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### MST swimmers take on the Coles Bay Half

Open water swimming saw a big boost in popularity last year, with the Covid-19 closure of pools being a stimulus. That has continued with recreational swims but also with participation in Tasmanian SLSC competition swims and participation in triathlons.

One of the most iconic triathlon events is the Coles Bay Half, held this year on 13 March and with a good number of MST swimmers involved, as individual participants or team members. In the half-ironman event (1.9 km swim, 90 km ride and 21.1 km run) we had (with placing in the swim leg) Damian Bennet (3) and Ashley Brook (17) from Launceston; Joe O'Malley (37) from Devonport; Amanda Duggan (11), occasional MST competitor with Van Diemens; Jayde Richardson (8), Brett Stephenson (31), Wendy Shelton (34) and Louise D'Amico (48) from Tomatoes; and a large contingent from Hobart Aquatic Masters including Brent Walker (4), Ben Mills (12), Anne Henderson (14), Phil Tyrell (15), Penny Lucas (20), Donna French (23), Jenny Lain (27), Tony Forman (40), Emily Lee (42), Michelle Hickey (45) and Craig Rowbottom (55).

In the so-called sprint event of 500 m swim, 20 km ride and 2.1 km run we had three participants from Hobart Aquatic Masters, Michelle and Anthony Kline and Glenn Miller, all in the 50+ Super Veteran category. Glenn finished in 1 hr 57 min, Anthony in 1 hr 28 min to win

the Mens and Michelle in 1 hr 26 min, the fastest woman. Congratulations to Michelle and Anthony for their fantastic performances.



**Above:- Michelle and Anthony Kline, Winners of the female and male 50+ Super Veteran Sprint**

### Historic Results

Our Branch Recorder Pauline Samson has been loading historic results onto the MST website. This is still a works in progress as she is trying very hard to locate some of the archive material. Look under "Awards/ Historic Records & Results" or use the following link <https://mastersswimmingtasmania.com.au/awards/historic-records-and-results/>

## Devonport Devils Postal Swims

The Devonport Devils have had some truly amazing swims for the Wests Auburn 5km Turtle Relay Postal Swim so far this year with two particular Devils standing out from the crowd.

Notably, Nani Clark's swim in the 5 x 1km relay was the inspiration behind Wendy Winzenberg's 5km individual swim.

A year ago Nani was only wishing she was able to swim a continuous 1km freestyle. She has now reached her goal and is continuing her dedication to training with the aim to swim a 1500m E1000 event.

Wendy was so impressed by the progress Nani has made that she likewise decided to aim high. The result? A fantastic 98:43.51 continuous freestyle swim for the Wests Auburn 5km Turtle Swim. In her own words "I dedicate this swim to Nani, she inspired me to a go for it".

Folks this is just one of the advantages of swimming with a Masters swimming club, that of being motivated by other swimmers within the club. Sure it's great to improve our fitness and swimming times but there's also great value to be found in how we feel about ourselves and how we value interactions with the members of the club



**Wendy Winzenberg and her timer Marilyn Brack after the 5km swim.**

**Nani Clark finishing her leg of the 5 x 1km Turtles Relay**



**Nani Clark after the 5 x 1km Turtles Relay with her lane buddies Sue Langham, Wilma Aherne, Penny Flowers and timer Marilyn Brack.**

(missing team member Anna Maddick)

## Up Coming Events 2021

Short Course Long Distance -Launceston 5 June

Short Course Long Distance -Launceston 21-22 Aug

Long Course Long Distance –Hobart date to be set

## Editions of Platypus Press

Thanks to Tony Foreman and Marilyn Brack for providing articles for this edition. Material of interest to other swimmers is always welcome. The next edition is proposed in June after the SCLD.

## Request for Photos

A selection of recent photos can be found on <https://mastersswimmingtasmania.com.au/aae-tester/> (the MST website Photo Gallery). Any other photos would be most welcome and can be shared. Please send the photos to branch email address below.