

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

PRESIDENT

Mike Kerman

For 2020, I would be safe in saying it has been a year like no other.

The emergence of Covid19 has at times, significantly affected how we go about our daily lives. Whilst WA has been fortunate in controlling the virus taking hold in the state, the club has faced the challenges of state wide pool closures due to COVID19 and the drawn out temporary closure of HBF Arena due to significant pool maintenance. That said, the club has worked hard over the year in keeping our members engaged and active, both at the beach during the early periods of pool closures, and back in the pool at Craigie Leisure (including additional Thursday evening session-Craigie Leisure).

Membership numbers have remained strong ending the year with 117 members. Following the lock down, as WA started to open facilities the club has had a number of new people showing interest and trialing to see if this great sport is for them. I look around and can see a number of new faces that have joined up and settled into the Westcoast way of life. We welcome them and encourage existing members to continue their swimming journey.

Like any club, how successful a club may be is heavily dependent on the support and involvement of its members. To my fellow committee members, I personally would like to say thank you for your support and contribution throughout the year. Without this team effort the clubs ability to function at all levels would not occur. Training sessions, pool and ocean swim meets, social events, club uniforms and our Rottnest weekend would not have run as smoothly and with as much enjoyment. The club is truly blessed to have had such a committed group ably supported by fellow club members willing to pitch in and help out when the need arises. Thanks again Sean Neary, Steve Fidge, Viki Shelver, Wayne Dohmen, Amy Kerman, Chris and Gail West, Lorraine Quayle, Darren Cooper, Jacinta King and Peta Batofi.

Whilst all committee positions are open for 2021, some committee members have indicated an interest to continue on in 2021. At the same time there are a number of existing committee members who will be stepping down allowing the opportunity for other Westcoast Club Members to step up and support their club.



At Westcoast Masters, we endeavor to provide our swimmers with every opportunity to reach their swimming goals. A big thanks to the club's Coaching Coordinator Wayne Dohmen and his team of volunteer coaches for another great year in providing a variety of challenging programs and assisting members with tips on improving their swimming capability. A special thanks must also go to Caron Keilor who has given a significant amount of her time to coaching Lanes 1 and 2 on Saturdays (albeit at times from her wheelchair!!).

Mullaloo Mile Event – Westcoast once again assisted MSWA in organizing and supporting the 2020 Mullaloo Mile State Championship Event. Westcoast club members came out in big numbers to support the event either as swimmers and or event volunteers assisting in a number of roles to ensure the event ran smoothly and successfully. Well done to all involved.

Whilst 2020 socially has been less active, the club pushed on to provide some events for its members. Events included the Club bowling night, MSWA Winter Solstice & BBQ, Run/Swim/Run/Swim & BBQ, and regular monthly Saturday morning teas. It was also great to see a good number of club members continuing to meet each Sunday at Mullaloo beach for a swim & coffee.

In closing I once again thank each member at the club for their contribution. Let's continue into 2021 making Westcoast an even stronger and more successful club, displaying the key values of Fun, Fitness & Friendship.

I request that this report be accepted.

TREASURER

Stephen Fidge

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 December 2020 is tabled separately, which includes the unaudited 12mth Profit & Loss statement and the Bank Balance confirmation financial statements of Westcoast Masters Swimming Club Inc.

CLUB COACH COORDINATOR

Wayne Dohmen

After a recruiting drive early last year I had 43 coaches but quite a few have withdrawn their interest over the past few months.

I now have 35 coaches of which 29 are reliable and confident to carry out the lead coach role.



To reduce the frequency of coaching duties I have structured rosters for January and February with only one coach to manage all lanes. Where possible I am rostering a second coach for Saturdays. The single coach arrangement is a trial and I'll review how it is going prior to releasing the March Roster.

Both Trolleys are equipped with visitor books, attendance registers (Masters and Covid-19), stationary and information packs for visitors.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Darren Cooper and Jacinta King

To all members, thank you for your continued support throughout 2020 despite the challenging year we have had with pool closures and cancelled events. It's been a pleasure to be your Club Captains for another year, not to mention rewarding to see many members supporting each other through difficult times by continuing training at the beach over winter when the pools were closed and representing Westcoast Masters in open water events.

Pool Events

Unfortunately, due to COVID19 this year, all competitive pool events were cancelled. However, the club hosted their traditional 50 x 100's social pool event in October which was well attended by members.

Open Water Events

It was pleasing to see so many members participate in open water events this past year, and again some great results achieved. We had competitors in many open water events: Rottnest Channel Swim, Busselton Jetty Swim, Swim Thru Perth and the Rottnest Swim Thru.

Busselton Jetty Swim

In 2020 we had 29 swimmers compete in the Busselton Jetty Swim. Great conditions made for some really good times, with 13 swimmers coming in under the hour and many achieving personal best times. Lily Strugnell the fastest club swimmer overall and 2nd in her age group with a time of 52:44. Viki Shelver won her age group with a time of 55:28.

Rottnest Channel Swim

In 2020 five people from Westcoast Masters successfully completed their first Rottnest Channel Crossing and Rebekah Shand completed her second crossing. There were also two teams that competed. Results below:



- Jacinta King Solo Number 140 09:00:20
- Rebekah Shand Solo Number 145 07:11:22
- Karis Chaplyn Solo Number 207 07:55:32
- Carmi Louw Solo Number 208 07:55:30
- Geoff Colyer- Solo Number 190 09:00:31
- Amy Kerman Solo Number 307 07:37:22
- Aaron Ellis-Kerr Team 1006 "Hit 92.9" 05:59:10
- Wayne, Matt and Lenae Dohmen and Jenna Went Team 996
 "Dohmenators" 06:17:20

We would like to thank and acknowledge all the club members who supported these swimmers on the day at the start/finish lines and in the water to make these crossings possible. Also thank you to Garry Clifton who provided training programs and coaching advice to a number of our first time solo swimmers.

Mullaloo Mile

The MSWA State Open Water Swim, known as the Mullaloo Mile, was successfully hosted by Westcoast Masters for the second year at Mullaloo beach. Westcoast members volunteered their time to ensure that the event ran smoothly from preevent liaising with the Mullaloo Surf Club for water safety to registration and tattoo application on the day. Westcoast proved once again to be strong and competitive at open water events with age group winners in all three distances:

The following people were age group winners:

- Carmi Louw (18-24)
- Amy Kerman (25-29)
- Viki Shelver (65-69)
- Lily Strugnell (45-49) 3.2km
- Yvette Cunningham (45-49) 400m
- Keiren Jon Lawrenson (45-49)

Winter Solstice

The WA Masters Winter Solstice event brought Westcoast Masters competitive streak out of hibernation with a fantastic turn out at Mullaloo beach on Saturday and many having a second go on Sunday to make up additional points for the club. The final points count was close and initially it appeared that Westcoast had won. Unfortunately Mandurah challenged the decision and MSWA awarded the win to Mandurah, due to Westcoast submitting late entries just passed the cut off time.



Rottnest Swim Thru

The club participated in another successful Rottnest Swim Thru weekend. Conditions were perfect this year and many swam impressive times and personal bests. Well done to all of our club members who volunteered and/or participated in the swim. Thank you to Peter Kerman for your efforts in organising the club accommodation and breakfast this year, along with all of the unit key holders.

Congratulations to the following members who won their age group:

Lily Strugnell (45-49 yrs): 00:22:01Viki Shelver (65-69 yrs): 00:24:18

Fastest Swimmer from the club: Lily Strugnell

Closest to nominated time in the club: Mark Richards

In Conclusion

Congratulations to all who represented the club this past year. We would like to encourage even more members to get involved in both the open water and pool events in 2021. We have enjoyed being your club captains for the past few years and would like to wish the new club captains for 2021 the best of luck as we step down from this role.

REGISTRAR

Viki Shelver

Even through the troubled times we were able to maintain our membership numbers relatively high. However, there has been a gradual drop off over the past few years.

We ended 2020 with a total number of 117 members.

These numbers are made up by the following subscription payments over the calendar year:

1: life member

99: 12 month memberships

6:6 months memberships

8:16 months 2019-20

3:16 months 2020-21



As at 31st December 2020, we have 42 active and financial members registered for 2021.

We look forward to another year of Fitness, Fun and Friendship

RECORDER

Lorraine Quayle

2020 ... a year like no other!

It was a very quiet year for me as the club recorder!

Very few swim events were held. Swimmers generally did their own online entries, and very few swimmers actually attended events.

I have recorded results for swimmers who entered events and this includes the Rottnest Swim Thru.

The individual time sheets will be available to access on the club's website.

Happy swimming in 2021

SAFETY

Chris West

I'm glad to report, that despite the very unusual circumstances 2020 has brought, all Westcoast Masters members, have remained safe and well! This, we appreciate, has been largely due to measures imposed, by Government and local authorities, to ensure everybody's safety and wellbeing. What the club, has been able to do, is adopt these measures and adhere to them, to make the Pool and Ocean, a safe environment for members to continue to swim, where possible. Measures, have ranged from a Covid 19 Safety Plan, that was devised from Masters Swimming WA and the Swimming venues, restriction on lane numbers, sharing of facilities and equipment and alternative training arrangements, registration of attendance and more recently contact tracing. By all members, adhering to these restrictions, has meant a safe return to the pool. On behalf, of the Committee and the Club, we would like to offer, our thanks and appreciation, to all members, for making this possible. Given that a number of events, have either been deferred, or postponed, because of Covid 19; participation has therefore been reduced, but fortunately there have been no reported, safety related issues. There were, a couple of medical issues reported this year, from the pool and its facilities (raised through, the venues Incident Reporting procedures). Fortunately, those members received treatment, where necessary and have since, fully recovered.



Can I, once again take this opportunity to remind all members to complete a new medical form for 2021. This is important so that our records, including Emergency Contact Details, remain current. Forms will be available at the AGM and at future training sessions. A link, will also be available, on the website, too. Thank you once again, for your continued support in making swimming with Westcoast Masters a safe and healthy experience. All the best for 2021!

UNIFORMS

Gail West & Peta Bartofi

Due to limited monthly Tea Morning where uniforms are usually sold, we have had a fairly good year owing to our on 1/2 price sale earlier in the year. We now hold minimum stock of bathers as we intend to purchase a new style for 2021.

We are stocked with Club shirts which members wear on swim sessions.

Because of COVID-19 issues Rotto shirts were not purchased this year.

Many Thanks club members for your support



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\$24,563.53

Westcoast Masters Swimming Club Inc. Profit and Loss Statement 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020

| Club Fee's | \$13,267.41 |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Merchandise Sales | \$1,338.00 |
| Carnivals | \$10.00 |
| Fund Raising | \$541.05 |
| Coaching | \$0.00 |
| Social events | \$740.00 |
| Sponsorship | \$0.00 |
| Reimbursements | |
| Rotto | \$7,915.00 |
| Donations | \$0.00 |
| Sundry | \$752.07 |
| Total Income | |

Expenditure

| Affiliations costs | \$280.00 |
|----------------------|------------|
| Lane Hire | \$5,675.70 |
| Social Expenses | \$1,698.17 |
| Bank Charges | \$66.60 |
| Carnival Expenses | \$20.00 |
| Merchandise | |
| purchase | \$618.96 |
| Fund Raising | |
| Expenses | \$52.64 |
| Rotto expenditure | \$1,396.55 |
| Coaching | \$0.00 |
| Trophies | \$339.00 |
| Postage & Stationary | \$0.00 |
| Sundry | \$816.71 |

Total Expenditure \$10,964.33

YTD Profit/Loss \$13,599.20





