

MALVERN MARLINS AUGUST REPORT

In August six intrepid Marlins travelled to Kazan, Russia for the 16th World Masters Swimming Championships. The Marlins' team of **Peter Couttie** (85-89), **John Stanton** (65-69), **Gerry Tucker** (65-69), **Judy Gregory** (70-74), **Jan Jeffrey** (65-69) and 2nd claimer **Tracy Clarkson** (65-69) were amongst 3,000 competitors from 76 countries.

Jan Jeffrey broke her own LC World Record for 200m breaststroke taking 0.34 seconds off her previous time and also set a new World Record for 100m breaststroke.

Here is a summary of the Marlin results:

Jan Jeffrey: Four gold medals (50m, 100m and 200m breast stroke, and 400m freestyle) and one silver medal (50m freestyle). Jan set World Records for 100m breaststroke (1 min 32.66 sec) and 200m breaststroke (3 min 21.27 sec).



Peter Couttie: Three gold medals (100m, 200m and 400m freestyle), one silver medal (800m freestyle) and one fourth place (50m freestyle).

Judy Gregory: Five top ten finishes, 4th (100m backstroke), 5th (50m backstroke), 6th (200m backstroke), 7th (800m freestyle) and 9th (50m freestyle).

Gerry Tucker: Three gold medals (400m and 800m freestyle, and 100m butterfly) and two silver medals (100m and 200m freestyle).

John Stanton: One top ten finish, 7th (200m breaststroke). 12th (50m breaststroke) and 14th (100m breaststroke).

Tracy Clarkson: Two gold medals (3km open water and 800m freestyle). One silver medal (400m freestyle – 2nd to Jan Jeffrey). Three bronze medals (200m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 400m IM).



August proved to be a busy month for competition here too.

In other recent events **Pat Galvin**, **Geraldine O'Toole**, **Ron Silva** and **Peter Balderstone** all did well representing the club at the Mildura Masters Games 15-16 August.

Pat Galvin, **John Cocks**, **Daphne Briggs** and **Nicky Kerr**, along with several other interstates, flew south to Launceston for the Tasmanian Winter Short Course Championships 22-23 August.



John broke his own State Record in the 200 IM and the coincidental relay team won both mixed relays in the 240+ age group. Each swimmer also won the individual medal in their age group.

Pat Galvin and **John Cocks** continue to rack up frequent flyer points, heading to Adelaide for the 6th event in the MSA National Series, the MSSA Short Course State Cup on 30 August.

Socially, **Geraldine O'Toole**, **John Cocks**, **Patrick Devine** and **Rob Burns** were amongst guests from over 70 local organisations invited to attend the Higgins electorate 'Christmas in July' thankyou drinks at the Malvern Town Hall on Wednesday 29 July. The evening was arranged by sitting Federal member **Kelly O'Dwyer**, to recognise and celebrate local volunteers. Special guest for the evening was **Sir James Gobbo** AC, CVO, QC (former Governor of Victoria), who spoke about the many facets of helping others.



Geraldine also helped to organise another successful club Trivia Night at the East Malvern RSL on 22 August.

We are now looking forward to the up-coming MSV Relay Meet, to be held at MSAC on Sunday 27th September.