



Masters Swimming WA

Minutes

Council of Clubs Meeting

Wednesday 3rd of September at 6:00

1. Introduction

1.1 Accreditation of delegates

Board

Director of Finance	Stephen Fidge (Teams)
Director of Technical Officials	Wendy Davis (Teams)
Director	Mischa Huts (Teams)
Director	Kate Baxter (Teams)
Director	Graham Cooper (Teams)
Executive Officer	Richard Johnson

State Officers

State Recorder	Richard Johnson
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Club

Beatty Park Masters
Bold Park
Cockburn Masters
Inglewood Masters
Fremantle Masters
Maida Vale Masters Swimming Club
Perth City Swim Club (Masters)
Perth Rainbow Swans
Rockingham Masters
Superfins WA Masters Swimming Club
West Coast Masters Swimming Club

Delegate

Allison Renwick (Teams)
Kate Baxter (Teams)
Greg Lister (Teams)
Domenic Crouch (Teams)
Wendy Davis (Teams)
Lynne Duncan (Teams)
Perry Molendijk (Teams)
Daniel Boland (Teams)
Richard Gorzkos (Teams)
Robert Beckett (Teams)
Stephen Fidge (Teams)

Life Members: Lynne Duncan (Teams)

1.2 Apologies

- Richard Hughes – Board Member
- Jack Busch – Life Member
- Richard George – Busselton

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 28th May 2025

Postponed due to lack of Quorum.

1.4 Business arising from Minutes

NIL

1.5 Board & Committee reports

NIL

2 Items for Discussion

3 Items for Discussion

3.1 CITS (Department of Creative Industries and Sport) funding update

- 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 are 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 required 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.
- The MSWA Board will oversee the negotiations and agreement to ensure MSWA best interests are served. The next meeting will be between the Presidents of each organisation, CITS, and Richard Hughes.

4 Items for Information

4.1 Swimming WA Courses and Clinics

A selection of nine SWA courses and clinics have been made available to MSWA members. These courses and clinics are aimed at club education, coach education, or swimmer education. These have been announced on social media and are attached.

4.2 National Championships 2027 (N27)

Being held at the Perth High Performance Centre from 14th April to 17th of April 2027.

The N27 organising committee has been formed and is attached.

4.3 Board Appointment

Wendy Davis has been appointed to the board and will fill Lynne's previous position as Director of Technical. Lynne is the current chair of the National Technical Committee.

4.4 Officials Course and Volunteers

An officials course is being organised for early next year and additional officials are needed to support our existing events as well as the upcoming Nationals in Perth in 2027.

4.5 Awards Night and Nominations

The awards night has been organised for October 14th at the Scarborough Surf Club. Nominations due Monday 8th of September for

- Perth Edwards Volunteer of the Year.
- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year

Sally Hunter has agreed to be the guest speaker at the function.

4.6 16-Month Memberships

16-Month memberships are now available for clubs to add to their membership products. This product is intended for new members who wish to join between 1st of September and 30th of November. Clubs can retire their 6 month membership product in preference of the 16 month product when the 16 month product is set up.

MSA have increased their membership component by \$2.09 from a year ago and the MSWA board has agreed to keep the state membership component unchanged. The total of these two is now \$141.73 (including GST and Fees) with the state component being \$63.73 and the national component now being \$78.00. Clubs are to add their component fee on top of this when the club product is set up.

The 2026 12-month fee will be a topic for the next Council of Clubs meeting.

4.7 Mental Health Month and Swim for Life Fundraising Event

The registrations for the Mental Health Swim for Life Virtual Challenge will be launched this month with the competition to commence on October 1st and will run until 14th of November. Details attached.

5 Items of General Business

5.1 Scarborough Beach Swim Club

The Scarborough Beach Swim Club decided at their recent committee meeting that they will seek affiliation with Masters Swimming WA.

5.2 Membership

Membership is currently at 1,806 members which is approximately 70 more than last year at this time. The largest club is Fremantle at 137 followed by West Coast at 132, and Busselton at 126.

5.3 Albany

A very successful Couch to 2K program was held in Albany in July with the result that their membership has increased from 4 to 13 members and the club is now looking forward to a successful future.

5.4 Cockburn Masters

Greg Listed reported that Cockburn Masters is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and currently has 89 members which is a great achievement after almost folding a number of years ago. The EO congratulated Cockburn on their success and the Anniversary.

Meeting Closed at 6:40pm

6 Next Meeting

The next Council of Clubs is 19th of November 2025.

SWIMMING WA CLUB EDUCATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT	REGISTRATION LINK
17 th September 2025	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Coaching Workshop - Managing the Athlete for Long Term Success Presented by Dr. Shaun Abbott	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a8c2a5c1-85ff-494e-b7b4-c029cd747c91@096f6d3b-9c15-4280-b9b7-af00eeallaf3
11 th October 2025	9:00am - 12:00pm	Swimming WA Metro Stroke Development Clinic 3 sessions available, split by age groups (located Perth HPC)	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/swimming-wa-stroke-clinic-tickets-1584479243069?aff=oddtcreator
11 th October 2025	9:00am - 11:30am	Successful Committees Workshop Presented Rick Smith	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8614d239-0a94-41a3-81a6-a682f4299f05@096f6d3b-9c15-4280-b9b7-af00eeallaf3
23 rd October 2025	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Driving Participation Through Sport Presented by Matt Simpson (Swimming Australia)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bceb9220-c49d-42b3-b653-38ea2e5313ab@096f6d3b-9c15-4280-b9b7-af00eeallaf3
6 -8 November 2025		The Peace Playbook Presented by Scott Elliot (Swimming Australia)	Save the date, more information and registrations to coming soon.
12 - 15 November 2025		Swimming Well Strategy Presented by Swimming Australia	Save the date, more information and registrations to coming soon.
19 November 2025	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Adaptable Clubs Webiner Presented by Adam Popham	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/9a9bd174-5e7a-4c70-94fd-aecl9bcedb0@096f6d3b-9c15-4280-b9b7-af00eeallaf3
20 th November 2025	7:00am - 7:45am	Swimming with Disability The classification process and where to go	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/673d2731-059c-4391-90c0-e9c8ca5ed997@096f6d3b-9c15-4280-b9b7-af00eeallaf3



N27 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Role				
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Name	Masters Club	Role Description / Responsibilities	Report to
Meet Convenor	Elena Nesci (EN)	Claremont	Boss Lady, sponsorship, minutes, program booklet	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
Administrative Director	Richard Johnson (RJ)	Claremont	Registrations, IT, website, pool booking, grants, program booklet	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
Technical Director	Richard Hughes (RH)	Claremont	Program, TO + Timekeeping coordination/rostering, Meet Director	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
Finance Director	Nick Wyatt (NW)	Cockburn	Budgeting, sponsorship, bookkeeping + payments	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
SUB-COMMITTEE COORDINATORS	Name	Masters Club	Role Description	Report to
Social Events Coordinators (venues)	Heather Rhebok	Stadium	Venues, catering, themes for Welcome + Presentation Functions + Sundowners	Executive Committee (EN)
	Tash Kedgley	Stadium		
Formal Events Coordinators	Paul Blackbeard	Claremont	Trophies + prizes, order of proceedings, guest invites, guest liaison	Executive Committee (RJ)
	(Assistant) Heather Whitehead	Beatty Park		
Volunteers Coordinators	Damien Eyre	Riverton	Co-opt and coordinate rostering for all volunteers	Executive Committee (RH)
	Janet Bolton	Rainbow Swans		
Merchandise Coordinators	Anke Schwedat	Claremont	Design & selection of N27 Merchandise	Executive Committee (NW / EN)
	Helen Martindale	Cockburn	Distribution of N27 Merchandise	
Marketing + Promotion Coordinators	Georgie Liddle	Cockburn	Social Media, Marketing and Promotion	Executive Committee (EN)
	Lotti Fox	Claremont		
Raffle Coordinators	Jan Saunders	Superfins	Coordinate and host daily raffles	Executive Committee (NW)
OWS Coordinator	Kay Jones	Fremantle	Coordinate OWS - appoint team	Executive Committee (NW)
Announcers Coordinator	Andrea Williams	Maida Vale	Coordinate announcing team + announcing notes	Executive Committee (EN)
SWA / Recruitment Officer	Kareena Preston	Fremantle	Liaise with SWA clubs + promote N27	Executive Committee (RJ)
Safety Coordinator	Heather Whitehead	Beatty Park	Coordinate all aspects of Safety for Pool events	Executive Committee (RH)

swim for life

2025

1st Oct – 14th Nov

About Swim For Life Virtual Challenge

Swim for Life is a virtual challenge where members can track their laps swam over 6 weeks to win club prizes. The challenge also provides the option for participants to fundraise for registered charity MensTalk to help fund men's mental health initiatives.

Participants log their laps over the four weeks via the MensTalk platform which will populate a live ladder of Masters Clubs that have swam the furthest and those that have fundraised the most. Prizes are available for clubs.

How to Participate

Participants can then register on the MensTalk platform using their club code which they can select from the list. If you have second club claim, please select your first club that you are registered to. Once you have signed up, you then will be able to log your laps that will automatically contribute to the club ladder.

Participants can also fundraise via the platform if they wish, it is not compulsory and there is not cost or fundraising obligation to participate.

Where does the Fundraising go?

Swim for Life raises vital funds to support men's mental health initiatives in the Perth community. These programs include:

- Drop-in support services for men
- One-on-one mentoring
- Free workshops
- Men's support groups
- Targeted programs for young boys
- Advocacy for better mental health outcomes

Thanks to Swim for Life, MensTalk can continue providing these essential services at no cost and expand the reach, ensuring more men receive the support they need.

Why MensTalk and Mental Health?

Suicide is the leading cause of death for men aged 15 – 44 in Australia.

- 1 in 5 men will experience anxiety.
- 1 in 7 men will experience depression.
- 9 Australians die by suicide every day, and 7 of them are men.
- 1 in 4 men say they would never speak to anyone about their mental health.

MensTalk are Providing:

4 x \$500 prizes for the clubs with the highest distance swum, most money raised in total as well as those divided by average membership numbers, so smaller clubs have a chance too.

They will also be offering FREE Mental Health First Aid Courses, a value of \$300 to all participants.



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