



Masters Swimming WA

Minutes

Council of Clubs Meeting

Wednesday 27th of May 2026 at 6.00pm

1. Introduction

1.1 Accreditation of delegates

Board

Director of Finance
Director Pool Competitions
Director of Open Water Swimming
Director of Technical
Director
Director
Executive Officer

Stephen Fidge (Teams)
Richard Hughes
Jay Prchal (Teams)
Wendy Davis (Teams)
Graham Cooper
Mischa Huts (Teams)
Richard Johnson

State Officers

State Recorder

Richard Johnson

Club

Armadale Masters
Bold Park Masters
Bunbury Masters
Claremont Masters
Cockburn Masters
Fremantle Masters
Maida Vale Masters
Melville Masters
Perth City Masters
Perth Rainbow Swans Masters
Somerset Masters
Stadium Masters
Superfins WA Masters
Westcoast Masters
Whitford Masters

Delegate

Rowena Burch (Teams)
Rob Engelhard (Teams)
Andrew Taylor (Teams)
Richard Johnson
Greg Lister (Teams)
Wendy Davis (Teams)
Lynne Duncan (Teams)
Kate Sorenson (Teams)
Perry Molendijk (Teams)
Daniel Boland (Teams)
Teagyn Haines (Teams)
Pamela Walter
Robert Beckett (Teams)
Wayne Dohmen (Teams)
Anne Tottle-Jones (Teams)

Life Members: Lynne Duncan (Teams)

1.2 Apologies

- Pip Sivwright – President
- Tricia Miller – Director of Coaching
- Kate Baxter - Director
- Jack Busch – Life Member
- Andrea Williams – Maida Vale

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 18th March 2026.

Moved: Anne Tottle-Jones
Seconded: Wendy Davis

1.4 Business arising from Minutes

NIL

1.5 Board & Committee reports

NIL

2 Items for Discussion

2.1 Officials Courses

Lynne Duncan reported that 5 members completed the JOS and IOT courses in Mandurah on Saturday. Two of the attendees then participated in the Stadium 1500 on Sunday as part of their on-deck qualifications.

Lynne also reported that the next IOT and JOS courses will be held at Royal Life with the following details

- Date: - Saturday 27th June 2026
- Introduction & IOT - Start 10:00am > 12:00pm
 - Lunch, Tea & Coffee supplied by MSWA
- JOS – Start 12:45PM > 2:45PM
 - Pool based practical workshop – 3:00pm > 3:45pm (optional)
- FINISH 4:00pm or earlier depending on the pool session

3 Items for Endorsement

3.1 2026 Six Month Membership Fees

The proposed state fee in yellow below was presented and endorsed.

Year	State Component (inc GST and 4% Swim Central Fee)	National Component (inc GST and 4% Swim Central Fee)	Total (including GST and 4% Swim Central Fee)
2025	\$36.40	\$45.76	\$82.16
2026	\$37.20 (2.2% increase)	\$46.80 (2.3 % increase)	\$84.00

Moved: Lynne Duncan
Seconded: Daniel Boland

4 Matters for Noting

4.1 Technical Official of the Quarter Award

Wendy Davis reported that the newly established Masters Swimming Technical Official of the Quarter Award recognises outstanding commitment and contribution to the

officiating environment within Masters Swimming WA. The award acknowledges the important role technical officials play in ensuring competitions are conducted fairly, safely, and efficiently, while upholding the standards and integrity of the sport. It also recognises professionalism, reliability, teamwork, and a positive contribution to the broader swimming community through service and support on pool deck.

Wendy announced that the winner for this quarter was Wayne Cable and provided the background below.

Wayne joined Mandurah Masters in 2005. He has served on the management committee for almost all the years since, including terms as President. He currently serves on the management committee in the role of the club's Director of Coaching, a role he has held previously.

His main focus over the years has been open water swimming, and he has competed in open water swim events ranging from Argyle Dam to Denmark. He is often in or around water and if not competing he can be found at Doddi's Beach fine-tuning his stroke or on deck coaching.

Wayne is an enthusiastic supporter of Masters Swimming and Mandurah Masters. That enthusiasm has led to him being awarded Life Membership of the club. He is also the recipient of the Perc Edwards Volunteer of the Year.

Now retired, Wayne has committed to become a Technical Officer and has undertaken the early stages of the accreditation pathway and officiates at pool and open water events. He attends most of the professional development sessions conducted in Perth. On the back of 45 hours officiating in 2025, he has started 2026 equally strongly.

Wayne is a quiet achiever who is a great asset to the club and Masters Swimming.



4.2 Coaches Conference

The EO reported that the coach's conference is back for 2026 and will be held on 21st of June 2026 at Royal Life. Please save the date. Entry is free and the draft outline below was noted.

- 7.00am Meet at City Beach at the Lifeguard Tower for a sunrise dip.
• Warm showers are available at City Beach to thaw out afterwards.
- 7.30am Mens Talk - Coffee Chat with Monty the Man Van
• Grab a coffee, enjoy a bacon and egg roll from Monty and listen to a presentation with Mens Talk.
- 9.30am Meet at RLSSWA Meeting Room
• Introductions and outline of the day.
• NOTE: Please allow time to park and walk to the room. We will be beginning on time at 9.30am sharp.
- 9.45am What to do in a Medical Emergency?
• Our friends from RLSSWA help us navigate this important topic for coaches.
- 10.30am BREAK (Fruit and muffins)
- 11.00am Understanding Freestyle – Sprint and Endurance Events
• An insightful presentation with Masters Coach Julie O'Connor.
- 12.00pm LUNCH (Soup, crusty breads)
- 1.00pm Three Coaches and an Official
• Join us on deck for a jam-packed session looking at the form strokes and the rules of swimming!
▪ Wendy – common errors leading to DQs
▪ Elena –
▪ Ralph –
▪ Marion -
- 3.00pm Discussion – ongoing development opportunities for coaches.
• Grab a cuppa while we wrap up the day!
• WhatsApp Coaches Group – are you in it?
• Advanced Coaching Course
• C2K, SIW, SIS, OW Clinics
- 3.30pm Conclusion

4.3 Updated Pool Calendar

The EO reported that the updated 2026 Pool Event Calendar has been released on the MSA website and included in the agenda as shown below.

2026 POOL EVENT CALENDAR			
DATE	EVENT	VENUE	DISTANCE
Sun 15 th February	Newman Churchlands Act Belong Commit Carnival	Newman College Pool	200FR, 100BR, 50BU, 50FR, 50BA, 100BU, 4X50 FR Relay Women, 4X50 FR Relay Men.
29 th March	Fremantle Masters Act Belong Commit Carnival	Fremantle Leisure Centre	50m FR, BAFL, BR, 50m medley relays, 50m free relays
Sat 11 th - Sun 12 th April	MSWA State Championships	Mandurah	25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, 4x50 Freestyle Relay (Men/Women/Mix) 4x50 Medley Relay (Men/Women/Mix)
28 th - 2 nd April/May	2026 MSA National Championships	Brisbane	
Sun 24 th May	Stadium Masters Act Belong Commit 1500	Perth HPC	1500m - 6 long course lanes
Sun 21st June	Riverton Masters 400m/800m distance meet	Riverton Leisureplex	4 lanes available 400m/800m distance swim meet, choice of stroke, maximum of 2 swims but only one 800m swim, 50m indoor pool at the Riverton Leisureplex - Long Course
Sun 28 th June	CHARITY EVENT Stadium Masters Swim For Memory	Perth HPC	6 short course lanes
Sun 19 th July	Riverton Masters Act Belong Commit Carnival	Riverton Leisureplex	Choice of one x 200m any stroke including IM, one x 100m any stroke, 50m all strokes, 4x100m Women's & Men's Freestyle Relays Long Course.
Sat 8 th August	Maida Vale Act Belong Commit 800m/1500m	Darling Range Sports Centre	800m/1500m, choice of stroke Short Course
Sun 23 rd August	Golden Groper Act Belong Commit Relay Carnival	Perth HPC	4 x 50m, 4 x 25m Relays Short Course
Sun 30 th August	Somerset Masters Act Belong Commit 1500m	Aqualife Victoria Park	1500m, choice of stroke Long Course
Sun 18 th October	Stadium Masters Act Belong Commit Carnival	Perth HPC	200m, 100m, 50m Relay Long Course
Sun 1 st November	Mandurah Club Carnival	Mandurah ARC	25m, 50m, 100m, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, IM Short Course
TBC	Pride Carnival (Perth RainbowSwans)	Beatty Park Leisure Centre	50m, 100m Long Course

Further Information
www.mswwa.asn.au/events/

masters swimming AUSTRALIA
perth hpc
healthway
lotterywest

Richard Hughes also reported that a potential competition at Scarborough was being suggested by Scarborough Masters.

4.4 National Championships 2027 - Perth

The EO reported that the National Championships will be held in Perth from April 14th to April 17th in Perth plus an OWS competition on the 18th as well as the following items.

Initial website landing page has been set up on www.n27perth.org.

Home | N27 Perth
www.n27perth.org

masters swimming AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027
PERTH
14 - 18 April 2027
PERTH N27

Perth HPC, Mount Claremont & South Beach, Fremantle

Save the Dates

Welcome Function Pool Events Presentation Function Open Water Swims
Tue 13 April, RLSSWA, Mt Claremont
Wed 14 - Sat 17 April, Perth HPC, Mt Claremont
Sat 17 April, East Fremantle Yacht Club
Sun 18 April, South Beach, Fremantle

Full Event Website Coming Soon

PERTH HPC
Enquiries: info@n27perth.org
Vorgée

Printed postcard distributed at the 2026 Nationals

2027 MASTERS SWIMMING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 -18 April 2027

Perth HPC, Stephenson Ave, Mt Claremont
+ South Beach, Fremantle

NEW: State of Origin Relays – prizes to be won!

Welcome Function – Tuesday 13 April, RLSSWA
Presentation Function – Saturday 17 April, East Fremantle Yacht Club

Scan below to find out more:



or visit: www.n27perth.org



(front side)

DAY 1 Weds 14.04.27		DAY 2 Thurs 15.04.27		DAY 3 Fri 16.04.27		DAY 4 Sat 17.04.26		DAY 5 Sun 18.27	
1	400m Freestyle*	8	400m Individual Medley	13	800m Freestyle*	19	200m Individual Medley	25	1600m Open Water Swim
2	6 x 50m State of Origin Relay (Heats)+	9	50m Butterfly	14	50m Breaststroke	20	50m Freestyle	26	800m Open Water Swim
3	50m Backstroke	10	100m Breaststroke	15	100m Butterfly	21	100m Backstroke		
4	200m Butterfly	11	200m Freestyle	16	6 x 50m State of Origin Relay (Finals)+	22	200m Breaststroke		
5	100m Freestyle	12	4 x 50m Mixed Medley Relay	17	200m Backstroke	23	4 x 50m Women's Freestyle Relay		
6	4 x 50m Women's Medley Relay			18	4 x 50m Mixed Freestyle Relay	24	4 x 50m Men's Freestyle Relay		
7	4 x 50m Men's Medley Relay								



*400m & 800m events held in two pools concurrently - one swimmer per lane / single gender heats
+State of Origin Relays - 2 age categories - under 55 / over 55, 6 swimmers per team - 3 men / 3 women

(back side)

Pull-up Banner displayed at the 2026 Nationals



Full committee meeting to be held on the 7th of June. Full committee listed below with responsibilities.

N27 ORGANISING COMMITTEE						
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Name	Masters Club	Email	Phone	Role Description / Responsibilities	Report to
Meet Convenor	Elena Nesci (EN)	Claremont	meetconvenor@n27perth	0415 314 082	Chair, meet, sponsorship, minutes, program booklet	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
			elena@eswim.com.au			
Administrative Director	Richard Johnson (RJ)	Claremont	info@n27perth.org	0412 319 014	Registrations, IT, website, pool booking, grants, program booklet	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
			executiveofficer@mswa.asn.au			
Technical Director	Richard Hughes (RH)	Claremont	technical@n27perth.org	0466 566 757	Program, TO + Timekeeping coordination/rostering, Meet Director	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
			rich.hugh37@gmail.com			
Finance Director	Nick Wyatt (NW)	Cockburn	finance@n27perth.org	0407 224 480	Budgeting, sponsorship, bookkeeping + payments	MSWA / MSA Boards + GM MSA
			nick.wyatt@link484.com.au			

SUB-COMMITTEE COORDINATORS	Name	Masters Club	Email	Phone	Role Description	Report to
Social Events Coordinators (Venues)	Heather Rhebok	Stadium	heatherrhebok@gmail.com	0405 701 554	Venues, catering, themes for Welcome + Presentation Functions + Sundowners	Executive Committee (EN)
	Tash Kedgley	Stadium	tashkedg888@gmail.com	0423 493 815		
Formal Events Coordinators	Paul Blackbeard	Claremont	paulblackbeard@hotmail.com	0432 496 880	Trophies + prizes, order of proceedings, guest invites, guest liaison	Executive Committee (RJ)
	Heather Whitehead	Beatty Park	heth763@gmail.com	0418 816 614		
Volunteers Coordinators	Damien Eyre	Riverton	damieneyre73@gmail.com	0418 221 320	Co-opt and coordinate rostering for all volunteers	Executive Committee (RH)
	Janet Bolton	Rainbow Swans	janetb@perthrainbowswans.org	0401 838 386		
Merchandise Coordinators	Anke Schwedat	Claremont	anke.schwedat@gmail.com	0466 404 449	Design & selection of N27 Merchandise	Executive Committee (NW /EN)
	Helen Martindale	Cockburn	henorman@optusnet.com.au	0407 445 924	Distribution of N27 Merchandise	
Marketing + Promotion Coordinators	Georgie Liddle	Cockburn	georgieliddle@me.com	0422 068 623	Social Media, Marketing and Promotion	Executive Committee (EN)
	Lotti Fox	Claremont	charlottefox@sky.com	0431 064 451		
Raffle Coordinators	Jan Saunders	Superfins	saundersbj@iinet.net.au		Coordinate and host daily raffles	Executive Committee (NW)
OWS Coordinator	Kay Jones	Fremantle	freoportsswimthru@gmail.com	0438 948 449	Coordinate OWS - appoint team	Executive Committee (NW)
Web Master	Anthony Dunne	Claremont	ajdunne@ajdunne.com	0402 125 937	Website builder + custodian	Executive Committee (EN / RJ)
Web + Program Designer / Setter	Sally Bell	Claremont	sally@sallybell.com.au	0438 984 195	Website designer + Program setter	Executive Committee (EN)
Announcers Coordinator	Andrea Williams	Maida Vale	andreawilliams12@hotmail.com	0403 210 096	Coordinate announcing team + announcing notes	Executive Committee (EN)
SWA / Recruitment Officer	Kareena Preston	Fremantle	swimstrong@iinet.net.au	0400 110 704	Liaise with SWA clubs + promote N27	Executive Committee (RJ)
Safety Coordinator	Heather Whitehead	Beatty Park	heth763@gmail.com	0418 816 614	Coordinate all aspects of Safety for Pool events	Executive Committee (RH)

R.Hughes reported that Sprint Practice Events are being planning in preparation for N27. These are outlined below.

Weekend	Comment	#
Fri 26 Feb Sun 28 Feb	Long weekend – Labour Day	1
Fri 5 Mar Sun 7 Mar		2
Fri 12 Mar Sun 14 Mar	Freo carnival Sun 14	3
Fri 19 Mar Sun 21 Mar	Clash with Port to Pub (Sat)	4

Fri 26 Mar Sun 28 Mar	Easter Not suitable – pools closed on Friday	X
Fri 2 Apr Sun 4 Apr		5

The events will alternate weekly between 100s and 50s

Times being considered

- Friday 6:30 to 8:00
- Sunday 3:00 to 4:30

This will depend on pool availability, and avoiding clashes with MSWA events (eg Freo carnival)

4.5 National Championships 2026 - Brisbane

The Brisbane 2026 Nationals were a fantastic, well attended event with serious competition and very well run. A challenging act for WA to follow. Summary below.

- 117 State (101 individual and 16 relay) records and 12 National (7 individual and 5 relay) records were set by WA.
- Claremont won the Club Champion Trophy. Quite the feat for an interstate club and has never been done before by a WA club.
- Jan Saunders won the MSA volunteer of the year trophy
- Kim Tyler and Elena Nesci were awarded MSA 10-year service awards
- Lynne Duncan was awarded a MSA 5-year service award.
- WA also had overall Open Water first place finishes:
 - 1.5Km Men – Paul Blackbeard,
 - 3Km Women – Kristy Brackstone
 - 3Km Men – Jordan McGrath
- One of the highlights of the competition was having Cam McEvoy (the current world record holder and Olympic champion in the 50m Free) swim a couple of times. He was quite gracious in staying afterwards for photos.
- New clubs Scarborough and Highlanders also sent their first competitors to the nationals.
- WA attendees below.

Club Code	Club	F	M	Total
WCM	Claremont Masters	26	16	42
WSF	Superfins WA Masters	4	8	12
WRK	Rockingham Masters	7	4	11
WSU	Stadium Masters	5	1	6

WBS	Busselton Masters	2		2
WPC	Perth City Masters	2		2
WSC	Scarborough Beach Masters		2	2
WCS	Central Aquatic Swimming	1		1
WHL	Highlanders Masters		1	1
WSM	Somerset Masters	1		1
WWC	Westcoast Masters		1	1
WWF	Whitford Masters		1	1
	TOTAL	48	34	82

4.6 Solstice Swim

The EO reported that the Solstice Swim will be held again with details to be released soon.

4.7 Bunbury Couch to 2K

The EO reported that a Couch to 2K has been organised in Bunbury with the following dates.

- Tuesday 9th June – Arrival: 9:30am, Session: 10:00am – 11:00am
- Tuesday 16th June – Arrival: 9:30am, Session: 10:00am – 11:00am
- Tuesday 23rd June – Arrival: 9:30am, Session: 10:00am – 11:00am
- Tuesday 30th June – Arrival: 9:30am, Session: 10:00am – 11:00am

The EO also reported that 20 have signed up for the course.

4.8 MSWA Strategy Review and Associated Survey

The EO reported that the MSWA 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is due for review and updating. A separate planning day is being planned by the board with previous MSWA and SWA EO/CEO Sophie Row being a potential facilitator. As part of this process a survey will be conducted of clubs and members to provide feedback and comments on the organisation and our strategy. Wendy Davis is undertaking the creation of the survey and is reviewing other surveys created by various organisations.

5 Items of General Business

The EO mentioned that the Country Correspondence Carnival will be conducted again this year and details have been listed on the website.

Meeting Closed at 6:55pm

6 Next Meeting

The next Council of Clubs is 2nd of September 2026.