



ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2015

PRESIDENT

Stephanie Myles

Westcoast Masters finished 2015 with a strong member base of 135. A huge thank you to everyone for your assistance during the year to keep the club running strong and steady. You may be aware that a number of our long standing committee members will be stepping back in 2016 and I would like to thank them for all of their service for the club.

A special thanks to Alan Power, Club Coach, who has ensured we have coaches and guidance for programs for our training sessions for the past five years. Alan has introduced various aspects to the training regime during his time but from my point of view the open water swim sessions on a Saturday morning have been a great hit (and we will all get the hang of them eventually)!

Lisa Bergin is also stepping back from the uniforms portfolio. Lisa has kept us all looking sharp and often at the envy of other clubs (especially at Rottneest) for the last seven years.

The Social Committee put together some amazing events during the year. Thanks to Sue Finney and the lads for all your efforts and best of luck as you pass the social baton on to others for 2016.

Although we have a smaller number of members from the club who swim competitively, they have proven to provide some very strong competition in 2015! Frank Van Rooyen was the age group winner for the 2014/15 open water series and Adrian Hirsch placed in the top 10 for his age group for the 2015 Masters Swim Series. We had several gents do very well at the Alice Springs Masters Games and members broke State Records during the year including Viki Shelver, Vince Walsh and Mike Gittings.

Westcoast retained top spot for membership participation at the 2015 State Open Water Swim in Coogee. Let's see if we can make it four years in a row for 2016!

I am pleased to hand over the reins of President to Graem O'Loughlin for 2016. The Club remains in safe and responsible hands including Rachael Funch as Secretary and Geoff Potts remaining as Treasurer. Shelley Smith will remain in uniforms and there may well be some shuffling around of different roles for others. There will be several new members taking on roles in the Committee in 2016 and I thank them all in advance. Without your time and effort volunteering we wouldn't be the club we are today. I wish Graem and the Club Committee of 2016 all the very best. I know they will keep us water tight in Fitness, Fun and Friendship.

See you in the pool!

VICE PRESIDENT

Graem O'Loughlin

The Westcoast Masters Swimming Club annual carnival was held on the 18th of April 2015. Although we had fewer entries than 2014 this proved to be a blessing by allowing us to complete the carnival in the 2 hours that the pool was available to us.

The general view was that the event program which was made up of 50's and 100's of all strokes and only mixed medley and freestyle relays was a success.

The feedback also told us that the short/sharp nature of the carnival was appreciated as the time commitment for competitors and volunteers was reduced.

Team Points

- 1 Westcoast Masters WWC 316
- 2 Perth City WPC 133
- 3 Armadale Masters WAM 124
- 4 Whitford Masters WWF 101
- 5 Beatty Park Masters WOP 76
- 6 Leisure park Masters WLP 66
- 7 Carine Masters WCR 25
- 8 Bold Park Masters WBP 17
- 9 Swan Hills Masters WSH 4

Beatty Park won the Handicap Award

Congratulations to the 40 Westcoast members who swam and a big thankyou to the many club members who volunteered their time in setting up, time keeping, marshalling, recording, providing and preparing food and generally running around! The day wouldn't have been a success without you.

The club committee will continue to look at ways to improve the running of our carnival as well as the overall participant's experience.

Our Club Captains will start recruiting swimmers for the Live Lighter 2016 Club Carnival on Sunday 1st May 2017. Please get involved.

TREASURER

Geoff Potts

Income from club fees was slightly lower than previous year at \$14,972.74 due to late payment of club fees. There was a positive cash flow of \$3,960. Membership fees need to cover Lane Hire (\$11,500) with the remaining \$3,640 for general club costs. Membership fees of \$200 per member are split as follows:-

\$72 to the State and National bodies.

\$90 to cover lane hire.

\$38 for the general running of the club, which include items such as Clothing, Rottnest, Coaching Clinics, Carnivals, equipment and certain Social events, which are designed to run roughly at break even.

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We are very appreciative of the sponsorship by various members, which contribute to subsidising the Rottnest weekend uniforms.

Cash at hand at the end of the year was \$17,312 this varies each year depending on how many members have paid their membership for 2016, by the end 2015 .The club requires \$6000 as a specific float to cover prepayment of Rottnest accommodation between July and December each year.

Fund raising (mainly sausage Sizzles) raised \$1678, Sponsorship raised \$1896.

A very big thank you to all who contributed time and to the Very Generous Sponsors. THANKS.

At the moment the Club finances are in a healthy state and the committee will investigate whether there is a need to have a Bunnings Sausage sizzle to raise further funds.

Have a Great Year in the pool.

COACHES COORDINATOR

Alan Power

Hi all, I would like to firstly say I will not be continuing on in this position for 2016 season. I have been very privileged to be coaching coordinator of this great club of ours. I have learnt many new skills whilst holding this position. Many of our club members have only swum under my programs so I felt it was time for a change. I would like to thank all the members, and especially all of you who have coached, for their support over the past 5 years. Thank you.

The season started with a lot of solo swimmers to Rottnest. With many great swims and a special mention to Erin who swam whilst pregnant with twins.

We held our club carnival on a Sunday afternoon with more sprints. I feel it was well received by most swimmers.

Later in the year we had a group of swimmers who went and did the Cocos Island swim with many fine efforts again.

We all put in some hard training for the Rottnest swim thru with some great times promised. Unfortunately the weather jumped in and stopped that race but there were many other great stories that ventured back to main land after the weekend.

It was another busy year by all once again. Once again thank you all for all the support I have received this year and the past 5 years. Good luck to all our club members past and present for the coming year.



CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Erin Spooner

2015 has been another busy year for our swimmers both in the Pool and Open Water. We had a large number of swimmers entered in events.

We had entries in the Busselton Jetty Swim, Rottnest Channel Swim, State OWS, Westcoast Club Carnival, National Championships, Live Lighter All Club Challenge, Golden Groper State Relay Carnival, Cocos Keeling Islands Lagoon swim, Rottnest Swim Thru as well as a number of other Open Water Swims over the past few months.

There were a number of personal best times gained, awards taken and records broken.

Some members took part in these events for the first time while for others it was the first time they have trained and been part of a swimming club.

It has been great to see the large number of swimmers in the pool and meet the new members.

I would like to congratulate and thank you all for your contribution to Westcoast Masters over the past year and I hope that you all continue to swim and reach your goals in 2016.



REGISTRAR

Viki Shelver

Another successful year with a final membership of 135. This number makes Westcoast Masters one of the biggest clubs in WA.

4 of these taking the 16 month option in 2014 through to 2015;
2 taking the option in 2015, carrying through to December 2016;
7 swimmers taking up the 4 month option from September to December 2015; and
22 of these members were new to our club.

At least 13 queries regarding membership were made through our contact email on the website with a number of phone and pool side enquiries being made as well.

There were some problems encountered when a few new members registered their membership with the incorrect club and had to be transferred and correct club payment recovered. A number of existing members made a new registration and did not do a reregistration. None of these issues are major, but can be avoided if procedures are followed correctly.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Viki Shelver

Weekly emails continued throughout 2015. With monthly edits being made to the website to keep it current. Through the course of the year, I found that making pool side announcements reached a limited audience and have since stopped doing this.

In the New Year, we will be trialling MailChimp to provide email access. This format is neater and allows easier inclusion of photos and graphics. It also gives individuals the opportunity to opt out of receiving if they no longer want to receive the regular communication.

Thanks to Rachael Funch for stepping in and keeping the info rolling while I was away travelling the world. Any suggestions for improved communication will always be considered, please let us know if you have any ideas which might help.

RECORDER

Lorraine Quayle

Results for 2015 Masters swimming events have been entered in the data base. Anyone who has competed in Pool Events or Open Water Swims will be able to access their time sheet on the Club's website under the Swim Events/Club Results Tab. Please remember to let me know if you have swum in any other Open Water Swims or Pool Events as these can also be added to your personal records.

During 2015 we purchased an up to date version of Meet Manager. This is the program we use to run our own carnivals. Having the updated version will allow a more efficient interface with other clubs and Masters Swimming support systems.

UNIFORMS

Lisa Bergin/Shelley O'Mara

2015 was another busy year for uniforms and hopefully a successful one for members. More hoodies were ordered and shirts and thongs for Rotto. Unfortunately the thongs were a bit hit and miss in sizing – one club person even wearing a different size on each foot! Our hearts were in the right place but the thongs just didn't deliver! Let's not do thongs again ☺

Thank you to all of the sponsors, John Dec, Realmark and Advance Formwork, for your support for the shirts again. Very much appreciated by all. Also thank you to all of the help other club members who were able to help both Shelley and I throughout the year when we were unable to attend training sessions and organise the uniforms. Looking forward to 2016!



2014 Rottnest shirts



2015 Rottnest shirts

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Jeff Ernst Social Coordinator; Sue Finney; Peter Kerman: Chris Wippl

Once again the Social Committee was well supported by club members and really put the “Fun”, into the Fitness, Fun and Friendship for Westcoast Masters. We continued to try a few new events as well as revisiting some old favourites.

Through the year we had –

- Rosemount Bowls and Dinner.
- Paddling/ Water sports afternoon at Bassendean.
- Dinner and Drinks at the Greenwood Hotel.
- Movie and Pizza Night at the Jaffa Room.
- Christmas in July at the Harts. Thanks again to our hosts, Deb and Steve.
- Drinks and Burgers at the Hillarys Marina.
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Thanks Chris Wippl for a top effort in organising the day.
- Rottnest Swim Thru Dinner.
- BBQ Breakfast on the beach at Mullaloo.

All in all it was another great year and we look forward to see what the new team will have in stall for us in 2016.



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