

(Mul)Queen reaches 3 Million

Jenny Mulqueen began swimming competitively as a child, continuing into her teens. Following a trend of previous Million Metre recipients, work, marriage & children halted her swimming throughout her early adulthood. When Jenny's children began to learn to swim, Jenny seized the opportunity and joined her local club, swimming spasmodically in social/parent events.

Win 1981 the Mulqueen family moved to Adelaide from Broken Hill and the children joined Tea Tree Gully Amateurs and it was through their inter club competitions that Jenny met Josie Samson, a founding member of AUSSI Masters SA. This meeting inspired Jenny to join her club, Tea Tree Gully AUSSI in 1989 and compete in the 1989 Australian Masters Games.

Jenny had heard of the Vorgee Million Metres program through her involvement with MSA and eventually obtained some sheets and filed them away. In the course of a clean-up some years ago, the family came across the sheets and Jenny was encouraged by her husband to participate in the program.

In January 2006 Jenny commenced recording. All training sessions totals were put into a book, but still never filled in the sheets. It was Jenny's patient husband who decided, in 2014, to transcribe the totals. It took quite some time and in hindsight One Million Metres at a time would have been much easier way to keep track!

After a couple of years of just recording training sessions a previous recipient asked if Jenny if she was recording swim meets as well – she wasn't! Once swim meets were recorded it sure helped the total along.

In November 2015, Jenny received her Vorgee Three Million Metres award, including a plaque and certificate to acknowledge her dedication. Jenny felt it was quite an achievement and was most impressed with the quality of the polar fleece jumper she received.

Jenny would like to thank the program sponsor, Vorgee and is already a swimming towards her Vorgee Five Million Metres, as of February it is 31,551,00 – go Jenny!

