

# VALE: MALCOLM HEATH

In late November, Malcolm Heath, a valued member of Wests Auburn Masters (NSW) passed away. As a member of NSW for the past 26 years, Malcolm was very well known throughout the Masters Swimming NSW and MSA communities and will be extremely missed.

Throughout his time as a member, Malcolm dived in and got involved in a number of ways, not just at his club, but giving back to the Masters Swimming NSW community as a whole. Malcolm was involved in the following ways:

## **Club Member - Wests Auburn.**

As well as his volunteer work for Amateur Swimming and MSNSW, Malcolm also found time to support his own club, Wests Auburn. Malcolm was voted male club member of the year in 2003.

## **Committee Member**

In his time at Wests Auburn, Malcolm was President, Club Captain, Race Secretary and Club records recorder, showing his versatility. Every one of these jobs was performed with enthusiasm and commitment. Malcolm motivated other swimmers to achieve their best, in the best possible way, by setting an example for others to follow.



## **Aerobics (Endurance Swimming)**

Malcolm was one of the driving forces behind Wests' ongoing success with the annual State Aerobic Points score challenge. His aerobic points contribution was not only from his personal achievement of points, but also from the viewpoint of the work he put into other swimmers. It's best summed up by saying he was certainly no stranger to a stopwatch, some friendly advice and encouragement to club members as they embarked on their points score tally each year. Malcolm achieved full National Aerobics points on six occasions, as well as completing all swims on a further five occasions.

## **Carnival Participation**

Malcolm was a regular participant at both local and national carnivals, usually getting to about 75% of the annual events. He had been to nearly all MSNSW State carnivals (both long and short course) for the past 18 years. He was consistently placed in the top three in his age group, and always took part in Wests relay squad. As well as swimming, he was Starter at almost all of them.

## **Life Membership**

Malcolm was the type of club member that every club needs at least one of – reliable, participative, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. His work was duly recognised in 2002 with a Life Membership of Wests Auburn Masters.

## **Contribution to the advancement of Masters Swimming:**

Malcolm's contribution to the advancement of Masters Swimming can be directly related to his extensive history of volunteer work with the organisation.

This included being the first accredited Race Starter in 1993, a technical position he helped form. A highlight of Malcolm's contribution to the "official" side of AUSSI Masters Swimming was being an Official Starter at the 2003 AUSSI Master's Nationals at Homebush Bay.

He was also the NSW Representative on the National Board for three years in his capacity as Technical Director and the state Administrator for MSNSW.

As a result of his contribution to Masters Swimming NSW, Malcolm received the Betty Grant Award in 2004 and the Masters Swimming NSW Official of the Year in 2006. Two awards which were highly deserved.

The MSA community extends our sympathy to his wife Lorraine and his two children. The loss of Malcolm will be hugely felt, particularly in NSW. Malcolm will be missed by all!