



2017

Annual Report

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1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2017 has been an interesting year with rethinking the ways we do things and hopefully a brighter future for masters swimming in Tasmania.

While our numbers have not increased for a few years, the Branch has maintained a steady membership. As a Branch we need to find ways of attracting younger members to the organisation and encouraging those members to stay. Of course we need to have a program in place to have those members want to stay. Talays club has used the Endurance 1000 program for many years to keep the interest in swimming all year round and it can be seen in the core of membership that has maintained for over 20 years. There's something in this program for everyone. Do we offer more come and try events or 'splash' meets for swimmers to get together in various pools?

The Branch also welcomed the new club, Huon Valley Aquatic and some members competed in events during the year. It has also been encouraging to see the momentum with the revitalised Devonport club after a few years break.

The Branch conducted four events over the year using the online registration system. The decision not to use the AOE for the long distance events and not to award medals has helped keep the costs down for those two events. We must keep in mind that the AOE needs to be in place for the Summer and Winter Championships to encourage swimmers from interstate to come and compete.

These events can't run efficiently without officials and I would encourage members to 'have a go' at some of the jobs that need to be done at a swim meet. You will probably notice at major events, such as the National Championships, competitors will officiate in between swimming their events.

Some of our members competed at the National Championships on the Gold Coast, the World Masters Games in New Zealand and the FINA Masters World Championships in Budapest and were successful in many of their events with medals and records. The Launceston club was also host to the Australian Masters Games in October.

The Launceston club again participated in the MS Swimathon in 2017. A combined team from the southern clubs participated as a Masters Swimming group for the first time in several years in Hobart. In both cases significant donations were raised for the MS charity organisation. The event enabled many swimmers to record long distance swims for the e1000 program.

Our communication between members has been through the Platypus Press and Facebook. These tools only work well if members contribute and acknowledge them. It's the conversations that members have around swimming that can keep the community together.

The Branch committee meets face to face four times a year, usually before one of the swim meets, and monthly via video/phone conference. These meetings are vital to keep the Branch on track to achieve the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

During 2017, I undertook the task to digitise all the information archived in a storage unit. Many of the documents went back to the first discussions (1982) that people in northern Tasmania were having about starting masters swimming. The results books are being added to the website and you will see that some of the results were written by hand (this was also how the earlier National Championships results were published). Of course there are gaps in some of the years with newsletters and reports and it would be interesting to know if anyone has copies of documents hidden away in boxes.

Due to sound management, the Branch is in strong financial position. The Branch needs to be prudent with revenue streams and spending as much of the money in reserve is a result of hard work in conducting a National Championship and this may only occur every 6-7 years.

I would like to thank all those involved in every aspect of Masters Swimming Tasmania, their continuing support at meetings, as officials at swim meets, the people running their clubs and to keep spreading the word that Masters swimming is about Fitness, Fun and Friendship.

Pauline Samson
President

2 TREASURER'S REPORT

2017 was the second year of a three-year transition in the administration of MST finances.

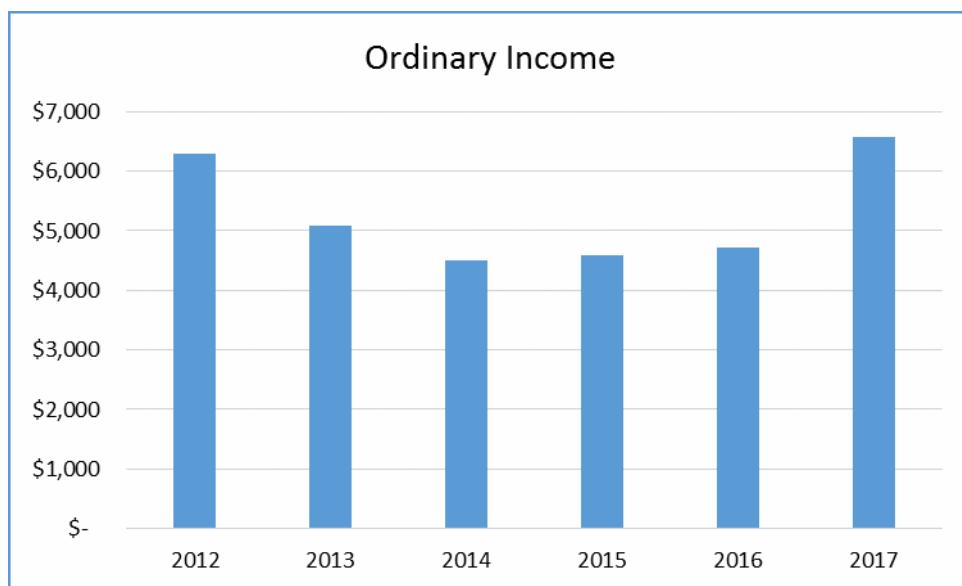
The Audited Financial Statements of Masters Swimming Tasmania for 2017 are presented at the end of this report. Those statements confirm the sound financial situation the Branch finds itself in. While the audit of Branch finances has been concluded, timing constraints have prevented signed copies of those statements being included in this report. Signed copies will be published and circulated as soon as they become available.

2.1 Income

The Treasurer's report this year provides a consistent view of Branch finances over the period 2012 to 2017. This consistency is achieved by ensuring that incomes and expenses over those years exclude extraordinary items. On the income side of 2017 for example, the value of medals handed back, and cap sales is excluded, while expenditures are adjusted for the cost of cap sales. In 2016 expenditure on the pool survey has been excluded on the same basis.

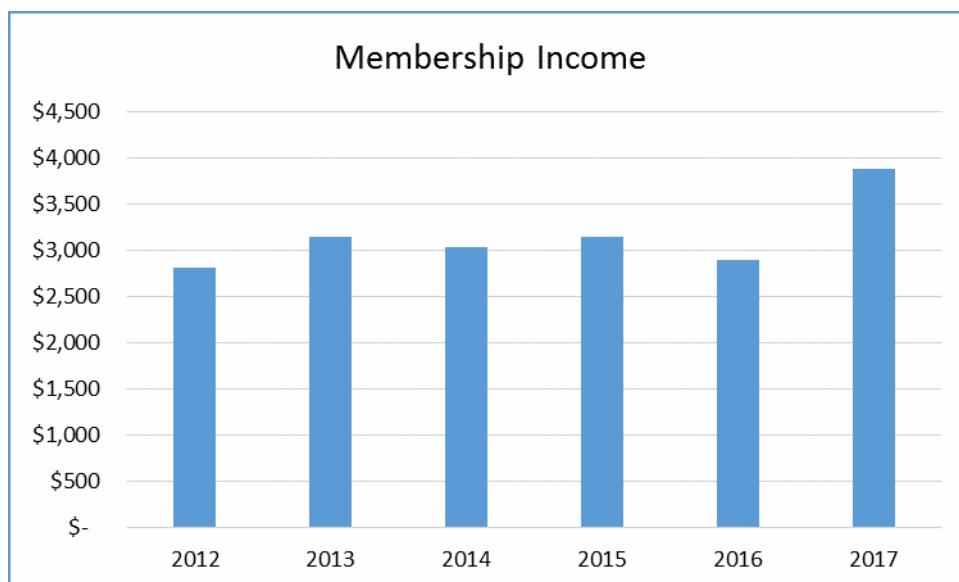
Chart 1 therefore shows the upturn in income, excluding extraordinary items, and clearly demonstrates a combined increase of 34% arising from an increase in membership numbers and subscriptions. A very pleasing result on the income side of the Branch's finances.

Chart 1



The increase in membership subscription income can clearly be seen in Chart 2 with subscription income increasing from \$2,899 in 2016 to \$3,876 in 2017.

Chart 2



At the same time, as can be seen from the audited statements, club affiliation fees increased from \$600 to \$1,450 while income from investments remained steady, contributing \$1,250.

2.2 Expenses

Expenses that could be considered non-discretionary, such as Professional Fees or extraordinary items have been excluded from the data on which Chart 3 is based and provides a basis for comparison. It is pleasing to note that there has been a reduction in ordinary expenses of \$6,206 in 2016 to \$5,863 in 2017.

Chart 3



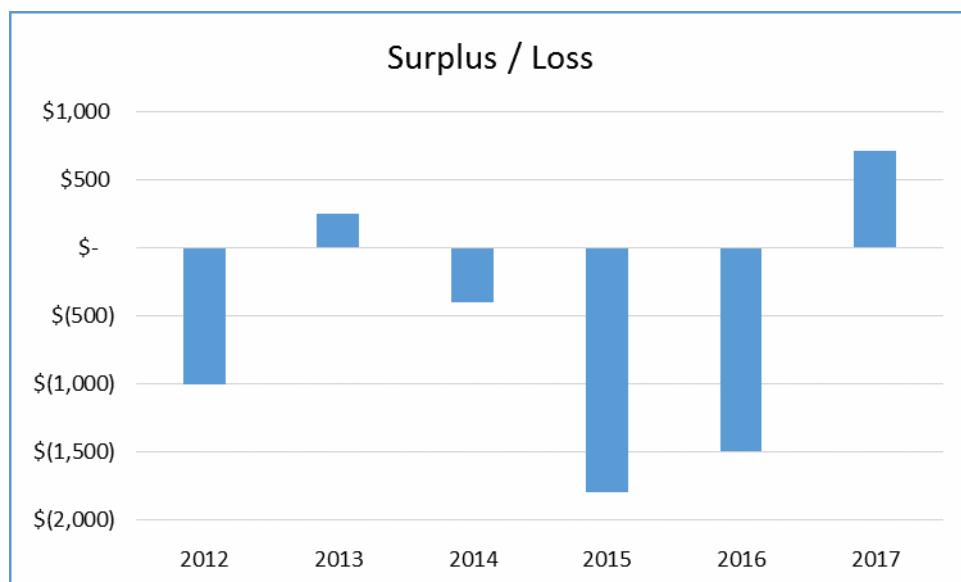
During 2017, considerable work to digitize MST records was undertaken by President Pauline Samson. Due to those efforts, the Branch ceased the hire of commercial storage space for which the Branch paid \$1,824 in 2017. This considerable saving into the future

will enable those funds to be used in more productive ways to the benefit of the Branch and its members.

The audited financial statements disclose an operating surplus of \$259 for 2017. This represents a significant turnaround from the 2016 loss of \$3,089.

When considered on a comparative basis, the result is even more positive. After the adjustments previously discussed, the annual losses incurred in 4 of the previous years have now been turned around, resulting in a comparative surplus \$713 as can be seen in Chart 4.

Chart 4



Where losses incurred in the ordinary operations of the Branch, excluding expenditures on such items as coaching and development, were incurred in the years up to 2016, they were funded out of the surpluses made from the conduct of previous national championships by the Branch.

The extent of the past accumulated losses on the Branch's ordinary operations can be seen in Chart 5 which tracks the progressive accumulation of those losses since 2012.

Chart 5



From 2017 it was, and is now no longer necessary, barring unforeseen circumstances or changes in policy, to fund losses from accumulated funds.

All Branch expenses during 2017 were funded from current cash resources.

The surpluses remaining at the start of 2016 are now treated as the Branch's "Legacy Funds" and, as a matter of Branch policy, are to be invested in the development of our clubs, coaches and officials. The section dealing with Branch Development activities includes details of expenditures from those legacy funds.

2.3 Events

As a matter of policy, the Branch has financial control over the conduct of the 4 championship events. During 2017 the long-distance events losses were cross-subsidized by the surpluses from the other events. Details of the outcomes are set out in Table 1.

It should be noted that by end of the financial year, Swimming Tasmania had not issued an invoice for the hire of timing equipment used at the Winter championships. An invoice was received while the financial reports were in preparation and the Liabilities item in the Balance sheet includes an amount of \$550 for the hire of the equipment.

Table 1

Championship Events	Financial outcome
Summer Long Course	\$251 Surplus
Short Course Long Distance Cham	\$594 Loss
Winter Short Course Long Distance	\$1,326 Surplus
Long Course Long Distance	\$267 Loss
Overall	\$1,326 Surplus

The Branch decided, at its meeting of November 2017, to retain the surplus realised on the 2017 events as a buffer for the future and has committed to a discussion towards the end of 2018 on how any event surpluses are to be dealt with.

2.4 Branch Development

The Branch, as a matter of policy and for the long-term, has designated an amount of \$55,000 as a "Legacy Fund" to be used for the purpose of Branch development. The Branch also decided that it would annually publish a complete historic list of development expenses. The Branch views these expenses as an investment in its future.

Development policies are in place and cover the following areas:

- Club Development;
- Development of Officials; and
- Development of Coaches

During 2017 the only expenditure from these funds was for coaching development and totaled \$1,404.

Development transactions since the establishment of the fund are as follows.

Table 2

Opening Balance			\$55,000
2016	Devonport	\$350	
2017	Coaching Development	\$1,404	
Fund expenses since commencement			\$1,754
Balance at 31 December 2017			\$53,246

2.5 The Balance Sheet

During 2017, Total Equity increased to \$62,056, a slight increase over the 2016 level.

Our balance sheet shows \$55,810 in term deposits and \$3,916 in current accounts. No redemptions were made during 2017. Interest earned however will be redeemed at the time of the next roll over.

2.6 The Future

The sound financial position of the Branch positions it to explore and invest in marketing and development activities.

In 2018, the Branch will move its reporting to an accruals basis and simplify and make its accounting practices more efficient by sourcing and using an accounting software package. Initially a free accounting software package will be trialed to establish a level of functionality that meets the need of the Branch

I commend this report to the Branch.

Maciej Slugocki,
Treasurer

2.7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated

Financial Statements

31 December 2017

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Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated

Committee List

31 December 2017

President:	Pauline Samson	22 McClements Street Howrah 7018
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Technical Officer:	Donald Reynolds	1606 Sheffield Road Barrington 7306
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Registrar:	Ray Brien	15 Ray Street Invermay 7248
Publicity:	Maciej Slugocki	248 Macquarie Street Hobart 7000
Coaching Co-ordinator:	John Pugh	10 Pendennis Street Riverside 7250
Public Officer:	Ray Brien	15 Ray Street Invermay 7248

Crowe Horwath Tasmania

Malcolm Matthews
Partner

Date:

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Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated

Income Statement

For the Year Ending 31 December 2017

BRANCH INCOME	2017 \$	2016 \$
Club Affiliation fees	1,450	600
Donations (medal handbacks)	554	-
Interest from investment	1,242	1,193
Interest from current account	8	21
Membership subscriptions	3,876	2,899
Sales - Caps	60	-
Total Income	7,190	4,713
EXPENSES		
Professional Fees and Expenses		
Audit fees	814	792
Bank charges - Audit	50	30
AGM Advertising	89	50
Filing fees	61	59
Committee and Meeting Expenses		
Meeting Expenses	415	183
Travel Honoraria	570	890
National Administrators Workshop	328	101
Operations		
Affiliation fee MSA 2018	225	-
Affiliation fee MSA 2016	-	225
Affiliation fee MSA 2017	-	225
Batteries	-	207
Inventory - Caps	53	-
Depreciation	233	399
Domain Name	-	30
Event Charges	-	39
Fees and charges	-	5
Information technology	747	729
Liability Insurance	110	110
Medals and trophies	55	393
Membership Refunds	15	0
Other	680	347
Post office box rental	124	121
Printing, postage & stationery	537	360
Storage	1824	1,904
Survey (Clarence Pool)	-	440
Miscellaneous		
Life membership 2016	-	38
Life membership 2017	-	126
Total Expenses	6,930	7,802
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	259	(3,089)

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Income Statement

For the Year Ending 31 December 2017

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	2017 \$	2016 \$
LONG COURSE SUMMER		
Income		
Entry Fees	4,569	3,170
Lunches	795	780
Printing	90	-
Total Income	5,454	3,950
Expenses		
Entry processing	184	315
Merchant Banking	203	180
Timing Equipment	550	330
Pool Hire	2,762	2,303
Medals	396	434
Sundry	-	60
Lunches	795	711
Printing	132	-
Officials, Catering and Supplies	183	-
Room hire	-	65
Total Expenses	5,203	4,398
Total Long Course Summer	251	(448)
LONG COURSE LONG DISTANCE		
Income		
Entry Fees	640	570
Total Income	640	570
Expenses		
Merchant Fees	88	132
Merchant Acc Entry Fee Charges	78	-
Cybersource Entries	128	205
Pool Hire	900	765
Officials - Catering	39	-
Total Expenses	1,234	1,102
Total Long Course Long Distance	(594)	(532)

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Income Statement

For the Year Ending 31 December 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
TAS CHAMPIONSHIPS continue		
SHORT COURSE LONG DISTANCE		
Income		
Entry Fees	565	600
Total Income	565	600
Expenses		
Entry processing	88	128
Merchant Fees	88	88
Pool Hire	656	594
Medals	-	307
Total Expenses	832	1,117
Total Short Course Long Distance	(267)	(517)
SHORT COURSE WINTER		
Income		
Entry Fees	5,375	3,651
Programs	74	-
Lunches	1,080	720
Total Income	6,529	4,371
Expenses		
Merchant Acc Entry Fee Charges	196	145
Pool Hire	1,950	1,685
AOE Operator Expense	225	-
Cybersource Entries	418	405
Medals	449	441
Printing	83	71
Timing Equipment Hire	-	330
Officials Lunches	254	310
Lunches	1,080	720
Total Expenses	4,653	4,088
Total Short Course Winter	1,876	283
MISCELLANEOUS		
Income		
Total Income	0	0
Expenses		
LCLD Hobart 2015	-	1,400
SCLD Launceston 2015	-	665
Total Expenses	0	2,065
Total Miscellaneous	0	(2,065)
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	1,266	(3,278)

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Income Statement

For the Year Ending 31 December 2017

DEVELOPMENT INCOME	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Total Income	0	0
EXPENSES		
Club Development Grant	-	350
Coaching Development Program	1,404	-
Total Expenses	1,404	350
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	(1,404)	(350)

TOTAL INCOME	20,378	14,204
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,256	20,921
TOTAL SURPLUS/(LOSS)	122	(6,717)

Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank		
Westpac Bank Community Solutions Cash Reserve	-	2,664
Westpac Bank Community Solutions Cheque Account	2,146	126
Westpac Bank Community Solutions	606	583
Westpac Bank Community Solutions	1,164	-
Westpac Bank Term Deposit	35,810	35,000
Westpac Bank Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
Total Bank	59,726	58,373
Debtor		
MSA	190	-
Sundry	97	288
Total Debtor	287	288
Inventory		
Medals	2,468	2,760
Caps	92	145
Vests	135	135
Total Inventory	2,696	3,040
Total Current Assets	62,709	61,701
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and Equipment	998	998
Accumulated Depreciation	(998)	(765)
Total non-current assets	-	233
TOTAL ASSETS	62,709	61,934

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Creditor	653	-
Total Current Liabilities	653	0
Non-Current Liabilities		
Non-Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	653	0
NET ASSETS	62,056	61,934
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds Brought Forward	61,934	68,651
Surplus/(loss) for the period	122	(6,717)
TOTAL EQUITY	62,056	61,934

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes
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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2017

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General Information

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964.

The committee have determined that Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated requirements in the preparation of the financial statements is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis whereby items are brought to account as they are received or paid from the records of the association.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with previous periods unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value on a first in first out basis.

Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated

Committee's Declaration

31 December 2017

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year then ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 to prepare accounts; and
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as when they fall due.

Signed:

Position:

Date:

Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, the income statement for Branch, Tasmanian Championships and Development for the year then ended, the notes to the financial statements, and the committee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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



Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

CROWE HORWATH TASMANIA

Launceston

Malcolm Matthews

Date:

Partner

DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Crowe Horwath

Masters Swimming Tasmania Incorporated
31 December 2017

PLANT & EQUIPMENT	Original Cost	Dep Rate	WDV b/f	Dep Charge	WDV c/f
Photocopier		25	-	-	-
Desk		25	-	-	-
Chair		25	-	-	-
Table		25	-	-	-
Canon Bubblejet printer	160	25	-	-	-
Hand held bells (4)	123	25	-	-	-
Acer computer and monitor	898	25	-	-	-
Cylindrical marker buoys (3)	982	25	-	-	-
Whistles	500	25	-	-	-
MSI Megabook VR600 Laptop	1,390	25	-	-	-
Modem	75	25	-	-	-
Philips 19' widescrreen computer	180	25	-	-	-
Laptop	1,250	40	-	-	-
Stopwatches	1,426	25	-	-	-
Desktop	1,350	40	-	-	-
Laptop	717	40	-	-	-
2TB Samsung External Hard Drive	127	40	-	-	-
Laptop	998	40	233	233	-
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Additions

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Note: Depreciation Schedule Unaudited

3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

3.1 COACHING OFFICER REPORT

As has been reported progressively during the year, the major activity was to accredit or reaccredit the coaching qualifications of Tasmanian Masters Coaches. Finance for this task was in the annual budget and the aim was for the Branch to cover all the relevant costs of organising and delivering an appropriate course. The two appropriate course options available were the Swimming Australia **ASCTA Bronze Award** and the **Club Coach Award** of Masters Swimming Australia.

As a starting point a questionnaire was sent to the eight existing clubs to find out:

- the number of coaches in each club and their accreditation status
- how many coached training sessions each club conducted and the number of lanes used each session
- whether club sessions were coached by a single coach or by multiple coaches

The Burnie and Tomato clubs chose not to respond to the questionnaire. The responding clubs were:

• Hobart Aquatic	<i>1 coach with lapsed Bronze licence and 1 unaccredited</i>
• Hobart Dolphins	<i>1 unaccredited coach</i>
• Talays	<i>1 Bronze licenced coach not actively coaching Masters swimmers</i>
• Huon	<i>1 Bronze licenced coach actively coaching needing Masters module</i>
• Devonport	<i>1 unaccredited coach</i>
• Launceston Lemmings	<i>2 Bronze licenced coaches actively coaching needing Masters module</i>
	<i>1 Silver licenced coach not actively coaching</i>

Effectively, the survey showed that 4 coaches needed to be accredited or re-accredited and two Bronze licenced coaches wanted to acquire the Masters component/module. There were complications with both course options but the MSA Club Coach course presented fewer obstacles and was chosen. MSA Head Office provided comprehensive course materials, and Launceston coach (ex-Olympian) Peter Tonkin had the presenter qualifications to deliver the workshop component. Six coaches completed the on-line component in November and attended the workshop at Clarence pool, Hobart, on 10 December.

Progress since the workshop has been slow. Only two have so far completed the necessary workbook and some candidates are finding it difficult to get other suitably qualified coaches to observe, mentor and sign off on the required number of practical coaching sessions. These issues should be resolved after the forthcoming Long Course State Championships.

In my opinion three challenges need to be addressed regarding Masters qualified coaches in Tasmania. These are:

- **Professional Development:** Individual clubs need to ensure that their coaches participate in PD activities offered regularly by Swimming Tasmania so that

accreditations do not lapse. My view is that it is generally not cost effective for the Branch to organise PD for the small number of coaches in the state.

- **Mentors for new coaches:** The small number of qualified Masters coaches and their dispersal around the state make it difficult for aspiring coaches to be mentored or supervised without arranging for Swimming Tasmania coaches to do so.
- **Finite number of coaches:** Unless clubs adopt a multi coach model for their swimming sessions it is difficult to develop a larger pool of Masters coaches. It appears that only Hobart Aquatic and Launceston Lemmings offer enough sessions and lanes for more than one coach to accumulate the coaching hours and experience needed for accreditation, re-accreditation or mentoring trainee coaches. If clubs cannot offer these opportunities there seems little point in producing more coaches.

John Pugh
Coordinator of Coaching and Education

3.2 COMMUNICATION OFFICER REPORT

The communication strategy adopted for 2017 was to focus on the production of the Branch's news magazine Platypus Press and on direct communication with member using our bulk email facilities.

5 editions of Platypus Press were published during the year with the content covering a broad range of Masters events including:

- The Rottnest Channel Challenge
- Our FINA World Championship Honourees
- Vorgee Million Meter Awards
- Niel Hickey – our 1st FINA World Champion
- Club updates and
- Photos from our photo archive

All editions published since the re-launch of the magazine are available on the Branch's web site. Additionally, the Branch is now using a cloud-based storage facility which enables the long term preservation and access to the history of the Branch as recorded in Platypus Press.

The Branch continued to apply its branding strategy, where resources permitted, to using event icons and graphic elements in its publications.

Due to the size of the Branch's membership base, available resources are limited. Efforts made during the year to source assistance in the production of social media were unsuccessful.

Constrained by limited resources only minor adjustments could be made to the MST web site. Priority was given during the year to ensure all MST, National and World

Championship event details were current and on providing direct access to MST championship event entry system.

During 2018 the web site will be significantly re-vamped by a move to a new platform. New web publishing skills and capabilities will need to be developed by the Branch to take advantage of the simpler but improved capabilities of the new platform.

Maciej Slugocki,
Communications Officer

3.3 SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

All clubs have been encouraged to keep an up to date and readily available list of emergency contacts. This follows an incident early in 2017 when a member had to go to hospital for observation and there was difficulty in finding a suitable contact. . Sport TG will be used for an emergency list for competitions.

Mendelt Tillema
Branch Secretary

3.4 TECHNICAL OFFICER REPORT

The branch acknowledges the contribution and efforts of our Technical Officer, Don Reynolds who resigned in late 2017 due to health issues.

A timekeeper's course was conducted in Devonport in August which trained 4 Timekeepers and 2 Chief Timekeepers. The critical need for more qualified officials has been the concern and subject of discussion at several branch meetings. More training courses are required. Further work will be required in 2018 to resource such a project and encourage sufficient participation.

At a national level some changes to the swimming rules for competitions have been introduced and are available on the national website.

Mendelt Tillema
Branch Secretary

3.5 REPORT from RECORDER

2017 was another successful year for many of our members in both results and records. There were 179 records either set or broken (176 individual and 3 relay) and this also included 3 national records – Maciej Slugocki TAC (2) and Terry Smithurst TTL (1). There were 7 meets listed in records/results portal including the AMG and time trials.

Endurance 1000

Talays Masters has continued to dominate this event since 2000 when it was known as the Aerobic Trophy and although had won both trophies nationally has been relegated to 2nd place.

Club	Points	Av Points	F – Points	M- Points	Participants	Female	Male	Members
Talays	17834	540.42	11228	6606	33 (100%)	18	15	33
Launceston	4848	48.28	3352	1476	31	17	14	100
Hobart AC	882	16.64	595	287	18	9	9	53
Hobart	468	14.18	264	204	11	8	3	33
Devonport	351	18.47	311	40	5	4	1	19
Tomatoes	140	7.78	95	45	12	7	5	18
Burnie	25	1.09	25		1	1		23
Huon Valley	5	1.67		5	1		1	3

Although some clubs have not participated formally in Endurance 1000, all eligible swim meets are automatically added, so with some imagination, participation could be improved so that this program could be more competitive.

Congratulations to the swimmers who achieved 1005 points: Ros Dillon TTL, Stacy Kirkby TTL, Alwynne McMahon TLC and Annette Philpot TTL.

Also Kris Apps TTL and Steve Pendlebury TTL completed all swims.

Swimmers of the Meet:

33rd Long Course Championships: Amanda Duggan TTS, Maciej Slugocki TAC

33rd Short Course Championships: Anne Steele TAC, Costan Magnussen TVA

Champion Clubs:

33rd Long Course Championships: Hobart Aquatic

33rd Short Course Championships: Launceston Lemmings

Relay Trophy: Launceston Lemmings

New Norfolk Trophy: Tomatoes Swim

Pauline Samson

Branch Recorder

3.6 REPORT from REGISTRAR

Membership as at 5 Nov 2017 Membership numbers for 2017 were slightly up on 2016, but basically in line with historic averages.

Table 1 Lists club numbers at 30 Nov. I used this date to preclude any overlaps as members can renew memberships from 1 Dec

Table 2 Lists club numbers as at 5 March 2018

Ray Brien
Registrar

TABLE 1

Club	Total 30 Nov 2017	Comparison Nov 2016	Female	Male	2 nd Claim
Burnie	23	25	12	11	0
Devonport	19	4	11	8	1
Launceston	99	93	48	49	2
Hobart	33	23	25	8	2
Talays	33	30	18	15	1
Hobart Aquatic	52	59	30	22	11
Tomatoes	18	26	11	7	2
Huon	3	0	1	2	0
Van Diemans	3	8	1	2	0
	289		278		

TABLE 2

Club	Total 3 Mar 2018	Comparison 30 Nov 2017	Female	Male	2 nd Claim
Burnie	14	23	7	7	0
Devonport	24	19	15	9	0
Launceston	75	99	40	35	1
Hobart	33	33	25	8	1
Talays	32	33	18	14	1
Hobart Aquatic	36	52	20	16	4
Tomatoes	6	18	0	6	0
Huon	5	3	1	4	1
Van Diemans	1	3	1	0	0
	226		289		

3.7 REPORT from NATIONAL BOARD DELEGATE

On behalf of Masters Swimming Tasmania, I attended two meetings in 2017 of the Association representing the Branch.

At the first meeting of the year we fare-welled the outgoing president of MSA David Smith who was the National President for the previous 6 years and welcomed the incoming, and at that time, president in-waiting, Gerry Tucker. During the year we also welcomed a new Finance Director, Andrea Mc Neil.

During the year, a number of significant actions were approved at the Autumn and Spring General Meetings. The significant actions that were taken and have, in most instances been implemented, including:

- Setting the national component of membership fees for 2018 at an unchanged level from 2016;
- Approved changes to various MSA rules governing such areas as diving into pools;
- Updated the rules governing National Top Ten awards;
- Approved a venue change for Nationals 2018 being held in West Australia;
- Approved a new national Safety Policy;
- Approved new MSA Hot Weather and new MSA Medical Emergency Response procedures, Managing Risk guidelines and a Good Governance checklist. National policies are published and available to members from the MSA web site;
- Approved the introduction of a Masters Volunteer Award which was open to non-members;
- Confirmed the conduct of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 swim camps in Thailand;
- Approved and authorized expenditures for new national website functionality using Waterpress functionality;
- Approved a new Member Protection policy;
- Finalised and approved a new event schedule for Nationals 2018; and
- Accepted the reality that Masters World records can only be set when automated timing equipment is used at meets.

Outcomes of the meetings are circulated to the clubs by the Branch Secretary.

An offer to prepare a briefing paper on the system and associated costs was made by the Tasmanian Delegate at the Spring 2017 MAS General Meeting and was accepted. The paper has been completed and will be available for consideration at the Autumn 2018 meeting.

Maciej Slugocki
Tasmanian Branch Delegate

4 CLUB REPORTS

4.1 BURNIE CROCKS

The new year opened in the outdoor pool on a very enthusiastic note. The AGM appointed a panel of four coaches, Andre de Beijl, Christine Brown, Joan Coleman and Peter Cox. Each coach would construct the programmes for a month on a rotational basis. The aim was to provide variety and tap into a range of expertise. In addition, small group sessions for stroke renovation were held by swimming teacher, Gerry Doherty.

In April, we moved inside to the 25m pool, it's really terrific to be able to say that, as a fitter and, maybe, faster bunch. The intensity of the sessions was notable.

The annual dinner was held at Dave and Alison Sandy's magnificent rural retreat with an Indian theme for costumes and cuisine. Needless to say there was plenty of food and good humour to be had. We were honoured to have as our guests for the evening James Lyons, Manager of the Burnie Aquatic Centre, accompanied by his wife, Jeannie. A highlight of the evening was the awarding of the prestigious' Croc' trophies to richly deserving members for their outstanding contributions to the 2016/7 season.

The winter sessions continued to be well attended and members retained the early season intensity. Many learnt, or re-learnt, the art of the tumble turn again with the patient help of Gerry. Speed and fitness clearly improved during these months.

Spring saw us move outside once again. A bit of a shock after many weeks of being cosseted inside. The Australian Masters Games were held on the NW coast apart from the swimming in Launceston. Christine was our sole representative but did us proud by returning with a swag of medals.

A special general meeting was held in November to discuss the future of the club, in particular its association with Masters swimming and the club constitution. Despite the small turn-out, members present raised a lot of pertinent points in relation to being part of the Masters set-up. The minutes of the meeting indicated that those present valued a more active involvement. A new constitution was called for to replace the unworkable and out-of-date one. It should be ready for discussion and possible implementation by the AGM.

The Christmas carnival in December was once again an outstanding success thanks mainly due the unique style of organisation of Lance Coleman and the willing participation of good roll-up of members. This was followed by an excellent morning tea at Prue and John Lake's house. Medals were presented to the winning team from the carnival led by reluctant captain Alison Sandy. The year concluded with the unusual holding of club swims on both Christmas and New Year's eves.

Finally, a big thank you to the hosts of the social events on our calendar, the team of coaches for their time and efforts devising the swimming programmes and to our Secretary and Treasurer for maintaining a high level of administrative expertise throughout the year.

Peter Cox
Burnie Masters Swimming Club

4.2 DEVONPORT DEVILS

Membership

Word is getting out there and our membership has now increased to 24. Roo (Don Reynolds) has not renewed his membership for 2018 but we're sure to see him poolside from time to time. Roo provided valuable knowledge when we were reforming the Devils and we will miss his wry humour poolside.

We have been working towards becoming an incorporated body and as such are now ready to present a draft constitution to a general meeting.

2018 Executive Committee members

President: Ricky Homan
Secretary: Heather Parker
Treasurer: Sonya Philip
Delegate: Megan Wells

Training/Coaching

Formal coaching with the services of Rex Hill, a nationally accredited instructor happens once a week on a Saturday morning and we are thankful of his experience and dedication to the sport. The structured approach to coaching has helped improve our swimming techniques, the more efficient biomechanics coupled with increased fitness has in turn lead to improved skills, fitness and lap times across the group. It's wonderful to see swimmers that have never done a tumble turn or that have struggled with a particular stroke or swimming a certain distance improve so much. At the moment a training program set by Rick is used for the mid week evening session with everyone adapting it to his or her personal requirement. A recent questionnaire for our members to provide feedback on where we are headed with our regular training sessions and what members want out of these will enable our training sessions to be fine tuned to meet our needs. Rick is planning on starting a Bronze level coaching course through Swimming Australia in May and with some mentoring from Rex hopes to be able to give back to a sport that has given so much to him.

Competitions

During the course of 2017 our entries for competitive swimming quadrupled. From a competitive point of view our performances at the Tasmanian Short Course Championships and the Australian Masters Games reflect the effort that the Devils have put into training. As a club we broke five State Short Course records and three Long Course records. Giving us a total of eight state records for the year, a truly amazing result. We also won numerous medals at the State Short Course from a total of eight entrants.

In addition to our pool swimming there has been an overwhelming interest in the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series with up to five swimmers competing at various swims around the state and others expressing interest for next year. One of our members has won their age group and others have won or placed well in individual swims.

This year we hope to further build the Club momentum at training and at upcoming competitions. There are swimmers planning trips to the Masters Swimming Australian National Championships in Perth in April and the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast in November. Special note should be made of Marcie Watkinson's trip to compete in the World Masters Games in Budapest last year.

We hope to forge ahead with some Vorgee Endurance 1000 swims, which we'll do at our own pool however scheduling times to schedule these swims is in itself presenting a challenge and we welcome suggestions from other clubs on how to overcome this difficulty.

Social

Devils partook in a pre Christmas BBQ and Secret Santa exchange of gifts. We have no doubt this will become an annual event for the Club.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA AT THE 2017 SECRET SANTA BBQ



CAUGHT ON CAMERA AT THE NEW YEARS DAY AFTERNOON SWIM/TEA:
feel free to add your own caption



The inaugural Devil's swim on New Year's Day was a huge success, when gauged by the large number of participants. The afternoon tea that followed was a great social event, where a large amount of food was consumed and a great deal of important conversation shared. The tradition has been established; hence forward New Year's Day will mark the start of the Devils' pursuit of their hopes for the New Year.

Marilyn Brack
Club Delegate

4.3 HOBART AQUATIC MASTERS

Committee membership

The committee for 2017 was as follows:

Chair/secretary Phil Tyrell

Treasurer Mike Davis

New member liaison Val Claydon

General members Maciej Slugocki

Glenn Miller

Michelle Kline

Zoe Rastall

Membership

At the end of 2017 membership was 62, which included 9 second claim members. Membership continued to be based on a core of about 40 long-standing and active members of the Club and second claim members (mostly from Talays, with which the Club has a mutually beneficial relationship). The Club has continued to attract new members and see others move on.

It is likely that the lack of exclusive access to lanes at the DKHAC has had a detrimental effect on the level of participation at training during 2017, particularly amongst the non-competitive swimmers, and may affect membership in 2018.

Training

The 2017 training schedule is below.

2017 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Day	Time	Venue
Monday	6-7 am 6-7 pm	DKHAC
Tuesday	6-7 am	DKHAC
Wednesday	6-7 am 6-7 pm	DKHAC
Thursday	6-7 am 6-7 pm	DKHAC
Friday	6-7 am	DKHAC
Sunday	8-9:30 am	DKHAC

There is also a keen group of open water swimmers that trains Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings somewhere in the Derwent River. Special swims are also held.

Coaching

The Club had two coaches (Maciej Slugocki and Philip Tyrell) complete the Masters Club Coach Course in December 2017.

Trophies

2017 was a very successful year for the Club at Branch competitions. The Club was awarded the Long Course Summer Championships trophy, and was highly competitive in the other major club trophies.

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC)

The Club has had shared access to lanes at DKHAC throughout 2017. This has added a degree of difficulty to our training sessions, and is not helped by the lack of control pool staff exercises over swimmers in designated lanes, particularly during the week. We are endeavouring to work through this difficult period, and remain hopeful that some sort of mutually beneficial arrangement might be made in the future.

Due to the changed relationship with DKHAC (in other words, we have no direct relationship with DKHAC), the Club has decided to remove any implied association with DKHAC by changing the name of the Club and replacing the splash logo on our caps and other items. The preferred new name of the club is Derwent Masters Swimming club, and the logo is likely to become an Orca. These changes are planned to take effect by 2019.

The year ahead

2018 promises to be a challenging year for the Club, with changes afoot as outlined above. The Club will incorporate under its new name.

It is also the Club's 20th anniversary, and we are planning to celebrate this in an appropriate manner.

Phil Tyrell
President

4.4 HOBART DOLPHINS

The club finished the year with 37 members, two more than 2017. It was particularly pleasing to welcome eight new members to the club, effectively keeping the numbers stable despite the loss of a number of older members over the past few years.

Participation

Although a relatively small club members have been very active during the year with special congratulations to Peter Tucker for his huge effort in conquering the English Channel as part of a relay team.

Other activities of note are:

- In total 18 club members took part in competitions in 2017, including five of our new members.
- Three club members went to the Gold Coast for the National championships. No medals were won this year but all had a good time and were happy with their swims.
- 9 members participated in the summer championships including 4 brave (crazy) members who undertook Pete's Butterfly/Medley challenge – and have the t-shirts to prove it.
- Fifteen swimmers went to Launceston for the winter championships.
- Two members competed in the Australian Masters Games
- 5 members competed in the Long Course Long Distance Meet.
- Eight Members competed in the Bunbury swim
- Twelve members made the National top ten list for times swum during 2017.
- Leslie Gould was awarded a 2 million metres award under the Vorgee Million Metres Program and Steve Richards was awarded a 5 million metres certificate.
- Five competed in the 2017/2018 Open Water Swim Series.

Training

Two training sessions were held weekly; Saturday morning at Clarence Pool coached by Peter Tucker and Sunday Morning at Friends coached by Steve Richards. Apart from the normal drop off over winter when many members take a long holiday, training sessions were well attended. Steve Richards commenced the process of obtaining formal coaching qualifications.

Social

On the social front we held; a club dinner at a North Hobart Restaurant, a movie afternoon and a great BBQ/ Open Day in September for new and old members to get together . We finished the year with a very enjoyable and entertaining Christmas Party which was held again at the New Sydney Hotel. Monthly breakfasts and post training coffee get togethers continue and the annual trip to Launceston provided a great opportunity for club members to socialise outside of the pool.

A monthly Newsletter kept members informed of club activities and members' achievements.

Awards

Club person of the Year: Steve Richards

Most Improved swimmer: Michelle Sampson

Swimmer of the Year: Kathryn Osborne

Challenges

The club continues to deal with the problem facing many clubs; that being the desire for members but not having the pool space to cope with them.

Diane Gregory

President

4.5 HUON VALLEY

With the new club being attached to Huon Valley Aquatic Club has come some exciting growth and adding a further dimension to the most southerly club in Australia. In the last 6 month our numbers have increased, with some swimmers who were former champions as children of coming back to swimming as adults. We have some to renew soon and newer members about to register. We have 4 swimmers for the summer championships and hope to have a bigger team for winter championships for the first time.

Exciting times ahead!!!

Sharon Smith
Head Coach HVA

4.6 LAUNCESTON LEMMINGS

It is with pleasure that I present the President's report on the 2017 activities of Launceston Masters Swimming Incorporated, the Launceston Lemmings.

Highlights:

Membership	101
Training	3 sessions per week with 30 – 50 members at each plus Wednesday morning sessions in outdoor pool over summer
Coaching	Coach Adam Fergusson
Competition results	National Swim - top Tasmanian club (8 competitors), 19 th overall State Summers 2 nd State Winters 1 st State Relay trophy winners
Other swim events	Host club – Australian Masters Games
Social	Pop up drinks evenings and end of year barefoot bowls BBQ at the East Launceston Bowls Club
E1000 Results	Christmas training and Christmas Breakfast at Cube 4,676 points scored, Alwynne McMahon swam full complement of swims for 8 th year in a row
Financial results	Net surplus of \$4,899 from a turnover of \$42,306
Sponsorship	Cube continued as our major sponsor and we received AMG event sponsorship from many local business.

Commentary:

The Club has had very successful year in 2017 in all aspects of our activities. We have had good membership growth with many new members joining our active and friendly club. I am happy to say that swimming for fun and fitness is the still the main objective of our members.

The Club has again maintained a safe swimming environment with an incident free year.

The high numbers at our training sessions are a credit to the club's coach, Adam. His has again provided excellent training programs and direction for our members. He has attended several coaching workshops and seminars over the year to help further his expertise.

Additional Wednesday morning sessions have introduced to meet the demand from our members.

The two week LAC shutdown in September presented pool space issues for club training sessions. We overcame these by moving the mid-week sessions to the LCGS pool and arranging combined Saturday session with the Devonport Devils.

Our members were active in many arenas during the year. For example, our Lemming Lapstars team in the 24 hour MS Megaswim swam 70.5 km and raised over \$8000 for MS support in Tasmania, mainly due to Errol Kilov's fundraising champion efforts. Thanks very much to Ray Brien for organising the team.

Michelle Brook organised new club bathers and t shirts in time for members to present a great team image at the Australian Masters Games.

The club has maintained a significant social media presence throughout the year that reached far beyond the club membership base with 167 followers on Facebook. Peak reach during the Australian Masters Games was over 2000 people. Michelle Brook, Bec Bradfield and Susan Ward have all been great contributors to our club page and have kept our image out there.

We have again benefited from the substantial financial support of Cube Aqua and our Saturday breakfasts there are well supported in return. The Cock'n'Bull British Pub's support-in-kind has provided trophy prizes and offset catering costs throughout the year. We have enjoyed many meals and Friday drinks sessions here during the year.

Over the last few years, the club has seen its main income sources reduce through higher membership affiliation fees and lane hire charges, as well as reduced income opportunities from running state winter meets. The sponsorship has helped offset this reduction in income and allowed the club to absorb the increased costs without passing them on to our members.

The Committee has revamped the bursary offered to assist local young swimmers whose continuing swimming career is considered an asset to the Launceston swimming community. We will be awarding the \$400 bursary tonight to the worthy recipient.

Our Club Captains have outlined our significant successes in the competition pool with the highlight being our regaining of the state winter championship trophy. It was very pleasing to see a number of "first timers" attending interclub competitions and enjoying the experience.

In October, the club rose to the huge challenge of hosting and organizing the swimming competition for the Cradle Coast Australian Masters Games. The club welcomed 160 swimmer and their supporters for the 2 day swim meet. I was amazed by the support from club members and the wider swimming community who all pitched in and helped in any capacity they could to ensure that the event was a resounding success. The feedback from our visitors was fantastic. They all enjoyed the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of meet. We may see a few return visitors at the next winter short course meet.

Thanks to Bec Bradfield and the rest of the committee for pulling everything together so well. Thanks also to the local event sponsors: Red Kellys, Colonial Motor Inn, Gigi Coffee,

Launceston Toyota, Launceston YMCA, Fortress Risk Insurance Brokers, Bendigo Bank, Alps & Amici, Hogs Breath Café, Musselroe Beef.

Overall, the club has managed to achieve a substantial surplus over the year. Thanks to Rae Dowling for maintaining sound financial controls over the year.

Finally, thanks to all our members, coaches, family members, committee members that helped with the smooth running of the club in 2017. Without everyone's efforts over the year, the Club would not be able continue to provide the high standard of enjoyable aquatic pursuits for all our members year on year.

Yours in Swimming,

Bill Woodworth
President

4.7 TALAYS MASTERS

It is my pleasure to report that 2017 was another rewarding year for the Talays Masters Swimming Club. As an overview the Club and its members enjoyed:

- steady membership numbers;
- completing many E1000 swims at various venues (with various time-keepers):
 - Hobart Aquatic Centre (HAC) (Pauline; Kris; Perri; Sue; Mendelt; *et al*);
 - Clarence Aquatic Centre (Pauline, with Mendelt as back-up);
 - Collegiate (various)
- competing in various swimming competitions:
 - the British One-hour Postal Swim (Club entries co-ordinated by Kris);
 - “Summers”/“Winters”;
 - Long and short-course long-distance events;
 - Australian Masters Games
- participating in the MS 24-hour Mega Swim (Club entries co-ordinated by Mendelt and Jose);
- benefiting from various sources of coaching:
 - Hobart Aquatic Masters (HAC);
 - Tomatoes (Clarence);
 - Collegiate;
 - *Ad hoc* (Kris, Perri, and self-training).
- social activities from pizzas (at The Duke) to “sticky buns” (at the Sandy Bay Bakery) to less structured morning teas, post E1000 swims, at the HAC.
- contributing to Club, Branch, and National “business”; eg
 - Branch events and E1000 time keeping stints;
 - special events such the above
 - the Talays’ Committee;
 - Pauline was also Branch President and National Recorder;
 - Mendelt was Branch Secretary.

The above summary outlines a very fruitful and rewarding year for the members of Talays. Not only did the Club’s 33 member-complement suggest the Club remains a robust size, but the range of activities also indicates that the Club “does useful and interesting stuff”. And, very interestingly, the *distributed* nature of Club activities added to the interest, and worked very well for the Club. For example:

- while E1000 swims continued to be underpinned by the untiring work of Pauline S. at the Clarence Aquatic Centre (AC) on a Tuesday evening, Pauline’s indefatigable timing continued at the Hobart AC (HAC) on most Sunday mornings; while,

- others (eg Kris A.; Perri B.; Sue M. and Mendelt T.) also timed at HAC, on an *ad hoc* basis, on Mon/Wed/Fri; and,
- the roughly twice-monthly Saturday morning E1000 timing continued at Collegiate.

Similarly, training and/or coaching also continued to be “*distributed*” with some members choosing to train/coach with the Hobart Aquatic Masters Club; one or two training/coached with/by the Tomatoes Club, and many members self-coached/training. Nonetheless, Talays did provide coaching opportunities: Kris and Perri continued to offer, *ad hoc*, very helpful tips, while Annette P. is to be thanked for arranging a couple of breaststroke (29 April) and backstroke (07 October) coaching sessions with Harry at Collegiate.

Whilst the Club’s focus continued to lay more in E1000 than competition events *per se* none the less some of our various of swimmers did compete, albeit often as second claim members of other clubs. The Club is proud of these “*distributed*” efforts as, after all, fun and fitness is our “bottom line”. So the Club had (even if vicariously as it were) had competitors in the Tasmania “Summers” and “Winters”; in the state’s short and long-course long distance events; and in the Australian Masters Games held on the north and north-west coast in October 2017. In these latter games, Kris A., Terry S.; and Tony F. participated with multiple personal bests being obtained as well as medals of various colours.

As with all such competitions, they do not occur without organisation and behind-the-scenes work and so I would be remiss not to mention that Pauline S. provided critical support to the games mentioned above. Similarly, Kris A. was the driving force behind another successful bunch of swims our members did for the British One-Hour Postal Swim (eg see <http://postalswim.com/>) – the results will be celebrated later in this AGM but, as a hint, there were quite a few “firsts”!

And whilst not a competition as such, the 2017 MS 24 Hour Mega Swim (eg see <https://www.msmeagasm.org.au/>) was well supported by Talays with Mendelt and Jose T. coordinating a successful Tassie Masters Team for this event. (Note the state-wide intent behind the team name, whilst this might seem like an “aside” I see this is an example of how the Club seeks to assist the wider swimming community, from event co-ordination right through to “simple” time-keeping.) Not only did Mendelt and Jose organize the team, they swam multiple times during the event and time-kept for a large percentage of the time. In summary, the Tassie Masters Team:

- involved 25 entries (not all Talays) of which 22 people swam;
- swam a total distance of 65 kms;
- recorded 14 swims for the Masters E1000 series;
- raised over \$2000 in sponsorship (not including entry fees).

Not all Club activities were so strenuous of course, with an enjoyable Pizza Night held on 18 July in front of a cozy log fire at the Duke, while many of the E1000 swims were followed by coffee and sticky buns – usually on an ad hoc basis at HAC, but a bit more organized at the Sandy Bay Bakery after Collegiate swims. Many thanks to Judy H. for arranging the pizza and bakery “offerings”.

Which leads me to again reflect on the contributions which made Talay’s wheels spin (without slippage) this year. Firstly, I acknowledge the state and national contributions by a couple of the Club’s members: Pauline not only worked tirelessly for Talays, but also for the Branch (state) as its President, and nationally as National Recorder and Archivist. (as a relevant aside, Pauline vetted/culled/sorted reams and reams of archival material in 2017 for the Club; Branch and nationally. A feature of the aforementioned Pizza Night was the raffling by Pauline, of E1000 trophies collected by the Club over many years). Mendelt has also provided service above and beyond this year, being the Branch Secretary, as well as earlier mentioned contributions and many *ad hoc* E1000 time-keeping stints. And of course, in addition to the many Club members who supported Branch events by time-keeping and/or officials’ duties, the Club’s activities and welfare were underpinned by a very able Committee (Kris; Perri; Janet B.; Anne H.; Graham H.; Judy; Stacy K.; Annette P.; Annie M.; Steve P.; Pauline; and Mendelt). I want to thank the Committee on behalf of all in the Club for its great work, noting for example, Judy’s excellent stewardship of Club accounts; Anne’s many personal bests in getting committee meeting minutes out to members well under time, and Anne’s very insightful contributions to the proposed update of the Club constitution; Pauline’s aforementioned Recorder and Archivist work; Annette as Club Captain and coaching “arranger”; Janet; Mendelt; and Stacy (and families) for use of their homes for meetings; and all of the committee for its insightful advice during the year.

Steve Pendlebury
President, Talays Masters Swimming Club
20 February 2018

4.8 TOMATOES

The Tomatoes Swim Club are grateful to have been part of Masters Swimming Tasmania events this year . We are appreciative of the efforts made by the MSTAS committee and volunteers who provide time and effort in providing us with high quality events.

The number of Tomatoes Swim members currently enrolled in Masters Swimming Tas events remain strong; Tomatoes have currently seven entered into the upcoming Summer Long Course Championships. We have numerous members who would like to attend this event but have younger family members who have committed to surf lifesavings events that unfortunately coincide with this event. However, Tomatoes Swim Club member numbers are strengthening in our participation in the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series 2017/2018.

Training session: 6 days per week Time: 0540-0700. Clarence Swimming pool.

Summer Ocean open water Training: 1 session per week

Seven Mile Beach Lewis Park 0545-0645.

Sponsorship Peppermint Bay Cruises (Rob Pearn).

Coaching staff: Ray Winstanley, Jardene Ralph, and John Robertson.

We continue to express our interest in the incorporation of Open Water Swimming events into MSTAS' repertoire.

As a club, we are growing steadily with an influx of new swimmers and as such, our membership and involvement with Masters Swimming Tasmania will increase in events to come. We look forward to MSTAS events in 2019

Douglas Hughson
President, Tomatoes Swim Club

4.9 VAN DIEMANS

Van Diemens is a virtual club run by the Branch. It is available for any Masters Swimmer who for geographic or personal reasons choose not to join any of the other established clubs.