



Masters Swimming WA

Minutes

Council of Clubs Meeting

Wednesday 18th of March 2026 following the AGM

1. Introduction

1.1 Accreditation of delegates

Board

President	Pip Sivwright
Director of Finance	Stephen Fidge (Teams)
Director Pool Competitions	Richard Hughes
Director of Open Water Swimming	Jay Prchal (Teams)
Director of Technical	Wendy Davis
Director	Mischa Huts (Teams)
Director	Kate Baxter (Teams)
Executive Officer	Richard Johnson

State Officers

State Recorder	Richard Johnson
OWS Officials Coordinator	Ron Gray (Teams)

Club

Armadale Masters Swimming Club Inc.	Rowena Burch (Teams)
Beatty Park Masters	Alison Renwick (Teams)
Bold Park Masters	Neil Bowie
Busselton Masters Swimming Club	Steve Gibson
Claremont Masters	Richard Johnson
Cockburn Masters Swimming Club	Greg Lister (Teams)
Fremantle Masters Swimming Club	Sarah Karran-Morris (Teams)
Guildford and Kalamunda Masters	Trevor Verran (Teams)
Leeming Masters Swimming Club	Kristy Boase (Teams)
Maida Vale Masters Swimming Club	Andrea Williams
Melville Masters Swimming Club	Kate Sorenson (Teams)
Newman Churchlands Masters Swimming Club	Frank Maloney
Perth City Swim Club (Masters)	Perry Molendijk (Teams)
Perth Rainbow Swans	Daniel Boland (Teams)
Riverton Masters	Muhammet Kaya (Teams)
Rockingham Masters	Shannon Bowron (Teams)
Somerset Masters Swimming Club	Teagyn Haines (Teams)
Stadium Masters Swimming Club	Mark Anderson
Superfins WA Masters Swimming Club	Robert Beckett
Westcoast Masters	Wayne Dohmen (Teams)
Whitford Masters Swimming Club	Anne Tottle-Jones (Teams)

Life Members: Jack Busch, Ron Gray (Teams)

1.2 Apologies

- Sue Pow – Life Member

- Kim Tyler – Life Member
- Siobhan Tyndall – Past President
- Graham Cooper – Board
- Fiona Wilkins - Board

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 19th November 2025.

Moved: Rob Becket
Seconded: Richard Hughes

1.4 Business arising from Minutes

NIL

1.5 Board & Committee reports

NIL

2 Items for Discussion

2.1 CITS Funding Update

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

- In early 2025, the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) confirmed that the state government was planning to only fund the pre-eminent organisation in each sport through their Industry Investment Program (IIP) funding scheme and that the pre-eminent organisation selected for competitive swimming in Western Australia was Swimming WA. Previous funding to MSWA under the IIP program was \$70K per year.
- Steering group meetings were held to examine potential collaboration in programs, coaching and technical officials through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Swimming WA to access this funding, but CITS clarified late last year that no pass-through funding to MSWA would be available under this arrangement. It should be noted that the budget for the 2026 financial year presented in the AGM agenda was created with the loss of this funding taken into account.
- A potential simplified SLA with Swimming WA was promoted for regional development of clubs as this would cater for an increased membership base as well as providing valuable benefits that come with swimming and membership to Masters clubs. However, recent correspondence from CITS has recommended that a direct funding approach with Swimming WA to support programs along these lines including the encouragement of lifelong swimming engagements and associated club development would be a more straight forward arrangement to access this funding rather than through a more complicated use of an SLA. This will be discussed further at the MSWA board level but appears to be a reasonable path forward for collaboration if and when this funding next becomes available.

2.2 Officials Volunteer Requirements

The EO noted that the organisation is still low on the number of qualified officials for pool and open water competitions. The EO 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 considerably and will be needed when the Nationals are in Perth in 2027.

The Director of Technical also reported that the average age of the Officials is over 70 and that the burden is falling on too few people which is jeopardising competitions. It was also reported that the first training course in February had 10 attendees but that the second course was cancelled due to low availability of candidates. Subsequent courses will be organised but it was commented by the Director that it is important that the clubs significantly canvas their members so that more officials can be added to the roster.

3 Items for Endorsement

NIL.

4 Items for Information

4.1 WOW Swims Report

It was reported by the EO that the WOW swims season has been completed and was very successful. Details below.

• Lake Leschenaultia	212 Entries	Up 10%
• Fremantle Ports Swim	482 Entries	Up 14%
• Christmas 10K	696 Entries	Sold Out
• Swim Thru Perth	199 Entries	Up 18%
• Mullaloo Mile	363 Entries	Up 21% (Event Cancelled due to wind)
• Coogee Jetty to Jetty	1574 Entries	Sold Out

It was also reported that the Jetty to Jetty is now the second largest open water swimming competition for solo competitors in the state.

4.2 ABC Competitions – Fremantle and State Championships. Draft Pool Event Calendar

The EO and Director of Pool Competitions reported the details of the upcoming Fremantle and State Championships. The Director of Pool Competitions also provided a summary of the Draft Pool Event Calendar attached in the agenda.

4.3 National Championships 2027 - Perth

The N27 Pool Convenor reported on the planning status for the upcoming National Championships in Perth. This included:

- The main committee and sub-committees have been set up and are operational.
- Presentation Function venue chosen as East Fremantle Yacht Club. Venue can host up to 200 guests at seated function in a beautiful location on the river with

keen support from the venue operators. Two course menu with bar tab then cash bar, stage, full AV, dance floor etc. Cost per person approx. \$75 - \$80.

- Welcome Function to be held at Royal Life Saving WA forecourt adjacent to Perth HPC pools with catering.
- Access to RLSSWA training rooms for duration of event week for packing and storage of registration packs, merchandise, rest space for officials and volunteers. No cost.
- Plan to approach City of Fremantle and key accommodation providers in and around Fremantle to establish an Event Hub with good access to the Presentation Function venue, South Beach where the OWS is being held and easy access to Perth HPC for the pool events.
- A 20% subsidy on the venue hire at the HPC has been granted by VenuesWest.

4.4 Swim for Life Promotion

It was reported by the EO that the promotion to the ACC school group commenced in February. ACC has 90 schools with 60,000 students, 6,000 of which compete in 10 divisions each March for 2 weeks at the HPC. A Swim For Life banner will be set up in the marshalling area for the next two weeks.

5 Items of General Business

NIL.

Meeting Closed at 6:47pm

6 Next Meeting

The next Council of Clubs is 27th of May 2026.