

2015 National Championships - Hobart

MSTAS sourced and trialled an online registration, Club Assistant from the USA. The system is hired for a swim meet and there were many features we discovered in using program. The idea that we could have a one-shop stop with entries and merchandise for both swimmers and non-swimmers was a bonus. We were also able to leave the relay system open until midday on the 1st day of the meet as often clubs have to rearrange relay teams at the last minute.



We were pleased with the numbers of entries, 593 swimmers from 94 clubs. That equated to 4244 individual entries, 276 relay teams (with 1103 relay swimmers) and 11657 split times. The 18-24 age group had 15 swimmers and the oldest age group 90-94 had 2 swimmers with the most numbers in the 55-59 age group with 55 swimmers. 88 swimmers entered the 11 maximum entries 43 entered just 1 event with the 81 entering the average of 7 individual events.

Swimmers were able to check their results either on the result's board or on SwimPhone at the end of each event and at the end of each day on the Results/Records Portal. There were 110 individual national records either set or broken, including 3 world records and 15 relay records.

The organisation of the meet was done with a small group of seven people, in a lead up time of 14 months for entries to open and then the next few months another 2 joined the group and we set about getting the day to day things completed. MSTAS was well supported by the Hobart City Council who had a change of management in the last few months and there was a massive effort by the HCC and the pool staff to get the pool ready for the event.

We were also pleased to see the media interest in the event as we had TV and newspaper reports as well as radio interviews in the lead up to the swim and over the 4 days of the meet. The take up of social media for this event was greater than expected and also added to the fun, especially on the last night at the Presentation Dinner on the waterfront.

A big thank you to the swimmers and their supporters of the swim, the organisations and businesses around Hobart, Events Tasmania, Swimming Tasmania and the Hobart Aquatic Centre, the interstate officials and the hard working members of the southern Tassie clubs who put in many hours behind the scenes.

