



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

### **PRESIDENT**

**Graem O'Loughlin**

It's been a privilege to be President of Westcoast Masters Swimming Club for 2017. With a membership of 150, our club has gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months. You, its members, are its support base and its biggest asset.

Recently our large numbers, combined with lane and pool closures at Craigie, have meant we've had to deal with crowded lanes. Thanks to our coaches' ability to tailor programs to suit, and the good spirit and pool etiquette of members, we got through.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their swimming this year and ticked off some personal goals. We have had some very successful swimming results at local through to international levels.

We should be equally proud that we have upheld the Masters Swimming philosophy of 'Fitness, Friendship & Fun'. The enjoyment and satisfaction we gain from the club, and that keeps us coming back, is a credit to everyone.

I thank all our volunteers who have assisted throughout the year: our coaches who have strived to provide challenging programs and encouragement; our social committee for the many enjoyable social opportunities they have given us; all the volunteers who helped run our Interclub Swim Meet and the ocean Run-Swim-Run.

Rottnest for many of you is a highlight of the year and to make it so, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes. Thanks to the members who booked the Rottnest cottages and Peter Kerman who took over the organisational role for Rotto Accommodation. The meal after our swim, organised by our social committee and with all members pitching in, was a huge success.

This year I had the privilege of leading a committee of dedicated people who have given many hours of their time. I thank them for the professional way they have carried out their roles and for their support over the year. To the club committee members relinquishing their positions this year, I thank them for their commitment. They will all be missed.

Special mention is reserved for Viki Shelver, who has decided not to stand for election in 2018. Viki has been the backbone of our club over many years - the go-to person to get things done. To give some context to her years of official service:

Club Secretary	2002 -2003
President	2010-2011
Registrar	2010-2015
Publicity and Member Services	2006- 2017
Coaching Coordinator	2016- 2017

Viki is a Life member of Westcoast Masters Swimming Club and continues as an active member. We are lucky her experience and knowledge will not be lost.

On behalf of the Committee and members, a big thank you Viki.

On behalf of the club I acknowledge and thank our sponsors (listed later in this report) for their generous support and ask that where possible, you support their businesses. :

We look forward to the 2018 season with enthusiasm.



#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

##### **Michael Kerman**

I wish to thank all committee members and club members who have continued to support the club throughout the year. The ability of a sporting club to be successful is dependent on how its members get involved and work together. Westcoast as a club has been blessed in having members that want to see the club be successful in creating an environment that epitomises fun, fitness and friendship. The increase in membership numbers through 2017 can only confirm: Westcoast is the club to be part of!!

This year Westcoast held its own 'Social Club Pool Carnival' on 28 May at Craigie Leisure Centre. A contingent of swimmers from Whitfords Masters also participated. Whilst the event was run in typical swim carnival format, the focus was on ALL participants 'having fun' in a relaxed environment. The event was well attended by members from both clubs (predominately Westcoast). A big thank you to all members and supporters who helped make the day a great success.

On 19 November the club organised a beach event for those who wanted something a little different. The event was a Run/Swim/Run/Swim course over a 1200m distance. Approximately 40 club members and some non-members were up for the challenge. The conditions were kind to all who participated. It was great to see some 'non- beach swimmers' look beyond the pool and brave the ocean. The morning included a great breakfast put on by the social committee. From all accounts everyone really enjoyed the morning. A big thanks to all involved in assisting with the organising and running of the event.

Finally, again a big thank you to all members. Let's ensure 2018 is again a great year for Westcoast Masters.

## **TREASURER**

### **Geoff Potts**

Total income generated by the club was \$35,736.23 with total costs of \$33,537.77. There was a positive cash flow of \$2198.46 for 2017. Membership fees need to cover Lane Hire (\$12,000) with the remaining for general club costs. Annual membership fees (12 months) of \$200 per member are split as follows:-

\$80.00 to the State and National bodies;

\$70.00 to cover lane hire; and

\$50.00 for the general running of the club, which include items such as Clothing, Office equipment, Coaching Clinics, Carnivals, equipment and certain Social events, which are designed to run roughly at break even.

Sponsorship raised \$1,500.00

We are very appreciative of the sponsorship by various members which contribute to subsidising the Rottnest Swim Thru weekend uniforms including:

- Peter, Chris and Michael Kerman  
Kerman Contracting Pty Ltd
- Darren Cooper  
Power Plus Air Pty Ltd
- Jeff and Margaret Ernst  
Realmark Residential
- Lisa and Mark Bergin  
Advance Formwork Pty Ltd
- Sean Neary  
Neary Consulting

A very big thank you to all who contributed time and to our very generous sponsors.

Cash at hand at the end of the year was \$20,190.32 (refer 2017 Payments and Receipts). This varies each year depending on how many members have paid their membership for 2018. The club requires \$6500 as a specific float to cover prepayment of Rottnest accommodation between July and December each year.

At the moment the Club finances are in a healthy state and the committee will be running a Bunnings Sausage sizzle in 2018 to raise further funds.

Have a Great Year in the pool.

Geoff



## CLUB COACH COORDINATOR

**Viki Shelver**

Another hugely successful year in the lanes. We might not be the most actively competitive club but we definitely have a very dedicated membership who regularly take to the lanes and take advantage of our well run coaching program.

The club consists mostly of well behaved, etiquette aware swimmers. The occasional swimmer who has not been thinking about lane safety has been put into place by the rest of the lane and coaches have done well to keep everyone active and engaged.

We have had some pool space challenges this year but have managed to work our way around most of them. Well done to those who have coached at Craigie this past month! Sessions have been well adapted to cope with the reduced lane space and the increased summer numbers – we even managed with the timed swims thrown in.

Kieren Lawrenson, Marion Durham and Michael Richardson were regular entries into the LiveLighter Club Challenges. Well done to them. We did not have a great showing at the State Champs but a better participation level at the State Relay Challenge. The club did, however, keep up the good name of participation in the State Open Water Swim earlier in the year, winners for another year! Keep up the good work in 2018.

Congratulations to Marion Durham, Shaun Harrison and Lex Robertson, who finalised their formal coaching qualifications. A special thank you to all of you who volunteer your time to set sessions and/or spend time poolside assisting our members.

We do have a number of swimmers preparing for the Rottneest Channel Swim 2018. Good luck to them all, no matter whether it is as part of a team, part of a duo or as a solo. Wishing them all injury free training and fine weather conditions on the day.

I am a little disappointed after the huge burst of enthusiasm at the beginning of the year that the number of members committed to swimming at Nationals in April 2018 hasn't quite made us great again. It's still not too late to get your entries in and remember the financial support offered by the club.

Wishing the new coordinator and coaching crew for 2018 all the best. Reminder to all swimmers, as a coach - it's really nice to be acknowledged at the end of the evening- just saying!





## CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

### Shaun Harrison and Tracey Harrison

2017 has been another busy year for the Club. Westcoast Masters hosted an intraclub carnival early in the pool carnival season. An invitation was extended to members of the Whitfords and Carine Masters Clubs to participate and there was good attendance despite the cool conditions.

There were also entries in the Beatty Park LiveLighter Relays, Bunbury and Busselton Masters LiveLighter South West Skins, Golden Groper Relay Meet and the Riverton Masters Carnival.

Westcoast Masters members embraced the open water season and had entries in a number of events including:

- Busselton Jetty Swim;
- Rottnest Channel Swim (20km);
- Port to Pub Rottnest Swim (20km);
- Coogee Jetty to Jetty;
- Watermans to the Wall;
- Lake Leschenaultia;
- MSA State Open Water Swims.

After a cancellation due to rough conditions earlier in the year the club successfully hosted a well-attended Run/Swim/Run/Swim event at Mullaloo in November.

The Rottnest Swim Thru weekend was again a success with participation by many members.

There were a number of personal best times gained and awards taken across the year. Special mention goes to Kieran Lawrence for winning the Port to Pub.

With the Masters National Championships being in April 2018 a substantial number of members have indicated their intention to compete. Members are encouraged to officially register and take advantage of the subsidy the club is offering.

We wish members good luck for the current open water season and hope members will embrace the opportunity to represent the club at the National Championships.



## **REGISTRAR**

### **Christine Lane**

We have had another hugely successful year with a final membership of 150.

Membership highlights for the Westcoast Masters include:

25 new members in total

6 new members elected to take up the 16 month option

7 new members elected to take up the 4 month option

We remain one of the largest clubs in WA.

## **PUBLICITY OFFICER**

**Viki Shelver**

The year has continued with regular eNews being distributed to members. Unfortunately, the website updates have not been as consistent but all basic information is current, as at the end of 2017.

Club members have been kept informed about club social events, competitions and general information relating to ongoing club business.

The time has come to pass on the baton. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as publicity officer. It has been very exciting and rewarding - setting up the current website, Facebook page and introducing the regular eNews communications.

The framework is in place and now it's time for someone else to put their stamp on to it. I hope whoever takes up the challenge enjoys it as much as I have and do hope all members assist by reading their communications and becoming more responsive to requests and directions shared.



## **RECORDER**

**Lorraine Quayle**

During 2017 my role has been to liaise with the club captains to enter members into swimming events and enter these results into the Westcoast Team Manager Data base.

In March Tracey Harrison and I attended a Team Manager workshop run by Masters Swimming WA. This was great as now Tracey is a full bottle on Team Manager too 😊.

Also in March this year we upgraded our Team Manager from Version 6 to Version 8. This ensures files sent and received, with other Masters Clubs, will be in the correct format.

In May we ran our own in-house carnival. My role was to set up and run this event on our Meet Manager computer program and again enter all results into our Team Manager program.

Please remember to let me know if you have swum in any other Open Water Swims as these can also be added to your personal records.

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.



## **SAFETY**

**Chris West**

There have been no reportable issues or incidents during the year.

We have been focussing on trying to collate and update medical records for existing and new members, then converting them to electronic copies so that they can be entered into the club's electronic records.

We like to update these at the start of each year, ideally while you're here today, so please take a moment to complete a form immediately after the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe New Year!



## **UNIFORMS**

**Sam Gale and Gail West**

2017 was another busy year for uniforms. We sold off a lot of old stock during the year at our pop up store held during Saturday morning teas at Craigie – a boon for both members and cupboard space at Craigie.

Our new club shirts included a few small changes from the previous ones, and overall, everyone seems pleased with the new style.

Feedback on the Rottnest Swim Thru T-shirts is that they are a hit with everyone, thanks to a simple design with a beautiful array of colors to choose from.

Thank you once again to all the sponsors for your support for Rottnest this year. It is very much appreciated by all.





## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Sandra Teagle/Sue Finney/Debbie Hart/Gail West/Amy Kerman**

I would like to thank Sue, Debbie, Gail and Amy for their valuable input and organisational skills, offering a variety of social events throughout the year for club members to enjoy, and providing the opportunity to socialise and also get acquainted with new members. 2017 has been another great year of fitness, fun and friendship.

Events organised throughout 2017:

11 Feb	Dinner Esplanade BUSSELTON - (Busselton Jetty Swim)
25 Feb	Picnic Movie Night - PINES JOONDALUP
1 March	Music In The Park - MAWSON PARK
25 March	Elizabeth Quay – Drinks and dinner at WINDSOR SOUTH PERTH
17 May	Pub crawl, PERTH CITY
10 June	Dinner and Blues Bros – LEAP FROGS
29 July	Great Gatsby – HILLARY YACHT CLUB
19 Aug	Wine and Pizza night – DEB’S HOUSE
2 Sept	Drinks at SALT & Pizza at PIRATES
6 Oct	Brewery and Hamburger - WHITFORDS
14 Oct	Paint and Sip – WEMBLEY
2 Dec	Meal after Rottnest Swim Thru
23 Dec	Christmas Morning Tea
20 Jan	AGM Morning Tea

The Social Committee has done another great job, but its current members (other than me) are now taking a well-deserved break. Please consider coming on board to fill the vacant positions and join me with some new ideas

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