



MST Annual General Meeting, March 17th 2021

MST President's Report 2020

It is with pleasure that I present the President's Report on the 2020 activities of Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated.

2020 has been a very unusual year for Masters Swimming in Tasmania. We have had to cope with closed pools, closed borders, social distancing, and isolation. It is a tremendous tribute to all Tasmanian masters swimmers, officials, volunteers and their families that we have managed to restart our club training programs and conduct our full 2020 calendar of state swim meets. Some Clubs have even achieved membership growth this year! Well done to everyone and welcome to all new club members.

Our first Branch Championships were held in March, immediately before lockdown, and our other three regular meets conducted in August, October and December. Pools were closed from late March to late April or May. There was good participation, with the exception of almost no interstate visitors. There were 98 individual and 16 relay Branch records set or broken. Tasmanian swimmers were well represented in the 2020 FINA Top 10 with 83 individual rankings and 37 relay team rankings.

Although the National e1000 awards were cancelled for 2020, many participants continued their eligible swims with two achieving maximum points

With changes needed to the National Championships schedule, MST changed its sponsorship from 2022 to 2023. Preparations will proceed according to the MSA schedule.

The MST Branch Committee has also been very active with regular very well attended Zoom meetings. At the December meeting, agreement was reached for a method of distribution of any surplus funds from MST swim meets to the Clubs and we have applied this to the 2020 meets. This was an issue raised at our 2019 club forum held in Campbell Town and I am very pleased to get this resolved. I would be keen to see a follow up forum held in 2021.

Income and expenditure for the year were within budget expectations.

The association has healthy reserves due in part to the very successful 2015 National Championships. 2020 did not give the Association much opportunity to put these funds to work to help develop masters swimming across the state. This should be a priority for the incoming Committee.

In closing, I wish the incoming Committee every success and I would personally like to thank all the Association's Committee members and Club representatives for their advice and support in this challenging year.

Yours in swimming,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Woodworth".

Bill Woodworth
President
Masters Swimming Tasmania