



Masters Swimming Western Australia Inc

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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LIFE MEMBERS

- Dr Kay Cox
- Fred Johnson (deceased 2013)
- Glenys McDonald
- Frank Mongan (deceased 2013)
- David Cummins
- Peter Maloney
- Robert Dunstan (deceased 2010)
- Lynne Malone
- Jack Busch
- Judith Crawford
- Sandra Mutch
- Kim Tyler

PATRON

- Deane Pieters

BOARD

- President
 - Director of Development
 - Director of Coaching
 - Director of Marketing
 - Director of Finance
 - Director of Swimming
 - Director of Recording
 - National Delegate
 - Executive Officer
- Gary Bradley – Bay View
 Viki Shelver – Westcoast
 Tricia Summerfield – Stadium
 Lynne Duncan – Maida Vale
 Kaye Bolger – Albany
 Fiona Wilkins – Perth City
 Richard Johnson - Claremont
 Fiona Wilkins – Perth City
 Samantha Noall

APPOINTMENTS

- Auditor
- Lloyd Scott – Byers Scott Pty Ltd

OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

- State Recorder
 - Book-keeper
 - Swim Meet Coordinator
 - Records Officer
 - Pool Officials Coordinator
 - OWS Officials Coordinator
 - Technical Education Coordinator
 - Member Protection Information Officer
 - Investment Committee
- Sandra Mutch – Swan Hills
 Lynne Hunter - Belmont
 Judith Crawford – Somerset & Lynne Duncan – Maida Vale
 Kerry Hodson - Westcoast
 Pamela Walter – Stadium
 Ron Gray - Thornlie
 Ken Phillips – Mandurah (Retired 2016)
 Heather Adams – Armadale
 Nick Wyatt (Cockburn), Gary Bradley, Kaye Bolger

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- National Coaching Committee
- Kim Tyler & Elena Nesci

DELEGATES

- AUSTSWIM
 - WA Sports Federation (WASF)
 - Aquatics Facilities Steering Group
- Kay Cox - Carine
 Samantha Noall
 Samantha Noall

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Metropolitan Clubs	Members		Country Clubs	Members
Armadale	40		Albany	17
Ballajura	2		Bunbury	43
Bay View Saints	81		Geraldton	25
Beatty Park	107		Mandurah	86
Belmont	42		Murray	6
Bold Park	41		Narrogin	0
			Busselton	33
Carine	27			
Claremont	101			
Cockburn	68			
Fremantle	117			
Inglewood	17			
Kingsway				
Kwinana	4			
Leeming	27			
Leisurepark	22			
Maida Vale	70			
Melville	61			
Newman Churchlands	38			
Perth City	104			
Riverton	54			
Rockingham	36			
Sandgroppers (Statewide)	3			
Somerset	59			
Stadium	51			
Superfins	22			
Swan Hills	12			
Thornlie	4			
Westcoast	140			
Wanneroo	18			
Whitford	37			
30 Metro Clubs	1405		7 Country Clubs	210

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016: 1588 (1,648 in 2015)

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Council of Clubs met on four occasions including prior to the Annual General Meeting on 15th February 2016. The Board elected at the 2016 AGM met eight times between January 2016 and December 2016 inclusive.

Board	Council of Clubs	Board Meetings
Gary Bradley	3	8
Viki Shelver	1	2
Tricia Summerfield	4	6
Kaye Bolger	0	1
Richard Johnson	4	4
Lynne Duncan	3	7
Samantha Noall	4	8
Fiona Wilkins	3	7
Clubs		
1. Albany	0	
2. Armadale	4	
3. Ballajura	0	
4. Bay View	1	
5. Beatty Park	4	
6. Belmont	4	
7. Bold Park	2	
8. Bunbury	2	
9. Busselton	0	
10. Carine	4	
11. Claremont	4	
12. Cockburn	4	
13. Fremantle	2	
14. Geraldton	0	
15. Inglewood	3	
16. Kingsley	0	
17. Kwinana	0	
18. Leeming	2	
19. Leisurepark	1	
20. Maida Vale	3	
21. Mandurah	4	
22. Melville	4	
23. Newman Churchlands	0	
24. Perth City	4	
25. Riverton	3	
26. Rockingham	4	
27. Sandgroppers	0	
28. Somerset	4	
29. Superfins	4	
30. Stadium	4	
31. Swan Hills	3	
32. Thornlie	1	
33. Wanneroo	2	
34. Westcoast	4	
35. Whitfords	0	

2016 LIVELIGHTER STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Top Club Points

First		Second		Third	
Claremont	1584	Beatty Park	1038	Stadium	678



Top Club – Claremont with Board Member Lynne Duncan



Top Country Club – Geraldton

Swimmers of the Meet

Female	Siobhan Wilkins	Perth City	2612	Male	Paul Blackbeard	Claremont	2822
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Board Member Fiona Wilkins presenting a Vorgee Spot Prize to Nat Taylor from Perth City

“Have a Go News” Encouragement Awards were presented
By Have a Go News Editor Jen Merigan – Pictured with Tony Casella

Winners were:

Angelika Sorensen (Swan Hills)
Sharon Galliers (Geraldton)
Joanne Wells (Belmont)
Tony Casella (Somerset)



2016 LIVELIGHTER STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTATIONS continued:

Female Group Winners

Age	Swimmer	Club
18-24	Siobhan Wilkins	Perth City
25-29	Amber Jackson	Geraldton
30-34	Jennifer Rollin-Busby	Mandurah
35-39	Kristy Brackstone	Claremont
40-44	Ingrid Van Der Wel	Rockingham
45-49	Katrina Burgess	Claremont
50-54	Bridget Young	Rockingham
55-59	Heather Whitehead	Beatty Park
55-59	Vivienne Anthony	Claremont
60-64	Pauline Murphy	Somerset
60-64	Susan Swire-Thompson	Claremont
65-69	Pamela Walter	Stadium
70-74	Jeannie Johnson	Somerset
75-79	Helen Urquhart	Somerset
80-84	Mary Gray	Stadium
85-89	Bryce Jones	Beatty Park

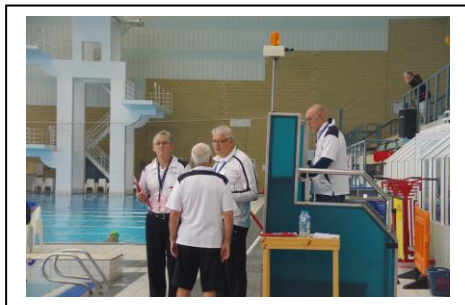


Male Age Group Winners

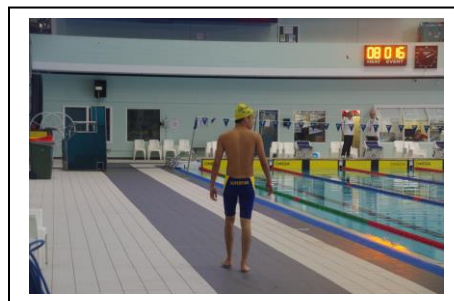
Age	Swimmer	Club
18-24	James Burt	Superfins
25-29	Brent Jackson	Beatty Park
30-34	Mathew Lovelock	Stadium
35-39	Andreas Muller	Perth City
40-44	Kieren Lawrenson	Westcoast
45-49	Stephen Wills	Riverton
50-54	Anthony Dunne	Claremont
55-59	Paul Blackbeard	Claremont
60-64	Michael Bennett	Mandurah
65-69	Jeremy Allen	Somerset
70-74	Gwyn Williams	Maida Vale
75-79	Stuart Gray	Stadium
80-84	David Cuzens	Beatty Park
85-89	Tony Stanton	Albany



2016 LiveLighter State Championships



Some of our amazing officials in action



A "Superfin" out of the water

2016 McDONALD ADMINISTRATION SHIELD:

Winning Club: Westcoast

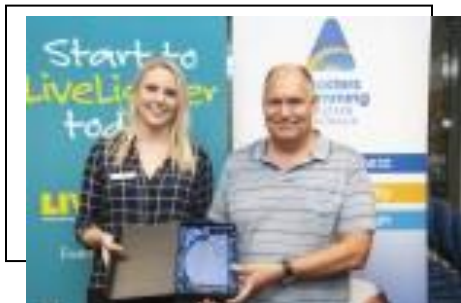


2015 STATE ENDURANCE 1000 TROPHY

Top Club	Points
Somerset	9745

2015 COUNTRY ENDURANCE 1000 TROPHY

Top Club	Points
Albany	3548



Vienna Young from Healthway presenting somerset and Albany representatives.

2016 STATE ENDURANCE 1000 TROPHY POINT SCORES

Club	Points	Club	Points
Somerset	9,745	Geraldton	1,068
Melville	8,188	Perth City	875
Claremont	7,127	Leeming	333
Stadium	5,070	Riverton	233
Whitford	3,737	Superfins	182
Albany	3,548	Beatty Park	106
Armadale	3,334	Swan Hills	58
Bunbury	2,768	Thornlie	40
Maida Vale	2,100	Fremantle	20
Mandurah	1,510	Murray	14
Belmont	1,405	Bay View Saints	5
Inglewood	1,285		

2016 VORGE MILLION METRE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2 million metres	Marlene Anderson	Cockburn
	Anne Edmonson	Stadium
7 million metres	Pamela Walter	Stadium
	Sandra Mutch	Swan Hills
	Graham Senders	Claremont

WORLD RECORDS SET DURING 2016 - Nil

NATIONAL RECORDS SET DURING 2016

Western Australian members set 20 individual National records:

Name	Club	No. of Records
Paul Blackbeard	Claremont	2
Graham Croft	Claremont	1
Vic Paul	Claremont	1

Western Australian Masters Clubs set 1 National relay records:

Club	No. of Records
Beatty Park	1 (4 x 50m Freestyle Relay)

STATE RECORDS SET DURING 2016

	Long Course	Short Course	Totals
Individual	80	52	132
Relays	7	15	22
Totals	87	67	154



LIVELIGHTER 2015/16 OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES WINNERS:

Award	Female	Club	Male	Club
18 - 24	Aithne Dell	Melville		
25 - 29	Maelle Bourdais	Perth City	Gary Namestink	Perth City
30 - 34	Lizzie O'Brien	Perth City	Greg Bourne	Maida Vale
35 - 39	Vanessa Toop	Armadale	Bob Tarr	Perth City
40 - 44	Ingrid Van Der Wel	Rockingham	Clinton Greener	Beatty Park
45 - 49	Gillian Caruso	Armadale	Colin Gibson	Armadale
50 - 54	Lesley Hart	Maida Vale	Jon Haines	Perth City
55 - 59	Lyle Kildea	Rockingham	Paul Blackbeard	Perth City
60 - 64	Pamela Walter	Stadium Masters	Robert Buetler	Fremantle
65 - 69	Rosemary Green	Mandurah	Graham Croft	Claremont
70 - 74	Theresa Elliott	Claremont	Victor Paul	Bold Park
75 - 79	Pauline Wingate	Mandurah	Stuart Gray	Claremont
80 - 84	Margaret Moylett	Bunbury	Ron Edwards	Bunbury
85 - 89	Glad McGough	Maida Vale	Rod Baker	Mandurah



EXTERNAL AWARDS DURING 2016

Masters Swimming Australia Coach of the Year nominee	Katya Anderson	Superfins
Masters Swimming Australia Official of the Year nominee	Ken Phillips	Mandurah
ANZ Sports Star Awards Coach of the Year – Nominee	Katya Anderson	Superfins
ANZ Sports Star Awards Official of the Year – Nominee	Ken Phillips	Mandurah
ANZ Sports Star Awards Service to Sport – Nominee	Elena Nesci	Claremont

2016 LIVELIGHTER Swim into Spring membership drive project

The Clubs which achieved the best increase in their membership during the discount membership period in Spring 2016 were presented with their prizes at the February 2017 Council of Clubs meeting.

- Top Club Rockingham 9.37%
- Runner-up Club Riverton 8%



2016 LIVELIGHTER CLUB CHALLENGE SERIES

Award Title	Club Improvement Award	Club
Frank Mongan	Winner - Best Average Points	Superfins
David Cummins	Runner-up - Best Average Points	Armadale
Fred Johnson	Winner - Most Improved	Leeming
Kay Cox	Runner-up - Most Improved	Claremont



Frank Mongan Award Winners – Superfins



Fred Johnson Award Winners – Leeming

2015/16 LIVELIGHTER STATE OPEN WATER SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (Coogee)

Award	Female	Club	Male	Club
OVERALL	Alison Hass	Perth City	Paul Blackbeard	Perth City
18 - 24	Rochelle Haynes	Somerset		
25 - 29	Anja Messmer	Perth City	Gary Namestink	Perth City
30 - 34	Natalie Taylor	Perth City	Stuart Anderson	Maida Vale
35 - 39	Kristy Brackstone	Claremont	Bob Tarr	Perth City
40 - 44	INGRID Van Der Wel	Rockingham	Kieren Jon Lawrenson	Westcoast
45 - 49	Allison Hass	Perth City	Aaron Maxwell	Fremantle
50 - 54	Lesley Hart	Maida Vale	Jon Haines	Perth City
55 - 59	Lyle Kildea	Rockingham	Paul Blackbeard	Perth City
60 - 64	Viki Shelver	Westcoast	Robert Buetler	Fremantle
65 - 69	Andrea Williams	Maida Vale	Graham Croft	Westcoast
70 - 74	Theresa Elliott	Claremont	Victor Paul	Claremont
75 - 79	Pauline Wingate	Mandurah	Stuart Gray	Stadium
80 - 84			Ron Edwards	Bunbury
85 - 89			Rod Baker	Mandurah

Overall age group winners
Paul Blackbeard & Allison Hass
Perth City



Champion Club – Perth City



Club Performance - Westcoast

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all our members for another successful year for Masters Swimming WA in 2016.

Every year as President I am astounded by the contribution of volunteers, whether they be club committee members, coaches, officials, or those that assist around clubs or at pool and OWS events. I have had the privilege to work with a dedicated Board who have contribute many hours of voluntary work to assist members in the running of our organisation and I thank them sincerely. To all those members, in their many roles, I thank you for your dedication to Masters Swimming, without you our organisation would not exist as it is.

In 2016 the Board concentrated, part of our efforts on marketing and equipment for our OWS series. This was mainly due to declining number of swimmers and as a consequence a number of our local swims were floundering. The executive took the decision early in the year to have closer links with Swimming WA (SWA) and promptly moved our offices to Beatty Park to share premises with them. With the full support of the Board we also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SWA to work in partnership on a number of fronts. This lead to a revamp of the OWS series that ensured no clashes of events and the inclusion of SWA and MSWA members scoring points toward the swim series at each other's events. The result has seen significant increases in numbers at our OWS events. We also moved our State Open Water event away from the busy March calendar of events and combined it with the Fremantle OWS. This also saw a big jump in numbers for that event over last year's figures.

We acknowledge that our pool competition has seen steady numbers in 2016. As a Board, we sense that this area of MSWA that is probably going through what our OWS series was going through a few years ago,. We sense this model needs to be revamped in some way and initial, embryonic discussions are already taking place. Further consultation will need to be discussed with members in 2017 before any significant changes are made.

On a low note, we saw Bay View Saints (85 members) withdraw from MSWA at the end of last year after an internal survey of their swimmers. They found that MSWA was not relevant to their club as a very low percentage of their swimmers wanted to compete in pool or OWS events. This is a disappointment and a good reminder that we should not ignore grass root swimmers. We need to get a balance and get back to our motto of FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP and FUN not just fast elite swimming. Mindful effort must be made in the future to nurture and support fledgling clubs. Ideally hosting an event in a club's early years is to be encouraged to give a sense of belonging and purpose.

Once again we have kindly been supported by our strategic partners, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Healthway and Lotterywest. Our other sponsors, Have a Go News, Vorgee and, our newest sponsor, Aussie Natural Spring Water have given us great support this year. Thank you to these organisations for your ongoing assistance to MSWA.

Special thanks to the many committees that have worked on different projects throughout the year. It is reassuring, as a fellow volunteer to recognise others in our community who willingly give their time to the betterment of MSWA.

In 2016 we were proud to announce that the MSA National competition would be hosted by MSWA at Mandurah Aquatic centre. This event has been endorsed and fully supported by the Board of Masters swimming Australia. All facilities have been approved & initial funding sourced. We look forward to hosting the event that supports our ethos. As a Board, we are proud to offer fellow swimmers such an iconic destination for a National event. Planning is in full progress and we look forward to hosting the event.



Gary Bradley

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

I was very pleased to have been appointed to the role of EO at MSWA in early 2016 following a 3-year tenure with Swimming Australia on the Perth Aquatic Super Series which many MSWA members attended or volunteered at.

In 2016 our membership growth program continued to be successfully implemented by our part-time Project Coordinator Nadine Georgiades through sponsorship from Healthway promoting the LiveLighter health message. In addition, Nadine continued to manage the website and Facebook plus many other projects across the organisation. As part of our team Nadine has a positive manner with everyone she deals with and brings excellent skills and a passion for our sport which is invaluable.

Most strategies were achieved in our 2016 Operational Plan, many with the President and/or Board members, State Officers, Project Coordinator, Coach Education Team, and Investment Committee:

New initiatives/highlights –

- Member numbers at highest ever again across Australia albeit slightly down from 2015
- We moved to a new home base at Beatty Park Leisure Centre and signed an MOU with Swimming WA which has been fantastic for MSWA and our Clubs, particularly those that offer open water events.
- We also saw some new Clubs formed which were also a result of our partnership with Swimming WA and I am sure this will continue to grow in coming years.
- Secured a new sponsorship with Aussie Natural Spring Water who provided all the bottled water for the participants, volunteers and officials and all our open water swims.
- Secured additional sponsorship from Healthway to continue to develop our regionals clubs.
- Vorgee sponsorship continues for 2 more years
- Continued to support the new LiveLighter Bunbury Skins meet as part of regional development
- Conducted LiveLighter Coaching Clinic for new coaches and a pool deck session as a refresher course for current coaches. We held this at Beatty Park and this was very well received.
- Annual All Club Challenge meet was conducted in October however our numbers were severely affected so we are going to revert to a March date and call it the State Championships.
- Established branding and stronger Masters presence for LiveLighter OWS Series events conducted by MSWA Clubs
- License plate frames promotional program was conducted again to assist with fundraising for Clubs

Ongoing projects –

- Annual Country Correspondence Carnival coordinated by MSWA
- Coaching Courses – new MSA Club Coach Course conducted in September
- Continued excellent relationship with Vorgee for OWS calendar sponsorship and overall support
- Special Projects Funding Project criteria revamped and awarded to successful clubs
- 2016 LiveLighter State OWS held successfully at Coojee Beach and again at Fremantle. Whilst total numbers were up for the Fremantle Fins from their last event in 2015 the MSWA numbers in the State event were down at both events which is disappointing however we continue to work towards offering great events for our members and the public.
- Annual awards presentation & function held following the LiveLighter All Club Challenge
- Technical Officiating annual workshop and courses conducted in January
- Club Captains meeting conducted in November
- 2016 LiveLighter Swim into Spring membership growth project conducted with several Clubs participating in activities to increase membership
- Continued promotion of MSWA to increase awareness through monthly column in Have a Go News which included promotion of LiveLighter Novice Swims and December front cover, Seniors Have a Go Day, and general promotional articles and photos
- LiveLighter Novice swims conducted by Maida Vale and Fremantle clubs in conjunction with their OWS swims
- Excellent ongoing relationship with MSA including contributions to workshops
- Continued excellent relationship with DSR with positive feedback on meeting Operational Plan key result area strategies

- Continued consultation and partnership with SWA
- Relationships continued with Have a Go News, HBF Stadium (Venues West) and Cottesloe Crabs
- Ongoing partnerships with other organisations eg. Triathlon WA, Swimming WA, Rottneest Channel Swim Association, Water Polo WA, Surf Life Saving WA, LIWA Aquatics, WA Sports Federation, AUJTSWIM, Royal Life Saving WA
- Member of Aquatic Steering Group re facilities and requirements for our sport
- Management of Project Coordinator and volunteers ie. Book-keeper

A special thanks to our volunteer Book-keeper Lynne Hunter (Belmont) who continues to work for MSWA once per month and to State Recorder Sandra Mutch for her ongoing assistance everyday with the membership database and assistance for Clubs, apart from her role with recording tasks for pool meets and open water events! A huge thanks also to Kerry Hodson who produced all the certificates for the many records broken by our members. Sadly, Kerry is stepping down from the role in 2017 – we wish her well with her future endeavors.

Additionally, MSWA would like to give our thanks to Kim Tyler (Fremantle) and Viki Shelver (Westcoast) for presenting the Coaching Courses and Workshops in such a professional and enthusiastic manner.

I would also like to personally thank Gary Bradley, President and the MSWA Board team for their dedication and motivation they bring to the table each meeting. They are clearly passionate about MSWA and all our members and they should be commended for their fantastic work.



Samantha Noall

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

Another busy year in the directorate of development. A very big thank you to Nadine Georgiades, our Project Coordinator, for all her hard work in the ongoing contact with potential and new clubs. She has, again, done a tremendous job in keeping all lines of communication open and providing support and information to all the potential and new clubs we have dealt with through the year.

Herewith is record of activities undertaken in Club Development.

New Club creation

1. Northam has been confirmed and is now on IMG and active as a Masters club. I attended an information session with potential members before the club was established.
2. Boddington is also confirmed and is on IMG and active as a Masters club.
3. Both clubs are operating under the one club model, linked to an existing junior club.

Clubs closed

1. Ballajura, Bayview and Murray Masters have sadly folded.

Potential Clubs

1. We have again been approached by Cannington Leisureplex with regards to adult swimmers ready to consider Masters. They were put in contact with Armadale as they were swimming at pool over winter. There is the possible opportunity to try again for a club when Armadale move out.
2. York asked for information regarding the creation of a club and this has been sent.
3. Kalgoorlie, Exmouth and Karratha were also sent documents about potential club development.
4. Ongoing talks have been had with St Mary's Anglican Girls school and Adrian Davini
5. Contact has been made to re-establish the Narrogin club. Contact has been made with all past members and we are waiting to collate their responses.

Club Assistance

1. Wanneroo Masters was assisted with the creation and production of current swim time flyers
2. Rockingham Masters was given assistance on grants and getting club up and going again.
3. Met with Riverton Masters and SWA club and they are investigating joint signage options at the pool.
4. Met with Cambridge Council to assist with promoting Bold Park Masters

Other

1. SWA conducted a survey to all their clubs and 10 clubs expressed interest to find out more about MSWA: They were Perth City, Guildford & Kalamunda, Rockingham, Breakers, Derby, Aquinas, Carnarvon, York, Riverton and Boddington. Some of these areas already have clubs available while the information has been sent to the remainder.



Viki Shelver

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING'S REPORT

The Marketing portfolio of Masters Swimming WA aims to increase the awareness of our sport within Western Australia and to assist with the membership growth within clubs; as well as to create demand and provide support to our clubs in their efforts to serve and retain club members, through promotion and sponsorship.

With their on-going commitment to Masters Swimming WA Healthway, as part of their LiveLighter health promotion sponsored the Club Challenge Pool Series throughout 2016. Regular LiveLighter posts were placed on our Facebook page, cross promotion of campaigns were shared and all Masters Swimming clubs in WA incorporated the LiveLighter logo into their marketing and promotional activities.

We were pleased to welcome Aussie Natural Spring Water's sponsorship of our Open Water Swimming program in late 2016. Aussie Natural Spring Water has pledged to supply bottled water to all Masters Swimming WA Open Water Swims and their generosity has meant clubs no longer have to incur the cost of bottled. Their support to OWS events has already had a great impact and we look forward to continuing this relationship into the future.

The age of Technology finally caught up with both the Pool Event Calendar and the OWS Calendar this year, and these two calendars were distributed electronically to clubs, members and posted on the Masters Swimming WA website for the first time.

Another opportunity for members to purchase the “I ♥ Masters Swimming” license number plate frames was made available during the year and whilst not as successful as the first promotion, there are now many more cars sporting this wonderful advertisement for Masters Swimming WA. And, I even know of one camper bus travelling around Australia which is proudly displaying the frames.

Other marketing strategies completed during the year:

- Attended the Have- a-Go Day and managed a stall promoting Masters Swimming WA.
- Channel Swim debrief meeting and update
- Continual update of web and Facebook with relevant events, awards, and occasions
- Information distributed to MSWA members for Aquatics Survey.
- E news sent out with a 53% open rate which is encouraging
- Established the Instagram account (*#mastersswimmingwa*) and promoted at the All Club Challenge
- License Plate Frame promotion sent to all members
- Mail out to non-renewed members (438) from 2015 to offer 16mth membership renewal option.
- MOU announcement between Masters Swimming WA & Swimming WA promoted on social media
- Investigated New club signage for presentation to the Board
- New Member kits for Council of Clubs meetings
- Press releases sent for State OWS event and subsequent OWS Series winners
- Production of E news
- Promoting Super Series discount to members
- Promotion via media releases for winners of awards, Life membership and 15 Year Service at CoC and AGM
- Swim into Spring promotion sent to all clubs
- Update details on documents/web etc. for new address and phone numbers

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to both Nadine and more recently Viki for their assistance with the operational aspects of this portfolio.



Lynne Duncan

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING'S REPORT

I was appointed to this role mid-2015 and have undergone a giant learning curve. The most obvious of these would be the restructuring of the OWS system to help those clubs currently running an OWS and to allow for growth in swim numbers. Under the duties of the Director of Swimming are the swim meet and technical teams. These teams coordinate the officials for events and keep them up to date with current rules and perform training of new officials. These teams also sanction both pool and open water swim events.

Officials

Several officials retired during 2016, making it important to encourage new people to start along the officiating path. The team of officials have performed admirably in 2016 covering all the swims that clubs offer. Pamela Walter Pool Officials Coordinator has been coordinating the pool officials and Ron Gray Open Water Swim Officials Coordinator the OW swim officials. Lynne Duncan has taken on the role of Technical Education Coordinator to continue with the education of officials and in 2017 will undertake an overhaul of the reaccreditation process. All three do a fantastic job in these positions.

Judith Crawford handed the reigns of Meet Coordinator to Lynne Duncan while recovering from illness and hopefully, she will come back to this role making sure the pool events have followed the correct sanctioning process. Jonathon Haines

has done a superb job with updating the sanctions process for Open Water Swimming and his expertise in refining these documents has been tremendous.

Swimming Events – Pool and OWS

Due to the introduction of the MSWA OWS trailer, the setup for OW swims have been made increasingly easier over the season. The trailer is a boon to those clubs running the events and has every conceivable piece of equipment required. MSWA are aiming to produce a consistent setup for every swim to make the swim a fun, enjoyable event for MSWA swimmers. In addition, several SWA swims for the 2016/2017 season will earn bonus points for MSWA swimmers and a new points table has been developed to reflect this introduction. The restructuring of the OWS calendar also allowed us to change the sate event to Fremantle to boost their numbers and increase the popularity of that swim.

During the year, many clubs held successful LiveLighter Club Challenge events, long distance events, The State Relay carnival, and Bunbury Skins. The All Clubs Challenge was run in October, and in 2017 will revert to being the State Championships. Numbers were down, but that could have been due to the timing of the event.

In 2017, I will be encouraging people to help with officiating and coordinating with Lynne Duncan on improving officials' reaccreditation documents.



Fiona Wilkins

DIRECTOR OF COACHING'S REPORT

Accreditation of coaches

The second session of the new Club Coach Course was run on 19 November with nine participants. Kim Tyler presented the course with the assistance of Viki Shelver who is training as a presenter.

Five trainee coaches have completed most of the requirements for accreditation. The clubs represented were: Barracudas, Claremont, Fremantle, Maida Vale, Perth City, Swimming Women and WestCoast.

Kim Tyler from Freo Fins and Viki Shelver from WestCoast, who is training as a presenter, delivered the course with great dedication and enthusiasm. I then assessed most of the candidates' workbooks which were completed to a high standard; some are still to be submitted. At least one course will be held in 2017 and possibly two depending on expressions of interest and availability of presenters.

Coaches' professional development

As an innovation, a PD session for qualified coaches was combined with the practical component of the Club Coach Course and eight coaches from seven clubs attended. A theoretical session was presented before practical work in the pool.

I congratulate all our WA Masters Swimming coaches who deliver one of our organization's key services and play an essential role in their clubs' and swimmers' enjoyment and success.

As I am now stepping down from this role, I wish my successor all the best for the future.



Tricia Summerfield

DIRECTOR OF RECORDING'S REPORT

The 2016 year was once again a successful year for WA Masters Swimmers. The State Records Officer, Kerry Hodson, accepted 132 individual records (80 long course and 52 short course) set by 41 Masters swimmers (18 female, 23 male); and 22 relay records (seven long course and 15 short course). This is down from 310 individual records in 2015. Individual records were set in all but one age group between 20-24 to 85-89.

Claremont members recorded the most individual records for any club in 2016 with 66 records. Other Clubs with individual record holders are Mandurah (13), Perth City (10), Maida Vale (9), Stadium Snappers (8), Riverton (6), Bay View Saints and Albany (4), Westcoast and Beatty Park (3), Rockingham (2), Leisurepark, Armadale, Somerset, and Whitford (1). These records were included 25 freestyle records, 41 backstroke records, 36 breaststroke records, 15 butterfly and 15 individual medleys records.

Standout record breakers for 2016 are Kristy Brackstone and Carol-Ann Infante, both from Claremont, who each set 16 records. Others include Eleanor Parsons (swimming for Claremont and Snappers – nine records), Brigid Tait (Claremont – eight records), Pamela Walter (swimming for Snappers and Claremont – seven records), Susan Swire-Thompson (Claremont - six records), Dan Soanes (Perth City – five records), Simon Lyons (Mandurah – five records), Victor Paul (Claremont – five records), and Tony Stanton (Albany – four records).

The club with the most relay records in 2016 is Claremont with eight records. In second place was Bay View Saints with four. As in 2015, the most relay records were recorded in the 72-119 age group. These were shared between Bay View Saints (four records), Claremont and Westcoast (two records each), and Perth City (one record).

At the national level, 4 individual were recorded in 2016 as follows:

- Paul Blackbeard (Claremont) set two records;
- Graham Croft and Victor Paul (both from Claremont) set one record each

Beatty Park set a national relay record in the Women's 320-359 4x50m freestyle.

Meet Manager and Team Manager continued to be used successfully by clubs hosting or entering the LiveLighter, Long Distance Swim events, and the State Open Water Swim.

Results from the Club Challenge events, open events and Long Distance Swims were uploaded to the National Results and Records Portal. The Endurance 1000 (e1000) was used for the fourth year.

The Open Water Swims series consisting of events run by Masters Swimming Clubs and the State Open Water Swim were compiled into the Open Water Swim Series and associated results.

I wish to thank Kerry Hodson for collating and organising for the records as well as putting together the statistics for the yearly report.



Richard Johnson

NATIONAL DELEGATE'S REPORT

In 2016 I was very fortunate to take over the position of National Delegate from Lynne Malone and I attended both board meetings in Melbourne in April and October.

April

This meeting coincided with the AGM and the closing dinner of the National Swim held in Melbourne. It was a fantastic event and well worth meeting and catching up with swimmers from other states. As this was my first meeting as National Delegate, it was interesting to be able to discuss events that have a considerable impact on swimming across Australia.

Key aspects of this meeting were;

- Retention of members in each state and what is being done in each state.
- Encouragement of new coaches.
- The swim program for the National Swim in Queensland 2017.
- Discussion about the Swim into Spring program.
- Importance of social media in promotion of Masters Swimming within each state.

October

Key aspects of the October meeting included;

- An update from the National Coaching committee to simplify the coaching course to make sure coaches fully complete their requirements.
- The National Technical Committee provided an update on FINA rules in particular backstroke ledges and compliant swimsuits for OWS.
- Further discussion ensued about the strategic plan, national safety, risk and heat policies, insurance and co-sanctioning of SAL and state events.

These meetings are very interesting and important for the advancement of Masters Swimming. They are great forums to learn about what other states are doing to keep swimming current in their state.



Fiona Wilkins

CLUB REPORTS

BEATTY PARK

This year has seen the sad passing of a number of our members Marion Woolston, Nina Epps, John Hancock and Gordon Morris. We will miss them!

However we have good news with three of our “girls” Rebecca, Alecka, and Narissa having successfully hatched future Beatty Park swimmers, Evonne is still producing one and Fred has also the proud father of twins.

The club has seen an increase in numbers from 85 to 107 by the end 2016. Most of the members enjoy swimming for fitness and fun but we have also been happy to attract some swimmers who are focused on competition.

To help with the development of the club we have worked on implementing a Strategic Plan which focuses on

- Developing a good social experience for members and their families
- Providing coaching for training sessions
- Making sure that the club is financially viable
- Promoting participation in competitions
- Maintaining and growing membership.

We are looking forward to working with MSWA and Masters clubs to promote both pool and open water swimming in Western Australia.

Glenn Bigland, President

MAIDA VALE

In 2016, in response to a question following an Open Water Swim about where our competitive group train, our pool was nicknamed “The Tin Shed at the Bottom of the Hill”. Built in the mid 1960’s at the bottom of Kalamunda Road, our pool is indoors, 25mtrs long and is primarily used for swimming lessons for babies and toddlers. Normal temperature range is between 28-32c so it is not conducive to open water swimming preparation. We work on the basis that it is like high altitude training – once you get into the real event in cool water you swim so much faster!

We do travel up the hill to the Bilgoman Pool in Darlington during the summer for some long water training and follow that with an evening BBQ.

Maida Vale traditionally hosts the first open water event of the season and the Lake Leschenaultia swim in November last year was our most successful ever with over 160 swimmers taking part in the 1600m swim around the lake. 2016 was our 30th year of running the swim and as we promote it as shark and stinger free the numbers are steadily increasing, prompting us to introduce two waves for the first time. It is always a terrific family outing as competitors stay on for lunch in the unique setting.

The pool based events during the year proved successful for our competitive members and although we only had a small number of swimmers the All Club Challenge, we did manage to finish in 7th place. Our club hosted a 25mtr short course event at the Darling Range Sports College in Forrestfield and as that pool had recently been completely re-tiled and filled with fresh water, the venue proved popular with those swimmers completing a 1500mtr swim.

The social aspect of our club continues to be a constant incentive for membership to remain buoyant and we have welcomed several new (and young) swimmers during the past 12 months with a membership of 73 (Competitive & Social) at the end of the year.

Maida Vale Masters is looking forward to the forthcoming Nationals being hosted by Master Swimming WA in Mandurah in March of 2018 and the 12 months of planning towards the event will pass very quickly.

Although the task of co-ordinating such a huge event will be the responsibility of a special committee they will require a great deal of co-operation and assistance from all clubs. This will also be a massive task for Sam Noall, who must be congratulated on completing her first year as Executive Officer of Masters Swimming WA.

Andrea Williams, President

STADIUM MASTERS

This year, the Club swimming results were quite good in the four LiveLighter Club Challenges it competed in officially, also in the State Relay Gala and the LiveLighter All Club Challenge. There was only a small participation (but good results) in the Distance Swim events in the pool swim calendar. The open water season 2015/6 was a very successful one with the club receiving the MSWA State Open Water Series award for the highest average points. At the start of the 2016/7 open water series, the interest of club members looks strong and hopefully good results will follow. The Vorgee Endurance 1000 swim programme has been actively pursued by some, but participation is somewhat lower than in previous years.

With a smaller number of club members this year, the financial situation of the club is front and centre of the club committee's thoughts. The relatively high cost of the club's traditional training base (HBF Stadium), and the never decreasing MSWA and MSA fees which member have to pay, have caused the committee to raise the membership fee for 2017 significantly. However, club members have responded magnificently and have been involved in several fund-raising efforts. Fund-raising, and the drive to recruit new members will be the main, continuing, non-swimming activities for the club. The introduction of social members has been of great value to the club and informal sessions at Claremont Pool (more accessible for some of the more elderly members) have been enthusiastically supported.

The club continued its WA community involvement with a swimathon for the Alzheimers Association of WA. The social programme is as vibrant as ever.

We look forward to 2017, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the club.

Barry Green, President

WESTCOAST

The ability of a sporting club to be successful is dependent on how its members get involved and work together. Westcoast as a club have been blessed in having members that want to see the club be successful in creating an environment that epitomises fun, fitness and friendship. We ended the year with a total of 143 keen and enthusiastic members.

Our team of coaches and assistant coaches, once again, provided a very comprehensive training programme throughout the year. We had three members undertaking the Club Coaches Course in October. Well done to Marion, Shaun, and Lex for taking the time out to formalise their qualifications.

This year Westcoast held its LiveLighter Pool Carnival on the 1st May at Craigie Leisure Centre. The event was well attended by competitors from 12 other masters swim clubs. Westcoast members once again took up the challenge and came in numbers to take out another carnival win. A big thank you to all members and supporters who helped make the day a great success.

Westcoast did have entries in the Beatty Park LiveLighter 50s; Westcoast LiveLighter Club Challenge; Groper State Relays and MSA LiveLighter All Club Challenge. However, we were much more active in participation in the open water events. We were very successful in achieving the Participation Trophy in both State Open Water events.

Our Uniform Crew did really well to kit us out with some new design bathers and very funky hoodies for our Rottneest Swim Thru weekend. While we might not always be the most competitive we do always look good. Once again, the Social Committee was well supported by club members and really put the “**Fun**”, into the Fun Fitness and Friendship for Westcoast Masters. We had plenty of dinner and drinks occasions, a walk from Mullaloo to Burns Beach, a Gala Dinner Dance, Ten Pin Bowling, a Quiz Night and regular morning teas after training.

All in all it was another great year for Westcoast and we look forward to seeing what is in stall for us in 2017.

Graeme O’Laughlin, President



APPENDIX 1

2016 MSA Annual Report
Investment Account & Special Projects Funding

Investment Committee

An Investment Committee oversees the Investment Account and provides assistance to the Executive Officer in researching investment options available and approving Investment Account transactions.

During the year, the Investment Committee comprised the following:

- Gary Bradley MSA President
- Kaye Bolger MSA Finance Director
- Nick Wyatt Investment Committee Chairman

Apart from designating 50% of the Investment Account interest receivable for use on Special Projects, the Board resolved to retain the original principal amount (and the remaining 50% of interest received) for potential future major projects or unforeseen expenses as they arise. The Investment Account will therefore continue to accumulate over the longer term as long as funds are only used for the intended purpose.

Investment Account

Transactions to date in the Investment Account can be summarised as follows:

	Total to Date	Current Year 2016	Last Year 2015
<i>Opening Balance</i>	-	\$182,712	\$177,136
<i>Investment Sale Proceeds Deposited</i> <i>(From Sale of Property & Shares)</i>	\$127,010	-	-
<i>Interest Received to Date</i>	\$97,402	\$4,201	\$5,575
<i>Transfer of Funds to Operating Account</i>	(\$48,886)	(\$11,386)	-
<i>Closing Balance</i>	\$175,526	\$175,526	\$182,712

The Investment Account balance of \$175,526 at 31 December 2016 is invested in a BOQ Premier Investment Account maturing on 15 March 2017 and is earning interest at a rate of 2.45% for a 3 month term.

Special Projects Funding

Following the sale of the Westminster Office in 2004, the Board agreed to set aside certain non-operational funds received by MSA for use on approved Special Projects.

Since 2004, a total of \$67,923 has been accumulated from the following sources:

	Total to Date	Current Year 2016	Last Year 2015
50% of Investment Account Interest Receivable	\$48,701	\$1,815	\$2,686
2011 National Championships Surplus	\$13,896	-	-
2008 World Masters Legacy Fund Surplus	\$5,326	-	-
Total Amount Available for Special Projects	\$67,923	\$1,815	\$2,686

As can be seen, a further \$1,815 was accumulated during the current financial year for use on Special Projects (2016: \$2,686) being 50% of the Investment Account interest receivable during the year.

Approved Special Projects Expenditure

Since this Special Projects fund was set up in 2004, the following items of expenditure have been approved and allocated against the amount available:

	Total to Date	Current Year 2016	Last Year 2015
Meet Manager Software Purchases	\$970	-	-
Membership Growth Project Contribution	\$2,000	-	-
Website Development	\$2,000	-	-
New Office Computer & Software	\$2,000	-	-
L1M Coaching Course Contribution	\$2,000	-	-
National Coaching Course Attendance Expenses (TS)	\$2,000	-	-
Assistance for Country Clubs' Travel & Accommodation - Nationals 2011	\$1,500	-	-
Copier Lease & Project Coordinator's Extra Hours Contribution	\$5,000	-	-
Special Projects Funding Grants Approved to Individual Clubs	\$28,723	\$3,503	\$5,626
MSWA Rebranding Project Costs	\$4,958	-	-
MSWA Aqua Jetty Pool Survey	\$750	-	-
MSWA Support for Mandurah Australia Day OWS	\$364	-	-
Total Special Projects Expenditure	\$52,265	\$3,503	\$5,626

This expenditure on Special Projects is disclosed annually in the accounts and can be seen in the Profit & Loss Account. In 2017, 8 clubs benefitted from Special Projects funding applications which were approved, with a total of \$3,503 paid by MSWA (2015: \$5,626 paid to 13 clubs).

Special Projects Funding Surplus

Although expenditure on Special Projects in the last two years has exceeded the amount of funds notionally set aside in each of those two years, there is still a substantial overall cash surplus compared to funding set aside to date.

As at 31 December 2016, an accumulated surplus of \$15,658 is still available under this investment funding policy for use on Special Projects, as follows:

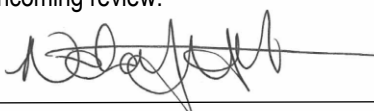
	Total to Date	Current Year 2016	Last Year 2015
Total Amount Available for Special Projects	\$67,923	\$1,815	\$2,686
Total Special Projects Expenditure	(\$52,265)	(\$3,503)	(\$5,626)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$15,658	(\$1,688)	(\$2,941)

This position will be monitored so that future Special Projects will continue to be funded in line with the current Board policy.

Future Policy

Given we are currently in a low interest environment, it is likely that Special Projects spend will again exceed the notional amount available (being 50% of interest received). Therefore, it is recommended that the Board conduct a review of the investment policy and determine if any changes to the current policy should be made.

It is important that investment funds remain separate from operating funds. However, in relation to investment funds, both the amounts made available for Special Projects, the nature of Special Projects and the overall eligibility criteria will all be included in the forthcoming review.



Nick Wyatt, Investment Committee
8 February 2017

APPENDIX 2:

Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

TO MEMBERS OF MASTERS SWIMMING WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of **MASTERS SWIMMING WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**, which comprises the statement of financial position as at **31st December 2016**, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a fair presentation, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's reporting responsibilities under the constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type it is not practical for **Masters Swimming Western Australia Inc** to maintain an effective system of internal control over all income until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to income was limited to the amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the limitations above, I believe the financial statements of **Masters Swimming Western Australia Inc** present fairly the financial position as at the **31st December 2016**.

Name of Firm: BYERS SCOTT PTY LTD



Name of Partner: Lloyd Scott

Address: 292 Rokeby Road SUBIACO WA 6008

Dated this: 10th day of February 2017.

MASTERS SWIMMING WA BRANCH Inc.

**Operating Statement
for the year ended 31 December 2016**

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
Club Affiliations		2,113	1,499
Coaching Course Fees		1,600	1,091
DSR Sponsorships		40,000	48,500
Healthway LiveLighter sponsorship		30,000	25,000
Members Fees		48,714	44,399
Other Sponsorships		1,132	25,868
Programs & Activities		662	6,972
Sundry Income		226	100
Swimming Events		15,831	21,160
		140,278	174,589
EXPENSES			
Administration		79,525	85,777
Affiliations		155	191
Masters Swimming National Expenses		305	409
Healthway LiveLighter Projects		27,749	44,377
Depreciation		2,561	570
Finance		1,064	1,060
Meetings		518	698
Office Property Expenses		5,413	5,894
Programs & Activities		18,580	32,660
Support		3,482	2,767
		139,352	174,403
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		926	186
Other Non Operating Income and Expenses			
Income			
Interest Received - Bank of Qld Investment		3,630	5,371
Interest received - operating account		3	3
Interest Received - Cash Investment Account		191	545
		3,824	5,919
Expenses			
Special Projects		3,503	5,626
OWS Insurance		5,484	4,812
Kay Cox Scholarship		80	120
		9,067	10,558
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(4,317)	(4,453)

MASTERS SWIMMING WA BRANCH Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Operating A/C		22,288	25,531
Cash on Hand		15	(5)
Cash Investment A/C		5	4,114
Bank of Queensland Special Deposit		175,526	182,712
Sundry Debtors		-	-
Bonds Paid		1,403	-
Prepayments		-	1,216
		199,237	213,568
Non Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	1	813	3,375
		200,050	216,943
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Kay COX Scholarship Trust		400	400
Government Funding Pre-Paid		20,000	20,000
Creditors and Accruals	2	3,110	2,732
AL, LSL and Superannuation	3	6,835	13,450
Prepaid Income		9,986	17,326
Fire Ins Claim Funds		168	168
Bonds Held		2,000	1,000
		42,499	55,076
		157,551	161,867
NETT ASSETS			
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus - at the beginning of the year		161,868	166,321
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(4,317)	(4,453)
Accumulated surpluses at end of period		157,551	161,868

MASTERS SWIMMING WA BRANCH Inc.

Notes to and forming part of the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2016

Notes	2016	2015
1. Fixed Assets		
Office Furniture at Cost		
Less Provision for Depreciation		
Equipment at Cost	4,490	4,490
Less Provision for Depreciation	(3,676)	(1,115)
Total Fixed Assets	814	3,375
2. Creditors and Accruals		
Mastercard W Holtom		279
GST Collected	2,476	3,868
GST Paid	(2,199)	(3,314)
PAYG Tax Payable	3,024	1,484
ATO Integrated Account	(191)	-
Trade Creditors	-	415
Total Creditors and Accruals	3,110	2,732
3. Annual Leave, Long Service Leave and Superannuation		
Value of unused annual leave	6,243	6,477
Value of unused long service leave	-	5,806
Superannuation Payable	592	1,167
Total Annual Leave and Long Service Leave	6,835	13,450

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