



## MST 2022 AGM Talays Club Report for 2021

### President's Report to the Talays Club AGM Dec 2021

The end of an era has come: two of *The Club's* most endearing stalwarts and contributors are ending decades-long roles with the club. Pauline S is handing in her whip as Club Recorder (aka Madam Sp(Lash)) and Judy H. is hanging up her treasure's spurs. On behalf of *The Club* I wish to thank Judy and Pauline for their very generous service and guidance to Talays.

As Treasurer, for maybe quarter of a century, or so, Judy has well and truly kept *The Club* afloat. And I can say, with great confidence, that Pauline's *Order of Australia Medal*, so deservedly awarded this year, reflects in no small part to her tireless devotion to our Club in getting us all motivated to swim, swim, and swim some more. (And of course, Pauline picked up a couple of other awards this year: the prestigious *Masters Swimming Australia Volunteer of the Year Award*, and the fledgling Talays' "*Iron Lady*" Award)

Speaking of characters made of iron, the Club has quite a few without naming folk, I think it admirable that our members combat the odds and keep on soldiering on, if not swimming on. Knees, hips, shoulders, bicycle accidents, heart issues, and getting older, all conspire to (collectively) trip us up – but the show goes on swimmingly!

On behalf of all members a huge appreciation to the 2021 Talays Committee (Janet B; Tony F.; Lou H.; Anne H.; Judy H.; Stacy K.; Annie M.; Annette P.; Pauline S.; and Mendelt T.) for steering the Club through another challenging year.

Finally, a hearty thankyou to all members for being part of *The Club* and joining in our activities where possible – the Appendix is a summary of what we were able to "get up to" in 2021

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President Talays Masters Swimming Club  
13 November 2021

## **Appendix**

### **Membership Numbers**

- Member numbers eased to twenty six (26) but we welcomed (virtually) new member Jim Groom

### **Pseudo Awards Night**

- Pizzas were enjoyed by Talays members (and some better halves) at Stacy and Ken Kirby's home on 2 March 2021. All in attendance (a few others who were not) won the accolades of everyone else!
  - And who can forget the "*Iron-Lady Award*": all the female Talays members are as tough as nails (in depth of character of course, and not as a description of their collective angelic appearances) but with the award being under the "Zoom" category, there could have been only one winner: Madame (Sp)Lash herself Pauline S. Not only was it Pauline's idea to run the Zoom meetings in 2020 as a way of members staying connected in trying COVID-19 times, but how impressive was it for her to entertain the participants with feats of crinkle wrestling, using a hot iron, whilst giving the Zoomers a good speaking to

### **Social Events**

- Occasional Saturday morning teas were enjoyed at the Sandy Bay Bakery throughout the year. The two more memorable ones were:
  - On 24 April – included Richard L. turning 79 that day:
  - On 26 June – the Pauline Awards Celebration for the *Masters Swimming Australia Volunteer of the Year Award* and *The Medal of the Order of Australia*

### **Swimming**

- E1000 still features in the lives of a goodly portion of the members. A very special note of congratulations to Lou H. who, although had swum lots of 200m Fly, had never swum a 400 Fly before the latter half of this year. Lou has now swum all the 400m and 800m Flys for this year, and went on to complete ALL E1000 swims and getting the 1005 maximum points for the very first time in his E1000 career!