



Mandurah Masters Swimming Inc.

President's Report (2019) for the 2020 AGM

Thank you all for attending our AGM tonight. Special welcome to our club's Life Members Graeme McAuslane, Gerry Green, Wayne Cable, Ivan and Pauline Wingate who have continued to be very involved in the club's activities throughout the year.

This report is a summation of the 2019 year (February 2019-February 2020).

The committee has once again worked extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure the club operates effectively. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated people willing to be so involved.

This year Debbie Brown is stepping down as Publicity Officer and Jen Rollin Busby is stepping down as Captain, a role she has enthusiastically undertaken over the past few years. I want to thank Jen for the commitment she has put into the role which at times frustrated her due to the low number of swimmers at pool meets however she has always been very optimistic and encouraging.

To continuing committee members Joel, Steve, Ann, Des, Hazel, Helen, Tracey and Glenda I want to thank you all for the roles you have undertaken throughout the year.

Masters Swimming WA launched a new concept for the 2018-19 OWS events which saw Clubs running their events under the WOW Swims banner. There were 7 events throughout the season from November 2018 March 2019. 47 Mannas entered one or more of these events.

In OWS the highlight was the success of our own Australia Day Swim. The committee did an exceptional job under Steve Ferguson's direction and they are to be congratulated for their efforts. It was a hard decision to drop the longer swim however the number of entries increased which was a big positive.

The Busselton Jetty Swim has become a big event for the club and this year 38 members entered the 3.6km event with everyone happy with their swim. Three members entered in the mile swim event which saw Pauline Wingate win her age division and the admiration of all members.

Another iconic event for many club members (either as a swimmer or spectator) is the Rottnest Channel Swim, this year Sue Johnston and Guy Boyce are entered as solo swimmers accompanied by John Cahill and Ken Isbister. First timers Jane Thomas and Jack Knobben are entered in the Duo category. Good luck to all.

As in the previous year the committee has been mindful of the lower numbers attending the Club training sessions and LLCC swims and are constantly trying to find solutions to turn this around. In saying that, the regular group of swimmers who attended the LLCC events throughout the year, all enjoyed them and overall were quite successful at them. Last year we did away with having club designated pool meets with members choosing which swim meets they attended. Of course, Jen did push the meets we have attended in the past as a club. Helen in her Report will outline our successes in the pool.

Our LLCC back in March was a big success with most members involved by either swimming or assisting with the organisation/running of the event. Thank you to Steve Crake who took over as Meet Coordinator. This year as the State Championships are here we will be assisting with the running of the meet and I am sure all will want to give it a go.

Other notable mentions:

The Club is in a strong financial position, there were no big purchases needed last year and expenditure was for the running costs of the club.

I would like to thank Glenda for the social activities she has organised throughout the year, it has been a big wish of hers to run a Bogan Bingo night and I believe you all did her proud with your efforts.

To Des Seery and his team of coaches who turn up in all weather conditions every Tuesday /Thursday nights and who continues to officiate at Masters Swimming Events.

To Wayne Cable who once gain coordinated the Coast Care planting at Roberts Point in July.

To Graeme, Jan, Steve and Steve who make sure the shed at Doddi's is opened and shower etc set up.

The club made donations to Pat Thomas House and to the WA Cancer Foundation through club events, Bingo Night and the annual Doddi's Dash event.

The Clubs Record Board is up poolside and will be updated annually. Helen is more than happy for people to keep breaking records even though it is more work for her! Thank you to Helen and Steve (and assisted by Joe who brought this project to fruition

We finished the year with 106 financial members which was down 8 from the previous year.

Hopefully the club has catered for your choice of swimming be it in the Pool event or OWS and either as a competitive or casual swimmer.

I am sure with the current committee and membership group we will have another great year in 2020. Thank you all

Deborah Bloor

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