



## ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2012

### **PRESIDENT** **Steve Gale**

As always the year started off with our AGM, in January. There were some changes on the committee, but some stayed on which made it a lot easier to carry on with the day to day running of the club. Our club carnival was held in April at the outdoor pool at Craigie, there was a good turn out from our club & all the other participating clubs that attended. We thank all for their participation and hope to see them back in 2013. The only other carnival we attended was Mandurah and those we swam thoroughly enjoyed the event.

From July to September was a big hurdle for the year, as Joondalup Arena closed down for maintenance. Finding pool space for training on Tuesday & Thursday nights became very hard, with the limited water space available. We were fortunate to find space at Wanneroo Aquamotion on Thursday nights and picked up an extra session on Sunday mornings at Craigie. We also took the opportunity to include a dry land session of Pilates, which was well received by our members. As expected, we did lose some swimmers over this period but when the Arena opened again it was nice to see old faces return.

As usual we had a good turnout for the Rottneest Swim Thru weekend in December, with over 40 Westcoast entries and 38 staying on the island to enjoy some serious fun! There were a few first timers, which is always good. Coming up to the end of the year we close the year with 114 members. As we head into 2013 we are faced with a few of the old committee leaving their positions and we are now looking for new blood to fill the vacancies.

2013 is the year we celebrate our 30th anniversary and we are all looking forward to catching up with past members during the course of our celebrations and hopefully even coax some of them back into the water!

And last of all I would like to thank everyone who served on the committee this year you all made my job so much easier, for those that are leaving thanks for your service to the club it was much appreciated, and those who are game enough to go around again I will see you at the next meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Gary Payne**

The primary role undertaken was the organisation of the club carnival which took place on Sunday 22nd April 2012.

The organisation for this event started in early February liaising with Masters Swimming WA. The Craigie Leisure Centre 50m outdoor pool was booked from 8:30am through to 12:30pm. Nine clubs competed in the swim meet with 165 competitors. The registration of swimmers from each of the teams was conducted without any issues unlike the year previous. The work of Lorraine and Carole with recording prior and after registration was highly commendable. The willingness of all members to undertake the necessary roles on and before the day made for a very smoothly run event. Kim coordinated the collection and return of the required materials for the meet. The provision of shade from the Breakers Swim Club made for improved conditions for swimmers and officials a recommendation made from the Meet Referee in 2011 who was Ken Phillips. Peta and Steph ensured that the refreshments were made available for volunteers and officials as well as the coordination of the function at the conclusion. Katrina conducted a raffle that raised two hundred dollars for the club.

No major recommendations were made by the Meet Referee Perc Edwards.

**TREASURER**  
**Bridgette McMurdo**

Well 2013 is upon us and hasn't it arrived quickly, hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and you are all looking forward to a wonderful new year – all positive I hope.

At the time of writing this report I am still waiting for our financial audit report for 2012 which should be ready by the 19th January 2013 the date of our AGM copies of which will be provided once we have received them.

In the meantime in general the club has progressed very well with 114 members recorded in December 2012 which I think is a credit to all our members new and old and the great team spirit with which we all conduct ourselves with all the activities that are planned throughout the year. The club fees have remained the same as last year \$180 and I agree with John Bryan the Treasurer from last year that the swim lane hire pre-payment included in that amount eliminates the handling of cash, is easier to document and therefore makes things run a little more efficiently for operations. Receipts are pretty much the same as last year with expenditure up.

The yearly sausage sizzle was well organized this year as it is every other year with thanks to all that were involved. A lot of time and effort is spent every year with organizing and making sure things run efficiently.

The club all rallied around when Janne Robertson had a fire in her campervan and lost everything, members donated money and the club also contributed a total of \$1000 was collected and handed to her of which she was very grateful. The Christmas in July was a huge success at Ocean Reef Sports a big thanks to Stephanie and Peta for all the work that they put into organizing these social functions.

A very big thanks to Lisa and Lynette for the wonderful new bathers and Rottnest T-shirts which impressed a lot of spectators and the opposition of course. There were a lot of very positive comments so well done ladies – a job well done! We also have Lynette and Lisa to thank for our new paddles that most of our members are using to improve their strokes. A considerable amount of money has been spent this year on uniforms and equipment but I am sure you will all agree that it has been well worth it.

The balance in our account at the end of the year is approximately \$14,000 as John Bryan has suggested last year it may be up to the committee in 2013 to decide whether it either be invested or spent. A decision the new Treasurer will be well qualified to make. A decision of the 2012 committee is that \$5000 may be used for the 30 year anniversary this year.

Well, I would like to say thanks all for a wonderful year, will see you around in 2013, best wishes and see you in the pool.

## **CAPTAINS**

**Narelle Davey / Karen Gale**

On behalf of the Westcoast captains we wish to congratulate all the swimmers on making our year such a great experience. It's all about the fun, friendship, and fitness and we do believe our club exemplifies this. We hope everyone met their own personal goals however big or small, from our solo swimmer to Rottnest. Congratulations to John Bryan and Jo Horrex: well done, and a special mention to Peta and Steph as part of a team to Rotto who won their age group.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the Westcoast Carnival. As always a great start for our new members and old of course to give it a go! And come home with a carnival win.

The Rottnest swim -thru weekend was once again one to remember, it's always great to see first time swimmers achieve their goal and swim proudly through the finish line what an inspiration so don't let it finish there !!

Keep enjoying your swimming and have-a-go: you may be surprised at what you can achieve.

## **COACHES COORDINATOR**

**Alan Power**

It was a pleasure to take on the coaching co-coordinators role this year. We had a very good spread of coaches and most only had to coach once per month. So thank you to all of you for your support throughout a very trying 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 amazing.

We started our year with the usual focus, training for the Rottnest Channel crossing. Well done to those who competed. Unfortunately the states were in Bunbury one week later. Due to this we had no swimmers entered in the states this year.

We then started training for our club carnival. It was close but we won our carnival with most swimmers happy with their swims. After our carnival we started concentrating on our drills.

We introduced drill cards and it was amazing to look across the pool and watch all our swimmers doing the same drills. All our strokes improved over this time and it was a pleasure to watch. It's a credit to our coaches and our program.

In June we introduced a new challenge with the Coaches Challenge. Wow to see your faces and to hear you all talking of your achievements over coffee was amazing. Lane one completed 2600m with lane 5 completing 3600m. Congratulations to all the swimmers for making it a great success. We had well over 50 swimmers in the pool that day. It was great to see every lane swim as team to complete the session.

In July our pool at Arena Joondalup was closed down for maintenance. We came up with Tuesday night being a dry land training session. Thursday was late up at Wanneroo and we introduced a Sunday session at Craigie. Once again our coaches and swimmers supported our club through this unusual time. Many thanks to our yoga instructor and our club members who worked hard over this period to keep our training sessions going and our club together.

In August as a club we had a small win. We gained back our 6.30 time slot on Monday nights at Craigie. With this we asked all our swimmers to respect the kids and other swimmers exiting the pool before entering. It has been fantastic to watch our swimmers doing this. Well done to all swimmers.

We have introduced paddles into our training sessions with the club selling paddles to our swimmers.

We started our training for the famous Rottnest swim Thru in September, with the usual rivalries between fellow lane members. It was a great swim with the swimmers who had put in swam good times. Well done to those who improved on their PB's. Some of the lane one swimmers improved by nearly 10 minutes. That's amazing.

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. 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 a lot was achieved. I have some new ideas for next year. It will be fantastic to be a part of our club over the next year. Congratulations to the club and all who are here now and in the past on its 30th Anniversary. Look forward to seeing you all on pool deck in 2013.

**REGISTRAR**  
**Viki Shelver**

I took over this position from Marg Ernst and was provided with solid guidance from her at the beginning of the year. I was also fortunate enough to attend a workshop run by MSWA. This gave me the opportunity to get a very good understanding of the facilities available from the registration and membership programme we use and look forward to improving the use of all aspects of this programme.

We ended 2012 with 114 paid up members. This is a fantastic achievement for the club getting all members registering and paying on line. There were some needing a bit of assistance but all eventually registered successfully. We were one of the first clubs in WA to achieve this status/

We maintained the use of the 16 Month Memberships and 4 Month Memberships and received a few members through this opportunity.

Fees for 2013 have been maintained at \$180, which includes the national, state and club memberships plus a portion to cover lane hire. This has worked very well in the past and I feel it it's a successful way of ensuring all payments are received and recorded appropriately.

**RECORDER**  
**Mirelda Burgess**

A new system of recording has been implemented in 2012 using Meet Manager. All events entered through the club are recorded with Team Manager and results are downloaded into the results folder. Other event results are manually entered and all results are collated into individual member's time sheets.

Anyone who has competed in Pool Events or Ocean Swims will be able to access their time sheet on the Club's website. Time sheets will not be handed out as usual. As soon as we have finalized all result transfers members will be advised of their availability.

**SAFETY OFFICER**  
**Kim Burkett**

No pool injuries to report for the year, that means everyone is obeying pool etiquette. One thing I have noticed is that everyone is not obeying the rules when it comes to wearing jewellery, I must remind people that watches, neck laces, bracelets, etc are not to be worn whilst swimming with the club.

We had 15 people attend the CPR course at Arena Joondalup in October, with Isabelle doing the instructing, job well done. We managed to get a grant from Health Ways to pay for the CPR course, so no cost to the club.

## **UNIFORMS**

**Lisa Bergin and Lynette Telfer**

It was great to get a fresh look for our club with the new bathers by Aquadiva. We received quite a few good comments about them at Rottnest and they were definitely easily identifiable out and about. It was great to see so many members wearing them throughout the year and representing our club. We are also still hoping to design and purchase new swimming caps in 2013.

The Rottnest Swim Thru t-shirts were once again very popular and we also had people asking where we purchased them from. It was nice to be able to say it was our own club t-shirt design.

2013 should bring more new stock into the club. Along with the caps, there is talk of new jumpers/hoodies and also a special 30th anniversary shirt.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Peta Batorfi and Steph Myles**

Well it was a pretty quiet year for the Social Club but a few events did happen.

Random dinners continued to be a hit throughout 2012 with a few more restaurants in the northern suburbs being tried and tested. All dinners had at least 20 people in attendance. These are a great relaxed social night (not to mention being reasonably priced) and everyone is encouraged to partake in 2013. Many thanks to those who made recommendations and bookings for these evenings.

Thanks to Viki for arranging the Valentine's Day brunch after one of the Sunday morning swims down at Mullaloo.

The highlight for the social calendar was Christmas in July at the Ocean Reef Sea and Sports Club. We had a turnout of approximately 47 people and everyone seemed content with the spread as we dined with the Olympics playing in the background.

A small Westcoast contingent attended the Mandurah Carnival weekend away and whilst I think planking was off the agenda this year, a nice weekend was had.

The Rottnest weekend didn't disappoint and so after our post-swim celebratory drinks, we jungle boogied down in unit 241 until 1am (well some people did anyway!) when Lozza called final cocktails. Many thanks to Pete Kerman for, once again, organising the cocktail creations and to Graem for keeping the cocktail pot safe all night long. The evening was followed up with a hearty traditional breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches.

Sausage sizzles at Joondalup Bunnings were a good fundraiser once again and thanks to everyone for pitching in. These raise considerable funds for the club to allow subsidy of lane hire and social events so it is important that everyone does a round on the bbq!

Thanks to all the members for bringing plates of food to our swimming carnival and the Christmas post-swim morning tea.

Both Pete and Steph are stepping back from social in 2013 and with the 30 year anniversary celebrations already looking to have an impressive line-up of events; it is unlikely that we will double up with a social committee as well. However, participation will still be required from members for the running of the two Bunnings bbq's!

## **PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE**

### **Viki Shelver**

Regular quarterly reports have been submitted to the State branch for inclusion in their regular newsletter and members have been kept informed through email and with information being posted on the website. During the course of 2012 we established a new website which is far more user friendly from an administrative point of view and I am always happy to receive any feedback or suggestions. The Facebook page is up and running with postings and photos available for any friends out there.