

Welcome Back Bidgee Masters!

Life in the Bidgee Masters Club is very laid back and enjoyable. Based in Griffith, NSW and nearly 600 kms south west of Sydney some of our members travel up to 160 kms a round trip just to attend training.

The day time jobs of our members vary greatly – a crop duster/geophysical surveyor, farmers, a wine expert, teachers, business people, a vet, and two retired people who play sport and travel. Unfortunately for the past three years we haven't had a coach so the members tended to train individually. The one day of the year that we all got together was for our AGM followed by our Christmas party at one of our famous Italian restaurants.

Over the past few years Bidgee Masters club did participate in the mighty Barellan Masters Games (population 328), a great country experience, and the MS Mega Swim in Leeton but only two members continued competing in State and National events.

Membership had declined by 2014 until NSW Masters decided to step in and organise The Grape Escape 2015 to be held in Griffith as the first event for the Masters 40th Birthday celebration year. Immediately there was a sense of excitement and purpose for the Bidgee team, memberships rose and we all trained individually for the stroke correction clinic and the mini meet.

The Grape Escape weekend was a great success and to our absolute delight, Masters NSW decided to send a coach to help us.

The first of June 2015 was our first training session since 2011 and it was just excellent training with a group and having a coach to correct and praise efforts. Official training will be once a month but members will meet weekly if possible as well as continuing to train individually.

The Bidgee club has been reinvigorated and thanks to NSW Masters Swimming for this marvellous opportunity.

