



Masters Swimming WA

Minutes

Council of Clubs Meeting

Wednesday 19th of November at 6:00

1. Introduction

1.1 Accreditation of delegates

Board

Director of Finance
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director
Executive Officer

Stephen Fidge (Teams)
Mischa Huts (Teams)
Kate Baxter (Teams)
Fiona Wilkins (Teams)
Jay Prchal (Teams)
Graham Cooper (Teams)
Richard Johnson

State Officers

State Recorder

Richard Johnson

Club

Armadale Masters
Beatty Park Masters
Bold Park Masters
Busselton Masters
Claremont Masters
Cockburn Masters
Fremantle Masters
Perth City Swim Club (Masters)
Perth Rainbow Swans
Rockingham Masters
Somerset Masters
Superfins WA Masters Swimming Club
West Coast Masters Swimming Club

Delegate

Rowena Burch (Teams)
Heather Whitehead (Teams)
Rob Englehard
Stephen Gibson (Teams)
Marina Campbell (Teams)
Nick Wyatt (Teams)
Sarah Karran (Teams)
Perry Molendijk (Teams)
Daniel Boland (Teams)
Richard Gorzkos (Teams)
Teagyn Haines (Teams)
Robert Beckett
Stephen Fidge (Teams)

Life Members: Sue Pow (Teams)

1.2 Apologies

- Siobhan Tyndall - President
- Richard Hughes – Board Member
- Wendy Davis – Board Member
- Jack Busch – Life Member
- Andrea Williams – Maida Vale Masters
- Wayne Dohmen – West Coast Masters

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 28th May 2025 and September 3rd 2025.

Moved: Rob Becket
Seconded: Mischa Huts

1.4 Business arising from Minutes

NIL

1.5 Board & Committee reports

NIL

2 Items for Discussion

2.1 SWA Proposal and MSWA Response as part of the CITS funding from the WA Government

The following points were outlined in the CoC papers and mentioned by the EO at the meeting.

- The CITS grant is an Industry Investment Program grant worth \$70k per year for 3 years. This represents approximately 28% of our revenue.
- The WA State Government policy will only fund the pre-eminent organisation in each sport in the future. As such, funds will need to be passed through Swimming WA to MSWA. The Board has informed CITS that we will accept the funding through SWA as this decision was agreed at a Special General Meeting in March 2025.
- MSWA and SWA will need to develop a service agreement prior to a funding agreement being agreed with CITS. There is some risk that the SLA might not be agreed between the two parties.
- A steering group was formed to examine potential collaboration initiatives. The group includes Richard Johnson, Richard Hughes, and Life Members Jack Busch, Kim Tyler, and Lynne Duncan. Swimming WA members included Darren Michael (President), Emily Randal (CEO), Kirsty Read, and Trevor Verran.
- One collaboration initiative already undertaken is for the inclusion of MSWA members to attend SWA courses and clinics.
- On the 25th of September, an SLA meeting was held with Presidents of SWA/MSWA plus Angele from CITS and Richard Hughes. A shared services proposal from SWA was subsequently distributed after the meeting with the following actions.
 - The board discussed the SWA proposal at the 22nd October board meeting and agreed that the proposal is essentially a de facto takeover proposal of MSWA and was not in the best interests of Masters Swimming WA.
 - It was agreed at the board meeting that a response would be drafted which reflected these discussions with a counter proposal recommending the development of masters swimming in the regions

with funding from the grant of up to \$10K. Both proposals were attached to the CoC agenda papers.

- Regardless of the outcome of the SLA, MSWA felt that the progress made on the steering group meetings should be continued regardless of the outcome of the SLA and this was also included in the response.
- A contingency financial analysis was created by the EO so that the financial implications of impacts to MSWA could be understood if an agreement could not be reached. The contingency forecast shows that both this year and next year are positive with a reduction in hours of the EO to 4 days per week.

Alternate funding sources were discussed at the meeting and these will be reviewed.

The MSWA Board will continue to oversee the negotiations and agreement to ensure MSWA best interests are served.

3 Items for Endorsement

3.1 2026 12-Month Membership Fees

The state fee in yellow below was presented and endorsed.

Year	State (ex GST and Fee)	National (ex GST and Fee)	(Total to club including GST and Fee)
2025	\$49.44	\$53.63	\$117.93
2026	\$50.92 (3.0% increase)	\$54.55 (1.7 % increase)	\$120.66

Moved: Robert Engelhard

Seconded: Rob Becket

4 Items for Information

4.1 Officials Course

It was noted at the meeting that the following dates for the TO courses have been proposed:

- Saturdays 7/2 (TK & CTK; IOT),
- 21/2 (Call Room; JoS),
- 7/3 (Starter; Referee)

It was also recommended that larger clubs (more than 90 members) have two officials who can officiate, and smaller clubs have one. This will spread the workload out and will be needed when the Nationals are in Perth in 2027. A promotional flyer will be created and sent out to the clubs.

4.2 WOW Swims

It was noted that the WOW swims season has commenced and participation is greatly encouraged for these series of swims. Promotion to non-Masters swimmers at these events were discussion and will be examined.

4.3 Membership

It was reported at the meeting that membership is currently at a record 1,873 members which is 39 more than the maximum which was set last year. The largest club is Fremantle at 137 followed by West Coast at 132, and Busselton at 128.

4.4 Mental Health First Aid Course

It was noted at the meeting that for all participants in the Swim for Life Virtual Event, a free mental health first aid course valued at \$350 is available from Mens Talk.

MSWA encouraged members to take up this opportunity. It was also reported that the National Coaches Committee is looking at adding the course as an elective to the level 2 coaching accreditation. Healthway, one of our grant providers, also encourages this initiative.

5 Items of General Business

5.1 Country Carnival by Correspondence

It was announced at the meeting that Busselton was the winner for the CCC this year. Results below.

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| • Busselton | 1,867 |
| • Mandurah | 1,692 |
| • Geraldton | 381 |
| • Albany | 64 |

It was also announced there were 33 CCC records by individuals, 7 CCC relay records, and 52 inaugural CCC records. Thanks are noted to Julie O'Connor who suggested the expansion of the competition to include 25m events as well as sanctioned events.

5.2 Busselton President

It was noted at the meeting that Richard George has stepped down as the President of Busselton after 6 years. The success of the club is noted and has grown considerably to be the third largest club in the state.

Meeting Closed at 7:09pm

6 Next Meeting

The next Council of Clubs is 18th of March 2026.