Armadale	32		Albany	27
Barracudas	3		Bunbury	15
Ballajura	15		Geraldton	23
Belmont	46		Mandurah	82
Bold Park	48		Narrogin	23
Carine	30			
Central Aquatic	2			
Claremont	100			
Cockburn	40			
Fremantle	116			
Inglewood	34			
Kwinana	10			
Leeming	22			
Leisurepark	30			
Maida Vale	62			
Melville	87			
Newman Churchlands	33			
Osborne Park	72			
Perth City	81			
Perth Maccabi	9			
Riverton	49			
Rockingham	15			
Sandgropers (Statewide)	7			
Somerset	88			
Stadium Snappers	79			
Superfins	13			
Swan Hills	9			
Thornlie (formerly Gosnells)	14			
Westcoast	112			
Whitford	35			
29 Metro Clubs	**1272**		**5 Country Clubs**	**170**

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011: **1442** (up from 1376 in 2010)

Melville and the new Club signage

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Council of Clubs met on four occasions including prior to the Annual General Meeting on 15 February 2011. The Board elected at the 2011 AGM met eight times between 9th March 2011 and 1st February 2012 inclusive.

Attendance at these meetings was as follows:

Board	Council of Clubs	Board Meetings
Ivan Martinovich	3	7
Gary Bradley	3	6
`Tricia Summerfield	4	8
Kaye Bolger	0	3
Peter Maloney	4	6
Sandra Mutch	3	7
Lynne Malone	4	7
Wendy Holtom	4	8
Clubs		
1. Armadale	4	
2. Belmont	4	
3. Bold Park	3	
4. Carine	3	
5. Central Aquatic	1	
6. Claremont	3	
7. Cockburn	1	
8. Fremantle	1	
9. Inglewood	4	
10. Leeming	4	
11. Leisurepark	4	
12. Maida Vale	3	
13. Mandurah	4	
14. Melville	4	
15. Newman Churchlands	3	
16. Osborne Park	4	
17. Perth City	3	
18. Riverton	4	
19. Somerset	4	
20. Superfins	3	
21. Stadium Snappers	4	
22. Swan Hills	4	
23. Westcoast	2	
24. Whitford	2	

2011 Masters Swimming National OWS Championships

Ready to start

Nearly ready

They're off

2011 STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (results from 2011 National Championships)

First		Second		Third	
Claremont	2228	Osborne Park	1677	Stadium Snappers	1370.5

Claremont's President Gary Bradley with Vorgee's Jim Piper

Swimmers of the Meet

Female	Carolyn Gorrick	Claremont		Male	Ryan Spencer	Mandurah

Carolyn with Vorgee's Jim Piper

Ryan with Vorgee's Jim Piper

Age Group Winners

Female	Swimmer	Club
18-24	Beth Fyller	Swan Hills
25-29	Kristy Stevens	Westcoast
30-34	Jazmyn Tobin	Mandurah
35-39	Claire Ware	Maida Vale
40-44	Patricia Burton/Susie Taylor	Claremont/Riverton
45-49	Sally Bell	Claremont
50-54	Caryn Keillor	Westcoast
55-59	Eleanor Parsons	Stadium Snappers
60-64	Robyn Wilson	Stadium Snappers
65-69	Theresa Elliott	Stadium Snappers
70-74	Margaret Gleghorn	Osborne Park
75-79	Marg Somes	Stadium Snappers
80-84	Glad McGough	Maida Vale
85-89	Marie Harris	Bunbury

Some of the Female Age Group Winners

Male	Swimmer	Club
18-24	Mathew Lyons	Sandgropers
25-29	Mark Davey	Riverton
30-34	Ryan Spencer	Mandurah
35-39	Adrian Hirsch	Westcoast
40-44	Dan Soanes	Perth City
45-49	Paul Vivers	Claremont
50-54	Geoffrey Scott	Osborne Park
55-59	Hayden Brimson	Mandurah
60-64	Graham Croft	Claremont
65-69	William Deuchar	Claremont
70-74	Barry Green	Stadium Snappers
75-79	Ian Stewart	Maida Vale
80-84	Tony Stanton	Albany
85-89	Perc Edwards	Claremont

Some of the Male Age Group Winners

2010 McDONALD ADMINISTRATION SHIELD: Winning Club: **Narrogin Masters**

2010 STATE AEROBIC TROPHY POINT SCORES

Club	Points		Club	Points
Stadium Snappers	5769		Cockburn	725
Somerset	4894		Claremont	657
Inglewood	2775		Bunbury	529
Melville	2022		Geraldton	500
Mandurah	1827		Bold Park	455
Albany	1422		Armadale	450
Maida Vale	1272		Leeming	102
Whitford	1127		Fremantle	15
Belmont	960			

Maximum 390 Point Scorers

Eleanor Parsons	Stadium Snappers		Gail Parsons	Stadium Snappers
Jeannette Rein	Mandurah		'Tricia Summerfield	Stadium Snappers
Robyn Wilson	Stadium Snappers		Peter Coyle (367)	Somerset
Maureen Hanna (224)	Albany			

2010 State Aerobic Trophy

Top Club	Points
Stadium Snappers	5769

2010 Country Aerobic Trophy

Top Club	Points
Mandurah	1827

Snappers Kim and Geraldine Klug with Healthway's Bill Ongley

Mandurah's Ivan Wingate with Swimming WA's Simon Taylor

2010 BE ACTIVE CLUB CHALLENGE SERIES COMPETITION

Award Title	Club Improvement Award	Club
Frank Mongan	Winner - Best Average Points	Leeming
David Cummins	Runner-up - Best Average Points	Maida Vale
Fred Johnson	Winner - Most Improved	Maida Vale
Kay Cox	Runner-up - Most Improved	Leeming

Leeming's Greg Bowater with Dr Kay Cox (MSWA Founding and Life Member)

Maida Vale's Lynne Duncan with Kay

2010 COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER:

Judith Crawford Somerset

Judith with VenuesWest's Chris Andrich

2010 SERVICE to Masters Swimming WA AWARD:

Lynne Duncan Maida Vale

Lynne with MSWA President Ivan Martinovich

2010 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER:

Ron Gray Thornlie (Gosnells)

Ron with Swimming WA's President Jeanette Bailey

2011 VORGEE MILLION METRE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

1 million metres	Robert Shand	Stadium Snappers
	Cas Brown	Stadium Snappers
	Theresa Elliott	Stadium Snappers
	Elizabeth Edmondson	Stadium Snappers
	June Maher	Stadium Snappers
2 million metres	Hilary Arber	Belmont
3 million metres	'Tricia Summerfield	Stadium Snappers
5 million metres	Pamela Walter	Stadium Snappers

Hilary with President Ivan Martinovich

'Tricia with Vorgee's Jim Piper

Pamela with Ivan

Snappers' Elizabeth and June

DALE ALCOCK 2010/11 OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES WINNERS:

Award	Female	Club	Points		Male	Club	Points
OVERALL	**Janne Robertson**	**Westcoast**	**127**		**Jeff Morris**	**Osborne Park**	**81**
18 - 24	Anja Messmer	Stadium Snappers	40		Mathew Lyons	Sandgropers	20
25 - 29	Stephanie Berghofer	Claremont	90		Mark Davey	Riverton	20
30 - 34	Jazmyn Tobin	Mandurah	30		William Sloan	Claremont	52
35 - 39	Claire Ware	Maida Vale	96		Chris MacQuillan	Claremont	26
40 - 44	Gillian Caruso	Armadale	62		Leon Musca	Stadium Snappers	58
45 – 49	Suzanne Shilling	Geraldton	72		Jon Haines	Perth City	75
50 - 54	Helen Morris	Osborne Park	77		Jeff Morris	Osborne Park	81
55 - 59	Eleanor Parsons	Stadium Snappers	78		Robert Buetler	Fremantle	66
60 – 64	Jan McGowan	Fremantle	50		Charles Croft	Armadale	67
65 - 69	Theresa Elliott	Stadium Snappers	95		Ray Plowman	Claremont	74
70 - 74	Janne Robertson	Westcoast	127		Robert Birch	Belmont	52
75 - 79	Pat Nicholl	Osborne Park	47		Terry McKie	Maida Vale	65
80 - 84	Glad McGough	Maida Vale	30		Perc Edwards	Claremont	50

Janne with President Ivan Martinovich

Jeff with President Ivan Martinovich

Claremont President Gary Bradley with Ivan

Armadale's Charles Croft with Ivan

DALE ALCOCK 2010/11 OWS SERIES Top Club: Claremont (792 points)

DALE ALCOCK 2010/11 OWS SERIES winning Club for Combined Average Points: Armadale

Female Age Group winners

Male Age Group winners

WORLD RECORDS SET DURING 2011 - Nil

NATIONAL RECORDS SET DURING 2011

Western Australian members set 15 individual National records in 2011:

Name	Club	No. of Records
Carolyn Gorrick	Claremont	3
Joyce O'Farrell	Somerset	3
John Fussell	Osborne Park	2
Vic Paul	Bold Park	2
Glad McGough	Maida Vale	2
Jeremy Allen	Somerset	1
Persis Rae	Whitford	1
Ryan Spencer	Mandurah	1

Western Australian Masters Clubs set 3 National relay records in 2011:

Club	No. of Records
Claremont	3

STATE RECORDS SET DURING 2011

- 55 Western Australian members set individual State records in 2011.
- Clubs set records (individual and relay).

	Long Course	Short Course	Totals
Individual	124	63	187
Relays	24	13	37
Totals	**148**	**76**	**224**

2010 BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming membership drive project

The Clubs which achieved the best increase in their membership during the discount membership period in Spring 2010 were presented with their prizes at the February 2011 Council of Clubs meeting by the State President Ivan Martinovich:

- Perth City – 15% increase
- Fremantle – 11.6%
- Whitford - 11.4%

Perth City's Emily Chetwin

Fremantle's Brendan Hart

Whitford's Lexie Barker

2011 DALE ALCOCK STATE OPEN WATER SWIM 2000m CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Award	Female	Club		Male	Club
Fastest	***Carolyn Gorrick***	***Claremont***		***Paul Blackbeard***	***Claremont***
18 - 24	Anja Messmer	Stadium Snappers		Mathew Lyons	Sandgropers
25 - 29	Stephanie Berghofer	Claremont		Mark Davey	Riverton
30 - 34	Carolyn Gorrick	Claremont		Mark Williamson	Perth City
35 - 39	Claire Ware	Maida Vale		Damien Eyre	Riverton
40 - 44	Allison Hass	Perth City		Frank Van Rooyen	Westcoast
45 – 49	Nicola Corsbie	Claremont		Paul Vivers	Claremont
50 - 54	Susan Johnston	Mandurah		Paul Blackbeard	Claremont
55 - 59	Viki Shelver	Westcoast		Robert Buetler	Fremantle
60 – 64	Jan McGowan	Fremantle		Jeremy Allen	Somerset
65 - 69	Carrol Wannell	Bold Park		Vic Paul	Bold Park
70 - 74	Pauline Wingate	Mandurah		Stuart Gray	Claremont
75 - 79	Margaret Moylett	Bunbury		Barrie Eves	Claremont
80 - 84	Glad McGough	Maida Vale		Rod Baker	Mandurah
85 – 89				Perc Edwards	Claremont

Novice swimmers start

2000m start

The Briefing

Fastest: Paul Blackbeard & Carolyn Gorrick

Winning Club Team – Claremont

Best performing Club - Bunbury

EXTERNAL AWARDS DURING 2011

ANZ Sports Star Awards Official of the Year – Nominee	Ron Gray	Thornlie (Gosnells)
ANZ Sports Star Awards Coach of the Year – Nominee	Judith Crawford	Somerset
ANZ Sports Star Awards Service to Sport – Nominees	Lynne Duncan	Maida Vale
ANZ Sports Star of the Year – Nominee	Ceinwen Williams	Maida Vale
BankWest Seniors Award nominee	Lynne Duncan	Maida Vale
2011 National Championships Heart Foundation Volunteer Award	Elena Nesci	Claremont

Elena with Heart Foundation Chief Executive Maurice Swanson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As your State President I am pleased to recap on the year that has just passed and to thank a few people along the way. I think the major highlight from 2011 would have to be the fact that MSWA conducted the very successful National Championships, held at VenuesWest Challenge Stadium. With four days of pool events and an open water event to organize the Organizing committee can stand proud of their fantastic efforts, and the many other volunteers who worked to bring this event to you all.

Another major highlight for 2011 was the induction of three new Life Members to our organisation. Jack Busch, Judith Crawford and Sandra Mutch have provided outstanding contributions to our sport over many years and are congratulated once again.

A great achievement for 2011 is that we had membership growth of 5% over the year after a smaller increase of 3.8% in 2010, obvious outcomes of the ongoing membership growth strategies implemented throughout the year.

I would like to welcome the new Masters Swimming clubs that became affiliated during the year, that being Kwinana Masters, Ballajura Masters and Central Aquatics Masters. A big welcome to these clubs and members.

I want to acknowledge the ongoing support from our strategic partners. The Department of Sport and Recreation continues to support us financially and with their expertise. Healthway also continues to support Masters Swimming at both State and club level with sponsorship and advice, in particular with funding for the membership growth Project Coordinator. Both organisations are fundamental to our ongoing success and we also enjoy our working relationships with them.

Other organizations that have continued to support MSWA includes Have a Go News, KC Sports (Rival) and VenuesWest Challenge Stadium. Without the continued support of these stakeholders, conducting our day to day business would be difficult at times. All our members thank you for your support.

I would like to thank the members of our State Board who donate their time and energy to govern and administer MSWA. Thanks also to those who are returning to the Board for another term and to the State Officers for their fine contributions on an ongoing basis.

To all our Technical Officials who "work" at the many swimming events conducted during the year thank you for giving your time and efforts, it is much appreciated.

Our Executive Officer Wendy Holtom plays a special role in the running of Masters Swimming in WA. She is passionate and tireless in the way she works the balance between volunteers and professionals, this year being assisted by our wonderful Project Coordinator Nadine Georgiades. Thanks to both of you.

We continue to be present in the community promoting Masters Swimming with relationships with various groups like Have a Go News, VenuesWest, Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Surf Life Saving WA, WA Sports Federation and Volunteering WA.

Don't forget the motto of "Fitness, Friendship and Fun".

Ivan Martinovich

WA Sport Minister Terry Waldron with National President John Pugh and MSWA State President Ivan Martinovich at the 2011 National Championships Welcome Function

The event banner

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2011 was an outstanding year for MSWA, the major highlight being the hosting of the fantastic National Championships after 2 fun-filled years of planning. The make-up of the Organising Committee unearthed a few more outstanding volunteers amongst our membership who hopefully will take on State roles in the future.

Another great achievement in 2011 was WA's 5% growth in membership (3.8% growth in 2010), which is a direct result from the funding investment from Healthway for our Project Coordinator. Nadine Georgiades has made an outstanding contribution to our organisation in her first year, not only managing the membership growth projects but assisting with marketing, promotions and a myriad of other tasks on an ongoing basis. It is an absolute pleasure to have Nadine as part of our team.

Most outcomes as planned in the 2011 Business Plan were successfully achieved, many with the President and/or Board members, State Officers and Project Coordinator.

These included many new initiatives or improvements:

- Membership Growth achievements - new Clubs Ballajura, Kwinana and Central Aquatic affiliated and Barracudas re-affiliated. Thornlie replaced Gosnells with affiliation including Forest Lakes village project participants. Bunbury grew after coaching clinic & promotions. Wanneroo established after much work. Sandgropers membership extended to metro swimmers
- New pop-up banners produced for all Clubs
- New pull-up banners produced (including old one re-done)
- Established new relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and extended overall support
- Achieved sponsorship funding from DSR for 2011 National Championships & increased annual funding
- Display conducted at World Sports Expo
- Swimming WA joint OWS event project investigated
- Regional Coaching Clinics (3) held in Bunbury, Albany & Esperance
- Bunbury have-a-go swim meet conducted and subsequent growth in Bunbury Club including qualified Coach and one in training
- Kay Cox scholarship redesigned and implemented
- New website developed by Project Coordinator through National Clubs Online database
- E-News now also produced by Nadine through Clubs Online database
- New Coaching Courses conducted
- New photocopier, Camera and Data projector purchased
- Clubs Online workshops conducted by National Operations Manager during Nationals and again in August
- Separation of Technical Officer role and responsibilities implemented
- New Merit & Excellence Service Awards established
- Secured GM of Volunteering WA as guest speaker for annual Presidents meeting
- Being part of Aquatics Facilities Strategic Planning steering group with Swimming WA, WA Water Polo & WA Diving

Ongoing projects included:

- 2008 FINA World Masters Championships financial legacy project ongoing with a further 3 rounds offered in 2011 – now included in Special Projects Funding Project
- 2011 Dale Alcock State OWS had stable participation numbers
- Successful coaches workshops (2) conducted
- 2011 Annual Awards function conducted in conjunction with BE ACTIVE State Swim presentations at Marmion Aquatic and Angling Club
- Volunteers appreciation included with Annual Awards function
- Continued successful relationship with Healthway with small increase in funding achieved
- Promotional advert in Rottnest Channel Swim program using brand promotions from brochure
- 2011/12 OWS calendar advertisers up from 34 to 36 advertisements
- Continued good relationship with DSR with positive feedback
- Relationships continued with Diabetes WA, Physical Activity Taskforce, Have a Go News, Challenge Stadium/VenuesWest
- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean Swim (front cover Nov edition), Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos
- Slightly lower participant numbers for BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean swim (60) after excellent promotion through November's Have a Go News front cover (annual arrangement which is worth $thousands)
- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Swimming WA, Rottnest Channel Swim Association, Surf Life Saving WA, Heart Foundation, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation, Volunteering WA

Thanks

I would like to especially thank the designated Club Contacts, whether they are Club secretaries or hold other positions, as they are my communication link to Club committees and to members through email and other communications and I rely on them to get information distributed accordingly.

Many thanks to volunteers Robyn Wilson (Stadium Snappers) and Jan Hull (Osborne Park) for doing special promotional work for MSWA during the year, it is much appreciated. Special thanks go also to former Technical Officer Judith Crawford (Somerset), Book-keeper Lynne Hunter (Belmont), Fiona Wilkins (Perth City) and the 2011 Nationals Organising Committee for their outstanding efforts in 2011. Additionally I cannot forget the fantastic efforts of Kim Tyler (Fremantle) and Elena Nesci (Claremont) for presenting the Coaching Courses and Workshops in such a professional and enthusiastic manner. Thanks also to Somerset (State OWS), Claremont (State Relay meet) and Fremantle (BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean swim) for coordinating and conducting these events on behalf of MSWA, they would not happen without you.

Lastly I would like to personally thank the Board team for their enthusiasm and ongoing support, however special thanks must go to President Ivan Martinovich, whose passion for our sport has contributed to our terrific working relationship. Special thanks to Sandra Mutch for her ongoing assistance with anything involving the internet and the web - the speed with which she operates is truly amazing! You all make my job so enjoyable and that much easier - we combine as a great team.

Wendy Holtom

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

Again this year we have been progressive in increasing overall numbers by nearly 5%, the only State to achieve membership growth.

A number of information sessions were held throughout the year at various venues to give general information on Masters swimming to prospective members. Results of the information nights have seen the formation of a number of new clubs. Those new clubs, Ballajura, Kwinana, Central Aquatic at Bayswater Waves and Barracudas who re-affiliated are all training and participating in Master events. Thornlie replaced Gosnells and combined with the junior Club and the Forest Lakes village project swimmers. Bunbury was given assistance with coaching and promotion which assisted their growth and Wanneroo is forming in numbers so their establishment is imminent as well. Work has also been done at Claremont aquatic centre to form a much needed club at that pool but so far numbers have wavered while pool space is at a premium with training for the annual Rotto swim. 2012 hopefully will see Southside Wesley forming a Masters Club under the one Club model. I hope to be able to add them to the new club list in the next annual report.

This year Wendy Holtom, competently assisted by our project coordinator Nadine Georgiades has accomplished much of the work required to get the membership growth and new Club outcomes that have been achieved. Their dedication and hard work is appreciated. A big thank-you to you both.

Compliments need to go to clubs for the retention of members and the growth in numbers to our sport. We compete against so many other sports for numbers, the only way we can grow is to outperform others and to keep offering our members an attractive and fun alternative.

Gary Bradley

Wanneroo Club is underway

Central Aquatic is too

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORT

As I have only recently taken on this position my report has been prepared in conjunction with Wendy Holtom who I sincerely thank for the help and support she offers. I also thank Lynne Hunter for the great job she does with the data entry and allocation.

The past year to 31 December 2011 has seen continued growth in our organisation and strength in our Financial position. The year ended with an Operating deficit of $10,870 but after interest received we realised a surplus of $2,432. Again this year a portion of the deficit arose from expenditure relating to grants to Clubs. This has been remedied for future reports with the remaining World Legacy funding now showing as a Liability in the Financial records and grants will no longer appear as expenses under the current period. Membership Income paid in 2011 for the 2012 year has also been correctly allocated as Funds in Advance in this set of Financials.

I am looking forward to my time on the Board of Management with MSWA working with a knowledgeable and supportive team.

Kaye Bolger

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING'S REPORT

(position vacant – covered in Executive Officer's and Director of Development's reports)

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING'S REPORT

With the increasing membership growth in Western Australia, there was a notable increase in participation at BACC's and other swimming events during the year. These events in most cases exceeded the expected number of entries. All events held during 2011 were run to high standard by our clubs.

One notable highlight during the year was the very successful 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships, 4 days of pool events followed by a 2km open water swim in Matilda Bay. The team of 44 Technical officials and numerous swimming and non-swimming timekeepers all worked tirelessly to make sure the meet ran smoothly. It was pleasing to have a large team of volunteers to offer their time and in some cases to forgo their own swimming to officiate at this event. The Pool official's team leaders were Judith Crawford, Hilary Arber, Ron Gray, Richard Hughes, Warren Cassidy and Lynne Duncan. The Open water event was coordinated by Elena Nesci.

Late 2011, 3 new positions were created to take on the tasks performed in the past by Technical Officer Judith Crawford. This new team will make coordinating of our events and training of officials more streamline: Technical Education Coordinator Ken Phillips, Pool Officials Coordinator Ron Gray and Open Water Officials Coordinator Scott Richardson.

Additionally I would like to acknowledge the continued work of our Swim Meet Coordinator Robyn Wilson.
Preparations are well into the advanced stages for the running of our State Swimming Championships in Bunbury. It will be a great opportunity to visit and support one of our country clubs. The pool and facilities are excellent and will make for an enjoyable event.

BACC'S and Masters Open Water events are run by the members of Masters Swimming WA, who conduct, organise, record and time-keep. Without the support of clubs and members these swimming events would not happen. Congratulations to all clubs for their efforts during the year.

Peter Maloney

The officials team at the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships

DIRECTOR OF COACHING'S REPORT

Accreditation of coaches

All the coaches who undertook the final Level 1 Masters Coaching Course in 2010 have now achieved accreditation.

The new Intro Coach and Club Coach courses were run for the first time in October and December 2011. Seven trainee coaches participated representing a spread of clubs from metro and country venues. Kim Tyler from Freo Fins presented at both courses and Elena Nesci from Claremont Gropers presented at the Club Coach course.

The format has completely changed from the L1M course and presents some challenges in content and time restraints. Feedback has been provided to Masters Swimming Australia on our experience running the new course and this is being considered by the National Coaching Committee.

Increase coaches' professional development and profile

Two workshops, on 16 July and 3 September, were presented by Elena Nesci from Claremont club, these were very well attended and successful.

'Tricia Summerfield

Intro Coach Course – October 2011

Intro Coach Course – October 2011

DIRECTOR OF RECORDING'S REPORT

Meet Manager and Team Manager software programs continued to be used successfully by clubs hosting or entering the Be Active Club Challenge (BACC) or Long Distance Swim events, along with the National Championships and the Dale Alcock State Open Water Swim.

The State hosted the National Swim Championships in 2011 and this was well attended by WA members.

Results from 8 Be Active Club Challenge events, plus 2 open pool events along with the 9 Long Distance Swims were uploaded to the National Results and Records Portal on the day each event was held.

The State Records Officer (Lillian Hadley) accepted 187 State records (124 Long course and 63 Short course) set by 55 individuals from 18 Clubs (85 female and 102 male), as well as 37 relay records (24 Short course and 13 Long course). Clubs recording more than 13 records Individual records were led by Claremont 59, Stadium Snappers 26, Mandurah 22, Riverton 15, Maida Vale 14, Westcoast 14 and Somerset 13. Freestyle records totalled 47, Breaststroke 42, Backstroke 42, Butterfly 36 and Individual Medley 20.

Ryan Spencer (WMH) set 15 State records, Pamela Walter (WSU) 9, Tony Stanton (WAB) 9, Eleanor Parsons (WSU) and Graham Cragg (WAM) 8, Carol-Ann Infante (WCR) and Carolyn Gorrick (WCM) 7.

National Records consisted of 15 Individual and 3 Relay records (set by Claremont). Carolyn Gorrick (WCM) and Joyce O'Farrell (WSM) 3, John Fussell (WOP), Vic Paul (WBP) and Glad McGough (WMV) 2, with Jeremy Allen (WSM), Persis Rae (WIW) and Ryan Spencer (WMH) 1.

Meet Manager/Team Manager was again used to record Club time trial swims for uploading into the National Portal for the State Top Ten. The total number of Clubs submitting times for the Top Ten were down, no doubt due to more swimmers participating in BACC events. Aerobic swim submissions were also down for the year.

The New Aerobics Program (Endurance 1000) should be available mid-2012.

I wish to thank Lillian for doing a marvellous job in having the records accepted and printed ready for handing out at Council of Clubs meetings, as well as putting together the statistics for the yearly report.

The Dale Alcock Open Water Swims series consisted of 10 events run by Masters Swimming Clubs and the Dale Alcock State Open Water Swim, the results from these, were compiled into the Dale Alcock Open Water Swim Series.

A successful workshop was held to train new and continuing club captains and recorders in the use of Team Manager, and this was followed up by a Meet Manager workshop aimed at clubs holding BACC or Long Distance swim meets.

Sandra Mutch

Team Manager workshop – July 2011

Clubs Online workshop – August 2011

NATIONAL DELEGATE'S REPORT

I attended the two National Board Meetings in April (Perth) and October (Melbourne) in 2011.

Masters Swimming Australia has a new President, Craig Smith, and a new Board member Therese Crollick. Craig was an existing member of the NBM and Therese has been the President of Masters Swimming Queensland since 2007. Earlier this year John Pugh stepped down as president of Masters Swimming Australia and was recognised with a Life Membership of the organisation. He has held positions on the National Management Committee and Board for twelve years. He served as president for six of those years. His commitment to the organisation and his protection of its interests has been above and beyond what would normally be expected for a person in that voluntary position.

Earlier this year and after two years of work the new coaching curriculum was ready for branches to deliver. The original Level 1M has now been broken into 2 shorter courses, reading and online learning to gain the first level coaching accreditation. WA has now run the first of these new courses and as a result lots of feedback has been sent to the national Office.

A new look website design for all of our eight masters swimming websites is happening now. Masters Swimming WA has launched their new website. Hopefully you will find the site easier to use and the information you need easier to find. The change in design means a "whole of sport" approach to our online identity and introduces interactive and social media opportunities for the membership.

Also related to technical matters, the National Board decided that from 1 September, 2011 (2012 registrations) all member registrations should be via the online (Clubs Online) portal. This has greatly cut down the time and resources of State Administrators and Clubs and has been hailed a great success.

It has been a long time coming, but the revised Aerobic program, now known as **Endurance 1000**, is ready to be launched in 2012. It is web based (accessed by the internet) with some minor improvements to the program. 74 Clubs took part in the Aerobics program in 2010 and a similar number were involved again this year. The **Endurance 1000** program is designed to encourage people to participate in distances from 400 metres to 60 minutes duration in a variety of strokes. The program is entirely optional and to achieve the required goals (which relate to gender and age groupings) the swims are done over an extended part of the calendar year. As a result, you need a certain level of aerobic fitness in order to complete the individual event requirements. The program is a very popular club activity to encourage endurance swimming throughout the year.

Lynne Malone

Claremont - the top point-scoring club at the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships

2011 MASTERS SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lots of smiling faces and happy members - this positive comment was heard time and time again in Perth, both during and after the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships which were held from 27th April – 1st May.

Members from throughout Australia travelled to Western Australia, some enjoyed holidays before or after the swim meet, and some just enjoyed the great event conducted by the WA Organising Committee on behalf of Masters Swimming Australia. The Organising Committee lead by Fiona Wilkins was outstanding in their attention to detail during the planning stages and subsequent event coordination, and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenges they faced in the lead-up to the event, and the fun meetings!

The atmosphere around the pool and river was fun and the WA volunteer team, resplendent in their red shirts, provided swimmers and officials with excellent service, starting from the Registration session and Welcome Function held on Tuesday 26th April, and through the daily events to the Presentation Function on 1st May, and all with a smile. The daily newsletter Aqua Antics added to the great atmosphere.

The officials team in their pale blue shirts, made up mainly from WA technical officials but with a some great inter-state assistance, did a sterling job and are to be congratulated once again.

The WA volunteers and officials were officially thanked at the MSWA annual awards function held on Sunday 26th June after having been invited as guests in appreciation of their wonderful efforts.

There were many outstanding swims, including those who set National and WA State records, the relays were great fun as usual, however the most pleasing achievements were from members who participated at a National swim meet for the first time.

The amazing Organising Committee at the presentation function at Royal Perth Yacht Club:
Front L-R: Heather Whitehead, Lorraine Quayle, Lynne Malone, Ivan Martinovich
Back L-R: Wendy Holtom, Kim Klug, Nick Wyatt, Elena Nesci, Peter Maloney, Fiona Wilkins, Sandra Mutch

Announcer Andrea Williams on Day 3 – Royal Wedding Day

National Board members plus 1 (WA's President Ivan Martinovich) - the Branch Relay

CLUB REPORTS

ALBANY

The club now has a new Website www.albanymastersswimming.org.au . It is hoped that the new site will provide lots of information about our club and its many activities, to the big wide world out there.

Coupled with this we have come up with a plan to enlist the help of the Medical Profession as a means of inviting people to participate in swimming with our club to improve their health and fitness. A type of business card will be produced with enough information to entice future members get in touch. They will be distributed to all the Health centres in the City. Physcisians, Physiotherapists and Chiropractors have all shown interest in this idea. Looks promising!! So here is hoping! Lots of follow up work to be done. We have a good committee keen to help the club do well.

The National championships in Perth proved very successful for our club with Tony Stanton picking up 4 Gold Medals, 2 Silver and a Bronze and Margaret Feldman and Maureen Hanna the other 2 stand out performers for the club both picking up Bronze medals. Well done swimmers.

Maureen Hanna also completed an amazing feat of endurance this year. She swam a 5000m Medley.That is pretty good for a lady who only started swimming in 2003. Must have been painful!

This years' City of Albany 4 km Harbour Swim is on again Easter Saturday 7 April. We have stepped up and decided to use Swimming WA Open Water Swimming Equipment and IPICO Timing this year. WA Swimming will conduct the Registrations via the Net.

A link will be provided soon on Masters Swimming WA's site and our own Albany Masters Swimming web page to enable competitors to enter and pay online. We believe this will provide prompt results at the finish line. Sausage sizzle will be available at the finish line. So come join us for a day of Fitness, Friendship and Fun in Albany 7th April.

Joop van Kooten – President

ARMADALE

It has been another great year for Armadale Masters. We were fortunate to receive funding from MSWA to purchase a laptop, which we now use to record our aerobics and other swim times. It is really helpful having a designated computer for all club business.

To help boost our bank balance we booked to do a Bunning's sausage sizzle last September which proved to be highly successful. We had four club members rostered on for a 90-minute shift and we were busy all day. We plan to do it again this year.

Being a club that has a summer training pool in Armadale but come winter we have to move to Lesmurdie and this does make it a little difficult when it comes to attracting new members. We were pleased to welcome two new members this month, which is a good start to the year.

It is great to see club members taking part in events like the Virtual Rottnest and the Busselton Jetty and other ocean swims. Part of our summer training has been to swim at Coogee with some members choosing to swim the 3ks while other swim the 1.5k and walk back. This has been great for new members who have not done many of the ocean swims as it has given them the confidence to enter some of the open water swims. These morning training sessions have been well attended and the BBQ breakfast after is always a bonus.

The presentation dinner held at Roley's on the Ridge was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. We also had our annual winter evening at Araluen in Brisbane Cottage with a real log fire to keep us warm.

Liz Dunn – President

BELMONT

Belmont has had another fun year, welcomed new members, and sadly fare-welled a Life member, Pat Strachan, who passed away. During 2011 our members participated in many of the BACC and Open Water Swim events, including a large contingent who braved the rough seas of the Busselton Jetty Swim, a few courageous members who battled the Rottnest Swim, and another 3 members who participated in the Busselton Half Ironman competition.

Belmont held its first short course 400/800m BACC event in August. A big test for the new Marshall at "deck seeding", and our new Club Recorder at managing a meet, was met with Belmont's usual "have-a-go" attitude and all who attended praised the club for an enjoyable event. Many thanks to Sandra for easing us through the process. Unfortunately the pool is not an accurate 25m distance, so this will also be our last short course event.

Our big annual fund raiser, a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in November, was again a success, ensuring that the club can continue to provide members with equipment and services and keep membership costs down. A Government grant provided in 2010/11 allowed the club to purchase some much needed replacement equipment and coaching tools during the year.

We look forward to 2012 and the memories yet to be made.

Yvette Ballard – President

BUNBURY

This year began with a membership of nine swimmers and ended on a very promising note with fifteen members.

The Open Water swims are always very well supported. The Busselton Jetty and the Mandurah Canals were tough this year. The most popular supported swim is always the Rhonda Brennan Memorial Swim which includes our weaker OW swimmers. The highlight of the year was the National Championships in Perth, with Marie Harris and Margaret Moylett both collecting medals, and Brian Hall also the State 50m breaststroke record for his age group.

Two members are completing the Coaching Course which is very good for the club. Pam Hall and Ian Mason are both keen with their coaching sessions.

Sadly Thelma Sharp's husband David passed away in April. He was a past member and was still a very active helper with the club. A memorial swim was held for him at Koombana Bay in November.

With the State Championships to look forward to at the SWSC in March, the future of the club is looking very good.

Margaret Moylett – Secretary/Recorder

The Have a Go Swim Meet in Bunbury – July 2001

CARINE

2011 Highlights include –

- The successful Australia Day Swim – 425 competitors! Thanks to volunteers - members, friends, family, and Rotarians, Scarboro Surf Lifesaving Club for water safety and facilities and Referees: Jude Crawford and Warren Cassidy. Donations were made to – Huntington's WA and the McCusker Alzheimer's Foundation and Rotary. A good day had by all!
- The National Swim in Perth. A small team competed with Swim Records set by Carol-Ann Infante and Vanessa Holman and in the Women's 240+ Freestyle Relay. Carine members were prominent as volunteers – notably on the Help Desk distributing Medals and information; newsletter Editor Jane Laws; and among technical officials poolside – Kay Cox, David Laws, David Davies and Lynne Malone.
- Successful applications to: MSWA Special Projects fund purchased a faster Laptop computer; and a grant from Healthway to assist with safety at the Australia Day Swim 2012. Members earned club funds as volunteers at the Pink Triathlon.
- Competed in and enjoyed 5 Be Active Club Challenges and the State Relay carnival – with pleasing results. Some members also attended the Have a Go Swim in Bunbury.

Margaret Roffman – President

FREMANTLE

Another fantastic year of achievements for the Freo Fins with many members participating in a wide variety of events, both pool and ocean throughout 2011. A strong Open Water presence by the FINS is to be commended with weekly swims held at Cottesloe beach on Sunday mornings through winter (weather permitting, though in the true spirit of the Club nothing stops our WIMPS from getting wet) and summer. The FINS have a record number of Soloists (8) entered in the 2012 Rottnest Challenge swim, Duos (5) and one Team of four. Our Rotto and OWS swimmers are an inspiration to us all in their dedication to their training programme, under the guidance of our excellent and committed Coaches in Kim Tyler, Alan de lacey, and Kay Jones; themselves all very accomplished open water swimmers. Our swimmers have continued to improve in their stroke technique and endurance and the hard work and commitment of our Coaches showed in the FINS results in the State Championships and BACC interclub's.

Our much esteemed member, Jack Busch was awarded Life Membership of Masters Swimming WA in recognition of all his hard work and dedication to Masters Swimming. In October 2011 we held our own BACC and, as in recent years, we can confidently boast the best 'feast' of all the BACC's thanks go to all our members who contributed to a fantastic lunch.

Several of our members competed in the 2011 Masters Games in Alice Springs and had a great time and of course swum very well representing the FINS. The FINS had representatives at the Nationals in 2011 that won medals and also set a new state/national relay record.

The FINS membership continues to grow with approximately 103 members in 2011.

Worth mentioning is our most successful 2011 Freo Ports Swim Thru coordinated with excellent Club support and also again supported by our main sponsor Fremantle Port Authority with many other sponsors contributing to a great range of prizes and a good day out. The weather and conditions was just excellent. The FINS support two charities from this event being St Pat's and the Freo Street Doctor.

In the true spirit of the FINS our social calendar has been busy with the annual Lords on Shelley Cricket Match held annually on New Years Day, with much fun and good spirited FINS competiveness and rivalry. The Annual Australia Day Pie Night was held and a New Party also to introduce new members to existing members, a great idea. Each person was asked to wear something 'new' and the Op Shops were a good option, with some interesting items worn. The Annual Christmas Breakfast Presentations was held at Clancy's Fish Pub in Fremantle on 17 December and a Progressive Dinner is scheduled to be held in March 2012 and a good turn-out is expected with the Rotto Swim on the back burner until next year.

Thanks to all our members, coaches and committee for making Freo FINS one of the best and a very progressive Club in Masters Swimming WA.

Trish Miller - Secretary

INGLEWOOD

Inglewood Masters remained stable in numbers this year despite efforts to attract new members through newspaper advertisements in a local paper. This is a worry as the numbers in the club do not make it financial viable.

The Club celebrated its 33nd anniversary with a picnic at Banks Reserve, Mt Lawley which was enjoyed by all, with the spoils of the wine raffle being enjoyed by some on the spot. The Club Person of the Year award was made to Noelle James who, despite her hip replacement operation, continued to put out our newsletters and generally be her helpful self. The other presentation of the President's Trophy was won by Wendy Whittome. Our president Nathan Walker kindly donated our new shield for this award.

A number of members continued to participate in the open water swims, and these swims certainly form an incentive for training. Two members completed the Geographe Bay swim as solos and one member completed the Rottnest Channel swim as part of a team. Great effort.

Other members competed at the Nationals held at Challenge Stadium in April, which were enjoyed by all. Irene Dembo was our sole medal winner for her 50m backstroke, but various others did PBs which is always an achievement.

The aerobic program continues to be enjoyed by many, with it certainly acting as an prompt to do regular and longer swims. Aerobic Trophy winners were Ruth Andrew and Fred van Andel.

The Club held two lawn bowling nights during the year which were much enjoyed, as were occasional dinners after training on Tuesday nights.

Our Club Committee was elected following our AGM at the Wah Sun Restaurant: Nathan Walker – President; Olwyn Brown – Vice-President; Ruth Andrew – Secretary; Hugh Smith – Treasurer; Irene Dembo – Recorder and Noelle James – Publicity Officer. We were pleased to add Trevor Wainstein as a coach, and Trevor completed the coaching course during the year. Abby Brown won the Most Improved Swimmer award (as well as getting married this year). Congratulations to all.

Ruth Andrew - Secretary

LEISUREPARK

- Leisurepark Masters continued to grow and consolidate its position during 2011. New members keep appearing and it was gratifying to see some of the original members return after work commitments had kept them away.
- A small number of members participated in the BACC events throughout the year and managed to swim well for the club. Many members are just happy to swim to improve their strokes or for fitness and fun without competing.
- Two members participated in the National Championships in April and produced outstanding personal best results.
- We hosted another very successful 400/800m swim in July.
- The main social event throughout the year was a Swim and Pizza afternoon which proved very popular with members and we managed to get through many pizzas.
- Our main fundraising event was a day cooking and selling sausages at Bunnings. All members contributed to make it a very successful day.
- We were also fortunate enough to receive sponsorship funds from Healthway which enabled us to purchase hats and drink bottles for everyone.
- The year finished with a great Christmas dinner and Trophy night at one members' house and it was terrific to see nearly every member present.

Kaye Harvey - President

MAIDA VALE

As a Life Member of this great club it always gives me pleasure to reflect on another successful year of fitness and fun in the foothills and to continue to promote the terrific pleasures and benefits of swimming to anyone prepared to join us and take the life changing plunge!

Our club- once again- had a very enthusiastic committee which worked really hard to maintain a great balance of training, coaching, competitive swimming and, most of all, our wonderful social atmosphere – something our club has always been recognized for.

The 2011 National Championships held so efficiently here in Perth, were a massive highlight on the club's swimming calendar. For some of our members, the championships were the first such major swimming competitions they had been a part of. The whole event was memorable and all our members who participated – either as swimmers or officials – enjoyed the experience immensely, in particular, the opportunity to perform at a national level.

In November the Club proudly celebrated the 25th Lake Leschenaultia Swim-Around and once again, with great team-work and hard- working volunteers (both at club and state level) successfully ran our iconic event in the hills. The on-going support of all our sponsors and loyal competitors is very much appreciated.

Most of our members regularly participate in the BACC and distance events, and a small, but enthusiastic group participate in the open water events. We also have several members who train regularly for fitness and pleasure, preferring not to compete, but they are always on hand to help out when needed and join in with the club's activities.

As a club we were very proud to have 2 of our members nominated by Masters Swimming WA as possible recipients in the ANZ Sports Star Awards. Ceinwen Williams was nominated as a Masters Swimmer in the Sports Star Awards for successfully completing a solo crossing of the English Channel in August and Lynne Duncan – our long-time club secretary - was nominated in the May Campbell Service to Sport category. As these 2 members are also my daughter and my sister, I am a particularly proud President of Maida Vale Masters and look forward to another great year in this wonderful club.

Andrea Williams – President

A celebration of shirts from Maida Vale's annual Lake Swim

MANDURAH

Administration – Club AGM was held on the 20th March 2011. Draft by-laws were passed by the meeting. Two club members were nominated for life membership and accepted. Club numbers up from last year with membership at the end of year reaching 82. Started running open water coordinating committee for club ocean swim. Funding sought and received for the club ocean swim and club safety initiatives through sports medicine WA and Healthway. Working on maintaining good mix of pool / ocean swimming with challenges, and social activities. Online registration promoted within the club.

Coaching – Club working towards developing coaching team to meet and plan coaching program for year considering open water and pool swimming commitments. Five people are available for coaching or assisting swimmers on training nights. Focus has been drills to develop technique, at least look good in the water.

Swimming – thirteen members participated in Nationals pool and open water events. MSWA State pool championships, and open water event attracted more swimmers in 2011. Club supported BACC events and the Have a Go event in Bunbury. Two teams of six from club participated in the Geo swim from Dunsborough to Busselton. A team of six swimmers travelling to Europe to swim the English channel in 2012. Open water swimming year round is becoming more popular at local beach and is a club activity.

Events - Club is hosting its first ocean swim off the Silver Sands beach, 19th Feb, 1500m / 3000m split, after running the Cambria Island swim for 8 years. Club is also hosting a BACC and a 1500m swimming event in 2012.

Wayne Cable - President

MELVILLE

We have had another successful year at Melville Masters. We finished the year with 88 swimming members, which is the same as the previous year. Thanks to the many volunteers who make the club run successfully, from those who turn up each Thursday night to time-keep, marshal and start, to our coaches who run the training sessions, and to the committee who all perform their jobs admirably.

We attended 3 BACC carnivals during the year – our own in April, Mandurah in June and Fremantle in October. At our own carnival we had 170 swimmers from 12 clubs. We were also represented by 11 swimmers and a quite a number of officials and helpers at the National Swim in Perth.

The Hella BBB River swim was held on 20 November and the conditions were perfect for the 1600m and 5km swim. Again, members turned out to support the event and make it successful. Members also competed in a number of other Open Water Swims throughout the year.

A new event this year was the MS Swim at Melville Aquatic Centre on September 25 in which we entered a team. Our team completed the most laps on the day, and raised over 6 thousand dollars for MS.

The club's major fundraiser for the year was a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, an event which I am sure we will repeat in the future.

Our coaching sessions have been very well attended throughout the year. Our Tuesday morning sessions continue to be popular, but lane space is still an issue. For this reason the group has been swimming at South Beach during the summer, instead of in the pool. The Wednesday night and Saturday morning sessions are well attended, with up to 30 swimmers at some sessions. In summer, Saturday swimmers have the option of a coaching session in the pool, or a swim at Coogee Beach.

Socially we had the annual Memorial Swim at Rockingham followed by lunch and trophy presentation at Gordon and Noela's; a trip to Jurien Bay for the Baullanger Island Swim; Rottnest weekend, lawn bowls and dinner at Mt Pleasant Bowling Club, and of course, a hearty meal night on the first Thursday of each month.

Rhonda Maloney - President

OSBORNE PARK

Osborne Park Masters Swimming Club Inc enjoyed another successful year of *fitness, friendship and fun* in 2011. Our membership was maintained at 72 with an additional 4 social members. The highlight of the year was participating in the Masters Swimming National Championships held in Perth from 26 April to 1 May 2011. 38 members participated and achieved the great result of 43 medals in the individual swims, 7 relay medals and 5 in the Open Water swim to achieve a 4th place overall. Relay age group trophies were won by Osborne Park in 280+ and 320+ age groups. We also were proud to have Heather Whitehead our Vice President involved as Volunteers Co-ordinator within the organising committee for such a friendly and well run meet.

We participated in 4 "Be Active" Club Challenges. Westcoast Masters in March, Swan Hills in July, Stadium Snappers in September and we successfully upheld our tradition of winning our own carnival in November held at Tuart College. Claremont Masters hosted the Golden Groper State Relay Carnival in August. This is always a friendly and well organised event and our club was able to come 2nd to the hosts.

We wish to thank all members who helped out either by swimming, timekeeping or officiating in all of these carnivals. A special mention should be made of John Lockley who was the Meet Director for our own carnival. He ensured all the right people were in the right place at the right time and consequently it was a great success. John Fussell also deserves a special mention for setting a National Record in 50m Backstroke at the Osborne Park BACC.

A huge thank you to our Club Captains Ian Jennison, John Musty and Kerensa Allason for a great job in ensuring good participation and organising the relays for the National swim and all BACC events. Thank you to our Fitness Director Susette Pow and all our coaches who ensured all swimmers enjoyed their training and helped them achieve many PBs over 2011.

Up to a dozen Osborne Park members participated regularly in the Dale Alcock Open Water Swim series with Eli Kitay, Pat Nicholl, Helen Morris and Jeff Morris winning the age groups. Our club also has an award for Open Water Swims in memory of a former member Lyn Ames and the 2011 winner was Pat Nicholl.

Other award winners were presented at our Christmas Party. Helen Morris won the John Ames Award for a 50m Handicap swim. Pat Nicholl was our winner for the John Hull Memorial Award for participation. Our Swimmer of the Year was Jon Jessop for his enthusiastic participation at training, BACCs and for his Rottnest Channel solo swim. Our Club Person of the Year was Jeff Morris.

Financially our club remains in a good position due to our successful fundraising with regular raffles and a Bunnings sausage sizzle to help subsidise the entry costs towards the National swim. Thanks also to our social co-ordinator Marion Woolston, we enjoyed a busy social calendar.

From 11 July 2011 our club has been based at Bayswater Waves due to the renovation at Beatty Park. Whilst unfortunately some members haven't been able to travel the extra distance, we wish to thank the management at Bayswater Waves for helping to arrange a smooth transition and we have been lucky enough to gain a few more members who are actively participating in all club activities.

We look forward to more great swimming in 2012 in April and wish everyone associated with Masters Swimming WA a happy and healthy 2012.

Jeff Morris – President

Osborne Park members managed the Registration tasks with their usual expertise at the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships

SOMERSET

2011 was International Year of the Volunteer, and we recognise that our Club would not function without volunteers. Thank you very much all Committee members and those members who did extra things that made our Club better.

Club members were involved in many activities during the year including the Busselton Jetty Swim, the Rottnest Channel Swim (and we congratulate new Somerset Legend Al Prodger on completing a solo crossing), the Dale Alcock State Open Water Swim (which we ran for MSWA under the leadership of Stephen Cooper), the Melville, Mandurah and Fremantle BACCs, the National MSA Meet, the Somerset 1500 m Carnival (under the leadership of Wendy Vance and Kelley Whisson), the State Relay Carnival, the Geo Bay Swim (and congratulations to Murray Corp who completed it), the Anaconda Adventure Race, swimming the Croatian coast, the Cocos Island Swim, the Busselton Iron Man (congratulations to Scott Richardson for completing his third Ironman, and first in Australia) and the Narrogin Masters Carnival.

Somerset was very proud to see long-time member Jude Crawford be awarded Life Membership of MSWA and Coach of the Year. Shortly afterwards she set off on her grey nomad trip around Australia that she has been planning for some time. We wish her the best in her travels.

Somerset hopes that 2012 will prove to be another successful and fun year.

Michelle Loftus (President) and Jeremy Allen (Secretary)

STADIUM SNAPPERS

This year, the Club approved Bylaws to its constitution (modified in 2010). These include matters, which assist the running of the club but are not in the constitution. In this way such matters can be modified without the formal procedures involved in constitutional amendments.

An increase in Challenge Stadium lane hire charges (steady increases for the next several years), and the increase in the fees for registration of members with Masters Swimming WA caused the club to reduce the number of lanes it hires, and engage in new fund-raising activities. At the end of 2011 the Club has 79 members – somewhat less than at the end of 2010, but it is too early to tell if increased fees have caused a drop in membership.

The club's pool swimming results were most favourable: firsts in the BACC interclub competitions at Newman Churchlands and Challenge Stadium, 4th at Melville, 2nd at Swan Hills and Fremantle. This year was a special year in that the National Masters Swimming Championships were held in Perth and these doubled as the State Masters Swimming Championships. The Snappers swimmers swam well and the club was 6th nationally and 3rd in WA. Along the way Snappers set some state records! As a preliminary to the Nationals club swimmers had taken part in a "swim to the nationals" and in the 11 months swam a total of about 5,700 km.

Many Snappers were involved in other pool swims i.e. the middle and long distance events (including the 1500 m event which the club hosts). A significant number of Snappers took part in many of the open water swims in the 2010/11 programme and have already started to participate in the 2011/12 programme. In addition to pool and open water swimming competitions, there is a considerable involvement in aerobic swimming. The club's 2010 performance in the national competition was 2nd nationally, and 1st in WA!

The club continues its WA community involvement (e.g. swimathon for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, and collection for the Alzheimers Association). The social programme is as vibrant as ever.

We look forward to 2012, the 20th anniversary of the founding of the club.

Barry Green – President

SUPERFINS

2011 was a very busy year for our Masters swimmers as well as for our parent club Superfins WA Inc.

Masters membership grew from 7 to 13 and will continue to grow in 2012 and beyond.

We attended our allocated BACC swims and enjoyed the competition and the opportunity to socialize with other swimmers. Only 1 of our swimmers was available to represent Superfins at the 2011 National Championships due to many of the other Masters swimmers attending the Telkom South African Nationals in Port Elizabeth followed by a 10 day sightseeing tour of several places including Victoria Falls.

We intend to send a much larger contingent to the State Championships in Bunbury in March 2012.

Our club was involved in many social activities including a games afternoon, dinner and movie nights and attending Wicked. At our awards dinner Mischa Beckett was named as Masters Swimmer of 2011. We held many fundraising events including sausage sizzles at Bunnings, footy tipping, a quiz night and chocolate drives.

I wish to acknowledge the work done, both as coach and as Masters Contact and organizer of Katya Anderson. She has done an outstanding job in making our Master's program such a success.

Thanks also to Master Swimming WA and its members for their support on pool deck.

Janice Saunders – President

Thornlie

After many months of negotiation Gosnells AUSSI is now part of the Thornlie Club operating out of the Gosnells Leisure World Pool. It has been an amalgamation that has many benefits for both Clubs.

Our qualified Referee Ron Gray has been assisting the under 18 swimmers by officiating at Club Nights and he also was a key official at the Swim Dive Try meet held for younger swimmers from Clubs and schools around the local suburbs. Gail Gray even came out of "retirement to assist at this event.

There are swimmers attending the Tuesday Club nights for time trials and for general social swimming. It is interesting to see Masters Swimmers competing against 8 year olds and similar. It brings out the best in all the Club swimmers.
There is also a training session every Thursday evening but our main success in 2011 has been the involvement of Coach Pam Badani and her "Lifestyle" group of swimmers. There has been a tremendous improvement in the swimming skills of this Thursday morning group and also a fair amount of drama as Pam was involved in a successful resuscitation when one of group had a major problem. Thankfully Pam's skills saved a life. Well done Pam.

We are looking to grow in 2012 and already there are plans for our swimmers to compete in Masters Events and the occasional Swimming WA Events. We have access to new club swim caps, new shirts, bathers and all Masters Members receive the Thornlie Newsletter which does have a Masters Page included.

In short all is good.

Ron Gray - Vice President

Thornlie Masters Coach Pam Badani holding her award certificates for saving Helen McPherson (in white)
-with fellow Thornlie Masters Club members

WESTCOAST

What a tumultuous year it has been! One filled with amazing highs and some somber lows! We had a very good year with memberships and member involvement, welcomed new family members (quite a year for babies) and unfortunately fare-welled some dear friends and family members. It is at times like this that the wonderful club spirit shines through.

Our committee worked very well together to ensure smooth operations throughout the year. With the help of our fundraising efforts, we have kept our heads above the water. These efforts are essential to help us cover our lane fees, which are increasing annually. John has done a fantastic job keeping is in the black and ensuring that we have funds to cover all our requirements.

All administrative tasks have been completed by the ever efficient Barb, Marge and Mirelda. These ladies have worked wonderfully behind the scenes to assist in keeping us on track. Gary and Kim were once again responsible for the running of a winning BACC interclub carnival. They were ably assisted by Lozza and Caroline slaving behind the keyboards and by Rel and Steve, out in the scorching sun, in the marshalling area. A very big thank you must go to all other members who assisted in this event.

Our coaching calendar was once again a very successful one, with thanks going to both Caryn and Alan for keeping our program going so well and a big thank you to all thirty plus members who gave up their time to assist pool side, providing the club with some diverse programs and such a variety of coaching styles.

Carnival involvement was well supported and a great job was done by Karen W for coordinating entries and all that goes with carnival entries – even if she wasn't competing herself. We had good entries in the State Open Water event and Nationals and great support from non swimmers assisting with timekeeping at the event.

Our social scene again provided lots of laughs and great camaraderie, as experienced by those who attended the functions organised by Peta and Steph. Lisa and Lynette made sure that we were the best dressed club on the island and we look forward to new bathers in 2012!!

As my term in office draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two years and wish the incoming committee all the very best with the challenges and delights that lie ahead.

Viki Shelver – President

National Service Awards presented at the Presentation Function for the 2011 Masters Swimming National Championships on 1st May 2011

WA's Lynne Malone receiving her 10 year service award from outgoing National President John Pugh

WA's Judith Crawford receiving her 5 year service award

APPENDIX 1

Investment Account Statement

DATE	Income	Withdrawals	BALANCE	TRANSACTION DETAILS
23 Feb 2005	$123,500.00		$123,500.00	Initial Deposit
1 Nov 2005	$10.00		$123,510.00	1 account share
31 Dec 2005	$5,262.37		$128,772.37	Interest to 31.12.05
10 Aug 2006		$970.00	$127,802.37	Contribution to purchase of Meet Manager software
10 Aug 2006	$3,510.39		$131,312.76	Shares sale
10 Nov 2006		$2,000.00	$129,312.76	Contribution to Membership Growth Project
31 Dec 2006	$7,710.22		$137,022.98	Interest to 31.12.06 (12 months)
July 2007		$2,000.00	$135,022.98	Contribution to Website Development Project
31 Dec 2007	$8,468.94		$143,491.92	Interest to 31.12.07 (12 months)
Aug 2008		$2,000.00	$141.491.92	Contribution to new computer & software
Aug 2008	$35,000.00		$176,491.92	2008 FINA World Masters Legacy
31 Dec 2008	$12,859.65		$189,351.57	Interest to 31.12.08 (12 months)
March 2009		$2,500.00	$186,851.57	2008 FINA World Masters Legacy withdrawl
June 2009		$32,510.00	$154,341.57	2008 FINA World Masters Legacy withdrawl (Balance transferred to CBA Ops A/c))
Nov 2009		$2,000.00	$152,341.57	Contribution to L1M Coaching Course
31 Dec 2009	$8,896.55		$161,238.12	Interest to 31.12.09 (12 months)
March 2010		$2,000.00	$163,888.88	Director of Coaching to National Conference
31 Dec 2010	$7,751.37		$166,989.49	Interest to 31.12.10 (12 months)
March 2011		$1,500.00	$165,489.49	Special Project
31 Dec 2011	$10,425.56		$175,915.05	Interest to 31.12.11 (12 months)

APPENDIX 2

Financial Statements

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