



Message from the President, Archer Talbot, May 2016

TO: Maccabi Ajax Swim Club; Boroughcouthas Masters; Brunswick Belugas; Casey Seals; Doncaster Dolphins; Frankston Peninsula; Geelong Catfish; Gippsland Flippers; Glamourhead Sharks Goulburn Valley Crocs; Hoppers Crossing Masters; Heidelberg Flyers; M1 Swimming; Wodonga; Melbourne H2O; Malvern Marlins; Nunawading Orcas; North Lodge Neptunes; Powerpoints Swimland Swimming Club; Surrey Park Seahorses; Melbourne Vic Centre; Western Alligators; Warrnambool Whales; Yarra Plenty Swimming; Yarra Roughies Masters and individual members of our Victorian Masters Club.

On behalf of the Masters Swimming Committee, Management Committee and the Organising Committee of the 2016 National Championships I would like to thank and congratulate your Club on being part of the Masters Swimming Australia 2016 National Championships hosted in Melbourne.

Whether this was your Club's first experience of a Masters National Meet or you are experienced campaigners, the 27 Clubs are to be congratulated on their participation and performances. It was evident from the results and smiling faces that a lot of preparation had gone into the training in the lead up to produce some stunning results and an abundance of PBs. We hope that that was the experience for your Club and its members.

I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who came from your Clubs to make the event happen. They are members like you and some of them sacrificed their performances and participation in delivering the event for Victoria. Then there were the Organising Committee who started working on the event 18 months ago. They were: Paul Watmough (Surrey Park), Jeanette Holowiuk (Victorian Master), Neil Mitchell (Victorian Master), Sal Cuming (Powerpoints), Susie Kempson (Malvern Marlins), Catherine Watmough (Surrey Park), Jane Monk (Victorian Master); Tim Boness (VPP) & Jane Barnes (MSA).

Honourable mentions go to: Jan Williams (Casey Seals) and Lee Chaplin (Casey Seals) and Julie Johnston (Malvern Marlins) who led big teams of volunteers to cover the catering, information desk and timekeeping. Tim Boness (Powerpoints) looked after the financial affairs and Katie Mee (Malvern Marlins) was the Greening the Games monitor.

And then there were the Technical Officials from all over Australia, Marshalling teams, Time keepers and the AOE operators behind the glass.

To the Clubs who sponsored an event on the program to honour a member – we thank you.

The event will go down in the records as having had the most entertaining and powerful Opening Ceremony in the 41 year history of the event! Congratulations to Todd Patrick of Patrick Studios (and Glamourhead Sharks) and his wonderful troupe of dancers who made sure that everyone reached for their phones and cameras to capture the moment and the sounds!

MSV are incredibly proud of their 27 Clubs and the delivery of this National event in 2016.

Statistics: 370 women; 358 men; 728 total participants; 4510 individual events entered; 784 relay swims; 5,294 events entered in total; results and statistics can be found on the MSV, MSA websites & Facebook sites plus the Member Results Portal.