



Westcoast Masters Swimming Club Incorporated ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

President's Report Steve Gale

This was going to be a big year for the club as we were going to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in Masters swimming. The year as always starts off in January with our AGM, which is good as new & old faces set out the direction for the club over the next 12 months.

The social committee was to run different events through out the year in honor of our 30th. We had swim events, picnic events, breakfasts after swimming on a Saturday, but our main event was the 30th dinner that was held at AQWA at Hillary's boat harbor which was a fantastic night out for all that went.

The membership steadily kept on growing through out the year and we peaked at 131 members, this made it very interesting on Saturday mornings as sometimes we have over 60 swimmers in the pool even though we have 5 lanes it is still very crowded, but with the coaches that we have we get through it without too much drama, they are all a credit to the club & I would like to thank them all for the job that they do.

We had our carnival in April with a good turn out from the competing clubs & our own members, this years event was not as hot as the previous one which made the day perfect.

We had a contingent from the club go to Torino in Italy for the World Masters Games, there were some good results they got 2 silvers and a bronze, all the medals came from the girls, as usual the boy's didn't live up to there hype.

As I come to the end of my presidential responsibility's I would like to thank everyone that has helped me throughout my tenure, there are some that I would like to thank personally though - Viki for putting up with so many stupid phone calls and talking to me without laughing & Christine for sorting out all the correspondence & the letters that had to be written.

I have really enjoyed my time as president of the club; the members are second to none & a lot have become very close friends. I wish the new president & committee all the best for 2014.

Vice President's Report

Stephanie Myles

The 2013 Westcoast Live Lighter Club Challenge was held at the Craigie Leisure Centre on Sunday the 14th of April. External clubs in attendance included Maida Vale, Riverton, Whitfords, Superfins, Carine, Leisurepark, Perth City and Bold Park Masters. The day was a success with 127 participants over the nine clubs that competed.

There was one first aid treatment required for one of our officials. Thanks to the Craigie lifeguard who provided excellent first aid treatment.

Westcoast was the overall club winner on the day with 382 points. Maida Vale came second on 209 points and Riverton third on 82. Leisurepark Masters won the handicap. Thanks to everyone who participated in the carnival and extra special thanks to everyone who pitched in to make sure it was a smooth success!

Three Bunnings sausage sizzles were held in the second half of the year to raise money for the club. Many thanks to everyone who provided their assistance over the Saturday's we ran the sausage sizzles at Joondalup Bunnings. The funds raised from these help to subsidise the lane hire fees so everyone reaps the benefits as we are able to keep the club membership fees a little lower. We will be running more in 2014 and if everyone pitches in, then we really only need to contribute about 2 hours each. Not much when you think about it!

Well the 30th anniversary year was one to remember and I look forward to seeing you all in the pool (and poolside) in 2014 for our 31st!

Treasurers Report – Year Ended 31 December 2013

Sean Neary

Income from club fees was 20% higher than the previous year at \$14,565 due to higher membership numbers. Membership fees need to cover lane hire (\$11,102), with the remaining \$3,463 for general club costs. Membership fees of \$180 per person are split as follows: \$70 to the state and national bodies; \$80 to cover lane hire and \$30 for the general running of the club. Activities such as clothing, Rottnest and social events are designed to run roughly at break-even.

Cash on hand at the end of the year was \$14,137. I would regard \$10,000 as the minimum required year end cash balance, of which \$6,000 is required as a specific float to cover the prepayment of Rottnest accommodation between July and December each year (during which time the club has actually prepaid Rottnest accommodation for two years in advance). Apart from that I would recommend holding a minimum of \$4,000 as general safety cash.

The Committee decided to subsidise some social events, including the 30th Anniversary dinner (\$5,000), participation in the State Open Water Swim (\$1,400) and other social events (around \$1,000). This was effectively covered by the sausage sizzle fundraising (profit of \$5,187) and sponsorship from the City of Joondalup (\$2,000) for our 30th anniversary. The club received \$1,250 in sponsorship from generous members, specifically to subsidise the Rottnest weekend.

Sausage sizzles added \$9,000 to club funds over the last two years. This is a major benefit and those who organised and participated all deserve thanks. However it should be recognised that the necessity for this fundraising masks underlying financial tension within the club. Lane hire aside, the club runs on just \$30 per member. A school of thought is that "the club" should pay for activities for members, which is not possible under a fee of \$30 per member. Hence the emergence of the sausage sizzles. The question is whether this is a long term solution or whether the sizzles will eventually fizzle. Moving forward we need to determine whether we set fees on a "user pays" basis, or whether fundraising will continue as a core club function.

There is a proposal for an additional six life members (bringing the total to eight). The constitution and current practice is for life members to pay the lane hire fee (\$80), but not the state and national affiliation fees (\$70) or the club fee (\$30). It is my opinion that this is not consistent with the goal of making swimming affordable for all participants. With eight life members the annual cost would be \$800. That equates to the \$30 club fee for 27 of our members (one quarter of the membership base). The contrary argument is that we have some members who have made outstanding contributions to the club. To bridge the gap I recommended to the committee that the constitution stating that life member have their fees paid by the club be removed. Life membership would become purely an honour, with no associated financial benefit. On occasion the Committee may choose to subsidise the costs for life members' participation at events where finances permit. The committee agreed, with the necessary changes to the constitution to be presented at the 2015 AGM.

Westcoast Masters Swimming Club Incorporated

Income and Expenditure Statements as at 31 December 2013

Income		Expenses	
Uniform/Equipment	9,024	Clothing Purchase	9,653
Club Fees	14,565	States Club Fee	600
Sponsorship	3,250	Lane hire - Arena Joondalup	7,691
Fund Raising Profit	5,187	Lane hire - Craigie Leisure Centre	3,412
30th Anniversary Dinner	7,420	30th Anniversary Dinner	13,460
Rottnest Swim	4,950	Rottnest Expenses	5,580
Miscellaneous Income	501	Open Water Swim 2013	1,412
		Other Social Expenses	2,624
		Website, Postage & Stationary	572
		Miscellaneous Expenses	92
Total Income	44,897	Total Expenses	45,096
		Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(199)
	44,897		44,897

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2013

Assets		Equity and Liabilities	
Society Cheque Account	14,138	Equity	14,138
Total Assets	14,138	Total Equity and Liabilities	14,138

Captain's Report Paul Kannemeyer & Peta Bartofi

Westcoast entered numerous events during 2013 with tremendous results.

We hosted our annual Carnival in April with a good turn out from Westcoast and visiting clubs.

Westcoast also won section of with most club competitors in the Coogee State Open Water Meet.

The big guns from the top lane entered the Snappers carnival and all came back triumphant with good times and medals.

17 Westcoast swimmers entered the State Carnival and a good time was had by all.

Torino World Masters Games was attended by a number of Westcoast swimmers. A fantastic holiday was had by all with a very successful swim meet, especially by the ladies who out shone the boys by returning with a host of medals.

Many members have been entering various open water events across WA and some even going interstate to compete.

Well done all and good luck in the 2014 open water and pool events.

Head Coach's Report

Alan Power

We had many of the same coaches again this year with Ros Harker and Steph Myles doing the coaches course. So I would like to welcome them on board and say thank you for joining our team of coaches. Thank you to all of you for your support throughout another year. Most of the coaches I talk to enjoy their coaching sessions as well as having plenty of time to train themselves. The feedback and support I have had this year has been fantastic once again.

We started our year with training for an 8 week 400 meter challenge. With over 50 swimmers taking up the challenge it was an amazing success. I have never seen so many swimmers asking to be timed over 400 meters. I was flat out with the stop watches. Congratulations to Sue Finney for improving her time by the largest margin. We had some new swimmers join our club this year that brought some youth and enthusiasm. Nathan Saunders, Brad Smith and Sam Szokolai did very well for us at State championships. Our club carnival was a success as usual and great to see everyone have a great day.

We changed the way we inform our coaches what we require each week with the introduction of hard, medium and easy weeks on the roster. We also continued with the coach's challenge throughout the year with most swimmers still enjoying it.

We had a contingent of swimmers go to Torino for the world masters games in August. I believe all swimmers had a great time and did do a couple of swim events. This did put a bit of pressure on the roster but with a little bit of juggling around and lots of support from those staying at home we got through this period without any major concerns.

In December we had the Rottnest sSwim Thru. It was great to see some old favourites do so well with Viki Shelver, Lisa Bergin, Erin Spooner and Christine Roberts winning their age groups (girl power) and Graeme O'Loughlin doing his best time in over 10 years.

Thank you to all our coaches this year. You all did a fantastic job, we appreciate the time you give up to write programs and coach us. I believe your rewards are in the pool, during December we had between 55 and 60 swimmers every week on Saturday mornings. We currently have many swimmers training for the Rottnest crossing. Including first time soloist duo's and teams. Good luck to all in few weeks' time.

We are always looking for more coaches, so please consider this and put your name down on the roster. It's a very rewarding experience.

Hopefully you have all enjoyed your year. I feel we are providing our swimmers with more of what they want. We have some new ideas for the year ahead. It will be fantastic to be a part of our club over the next year. Look forward to seeing you all on pool deck in 2014.

Safety Officer's Report

Kim Burkett

Another year of no reported safety incidences. We had eleven people attend the CPR course at Joondalup Arena, which was conducted by the efficient ISSY. I would like to remind new members for 2014 to fill their medical reports on line. Also I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their outstanding contributions during the year.

Registrar's Report

Viki Shelver

2013 has been a very busy year for memberships, with final numbers at 131. The online registration is still proving difficult with a few members still paying fees directly into the club bank account. We opened the 4 and 16 month memberships in September with 4 new members taking up the 16 month option. This year we introduced the option of social memberships, with no takers as yet, but interest registered for 2014.

Recorder's Report

Lorraine Quayle

During 2013 I have continued the task of putting more of our club records onto the Team Manager Data base. Some of this is a simple transfer of merging data but other records need to be entered manually. My plan is to continue this process during 2014 as some of the records available go back to 1980's!

Results for 2013 – 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 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.

Uniforms Officer's Report

Lisa Bergin & Lynette Telfer

2013 was a great year for uniforms incorporating the celebration of the 30th anniversary. A trend began in the first half of the year ordering club hoodies and allowing all members to select the colour they wanted. Our first order was over 80 and then a second order was placed for another 25. It was good to see the support of the members and to hear so many compliments from everyone. It is always stressful trying to find a design and style that would suit most people.

With that in mind we had more good feedback with members being able to choose the colour of their Rotto shirts and their beach towels. I would like to say a big thankyou to our sponsors as we would not have been able to have the towels if it wasn't for them. We appreciate any help we can get.

As well as the above, another order of bathers and plenty of orders for paddles were put through. At Saturday morning swims we have also managed to clear a lot of old stock. This also wouldn't have been manageable if other committee members hadn't helped to hand out the uniforms. Thank you to all those that assisted. With this help and the old stock diminishing it will enable new orders to be placed in 2014. It would be good to see new club shirts and also new club bathers. It is fantastic seeing so many people wearing club gear and promoting our club.

Social/30th Anniversary Coordinator's Report **Narelle Davey**

2013 was a year of celebrations for the club as we marked the 30th Anniversary for Westcoast Masters.

At the AGM in January when we cut the cake in recognition of the 30 years that Westcoast has been part of the Masters organisation. Over the years the club has grown to be the largest Masters Swimming club in Western Australia and this has been largely due to the social aspect of the club and the active committee members that bring all of this together. In April we celebrated at an informal dinner and awards evening hosted to mark the end of the 6 week coaches challenge.

The highlight of the year was the formal dinner and dance at AQWA that saw 110 past and present members celebrate the great club that Westcoast has become. The evening commenced with pre-dinner drink and canapés in the underwater observatory and we were then to eat and drink into the late hours of the evening! There was even had a special guest appearance on Skype from Caryn all the way from Wales where she read one of her special or not so special poems about the club. Barry and Rhonda Sales were recognised for their 30 years of membership in the club and were able to tell some tales from the past years.

A group of 21 swimmers and partners then hit the road to Torino in Italy in July to compete in the World Masters Games and the ladies shone bringing home a swag of medals around their necks. There was a great sense of camaraderie, despite Chris Kerman trying numerous amount of times to get us lost with his excellent map reading skills. Chris Wippl never made it to the famous Norma's watering hole that was frequented at the end of the day but made it memorable by coming home engaged to the lovely Bianca after proposing at the Eiffel Tower.

In November a family fun day was held at Houghtons Winery and it was a great day spent under the trees together.

Rottneest swim-thru was once again a huge success with nearly 40 club members taking to the water for a 1600m dash to see Sean Neary gain line honours as the fastest club member but again it was the ladies taking out the age group prizes. Congratulations to Christine Roberts, Viki Shelver, Lisa Bergin and Erin Spooner. The club then partied into the night with the 1983 theme to set the scene.

I would like to thank all of the committee for their support over the year in bringing all of these events together and it is truly a credit to the past club members of 30 years that have contributed in making what I feel is the best club in the West!!!

Publicity and Website Officer's Report **Viki Shelver**

We started the year using the IMG Console database as a source for distributing emails, but found this unreliable so converted back to using the Gmail address. We encountered a few problems when transferring address across to the Gmail database, this problem has now been rectified.

Weekly information is emailed to all members and the website continues to be updated after each committee meeting and when relevant information comes to hand. The club's Facebook page has satisfactory following and is also updated if and when relevant information is available for sharing.