



April 2016



Winter Swimming Association of Australia

41st Annual General Meeting of WSAA

The AGM was held at Maroubra Seals on 9th April 2016.

The treasurer Tony Berger informed the meeting that for 2015 the Association showed a profit of \$4477.91.

Michael Ryan reported on the 2015 nationals at Wagga Wagga and then asked Steve Weller from the Merewether Mackerels, who outlined the format of the 2016 nationals to be held at the Charlestown Pool, Newcastle. For more information please go to the Mackerels website.

www.merewethermackerels.org

RAFFLE TICKETS

Clubs attending the AGM were issued with books of tickets at a cost of \$2.00 per ticket and a total of 50 tickets per book.

Clubs not in attendance will be sent tickets.

The draw will take place at the Nationals and the winner will receive \$2000.00



Website Upgrade

Currently we are working on upgrading the WSAA WEBSITE. As part of this we ask that clubs supply updated information on their clubs, including when the club was formed, how many members, male/female, where do they swim and at what time. Also contact numbers/e-mail addresses. It would be greatly appreciated if this information be sent to Steve Goddard smkgoddard@bigpond.com

Office Bearers for 2016

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Announcer:	Michael Westdorp

2016 Titles at Charlestown Pool

For information on these titles that are being hosted please go to the Merewether Mackerels web site for information on accommodation events etc.



Delegates Meeting

The next meeting will be on June 4th in Newcastle exact venue to be forwarded along with times etc.

Club News

Congratulations to Mike Westdorp and Kurt Hanson from Harboard Frigid Frogs who have been appointed to media roles at the upcoming Rio Olympics later this year.

Mike has been appointed the Musical Director for the Water Polo and is busy with his Macarena lessons, whilst Kurt will be part of the commentary team for the Diving events.

At the recent Rottnest Island Ocean Swim in WA in February this year a couple of Frogs and their mates finished third in the overall team's event. Given they were all on the wrong side of 40 and were competing against teams with teenage "guns" in them it was not a bad effort to finish only 8 minutes behind the winners. Team members were Sean Davis and Peter Thiel from the Frogs, along with two other well knowns in Chris Fydler and Deane Peters. For the 19.7km open water swim there time was 3h.54m.02sec. The winning team recorded a time of 3h.46m.54sec

Outstanding Performances



Adrian MacDermott with Captain Peter Hodge

The Crabs witnessed some sensational performances during the Club, State and National Championships of the 2015 season.

Adrian MacDermott headed the list, winning the Club and State 075 titles in record time and then won that age group at the Nationals at Wagga.

Adrian was also a member of the winning State 070s State and National relay teams.

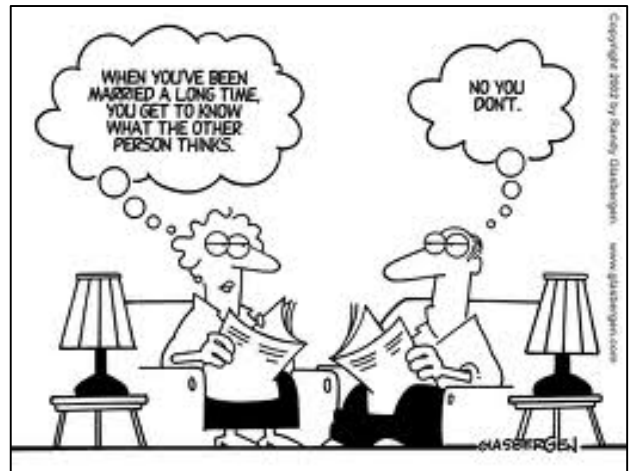
Bruce Nicholas won the club 070s in a new record time and followed up with a National win in the in the same category. Bruce was also a member of the

070s relay winning side. Not to be denied, our champion veteran Keith Tickner won all three of the 085s events, Club, State and National titles.

Peter Hodge won the club 065s title in record time and followed up with a win in the State event before finishing second to Ian Vilksen at the National Championships.

'Vilko' was runner up to Pete in the Club and State events before exacting his revenge at the Nationals winning the event in a tight finish.

A fantastic effort by all the guys and let's hope we can repeat those performances and more during this 2016 season.



From the President's Desk

Well, the winter swimming season is now upon us. I would like to wish all swimmers and your Club all the very best and every success for the season which will culminate at the Australian Championships on Sunday 18th September 2016 at the Charlestown Pool in Newcastle and for the Medal and Pennant Presentation at the 16 Footers at Belmont.

Congratulations to the Merewether Mackerels for hosting the Championships this year. Steve Weller, representing the Mackerels, provided an excellent report on the preparations of the Championships at the AGM. Club Delegates who attended the AGM were impressed with the planning, not only for the Carnival, but for the entire weekend.

Congratulations also to the newly elected Management Committee of the WSAA and thank you for your confidence in electing me as your President. It is always great to see new blood come into the Association. I'm very confident that the Deputy President, Steve Goddard [Bondi Icebergs], Secretary, VJ Jootna [Bondi Icebergs] and Committee Members, Robert Taylor [Harboard

Frigid Frogs] and Nev Barker [Cottesloe Crabs] will do an excellent job for the Association.

Many thanks to Tony Beger [Balmain Kool Kats] for going around again as our treasurer.

My sincere appreciation to our long standing Deputy President and Committee Member, Alan Langford [Maroubra seals] for the many years of service to the Association. Alan is keeping his hand in by looking after the Association records at the Maroubra Seals Club as it goes its renovations. I am sure that Alan will continue to provide wise counsel to me and the other Members of the Committee.

My thanks also to Lyn Chapman who has carried out the task of Secretary and of Carnival Secretary over the past few years. Happily, Lyn is continuing as Carnival Secretary which she does with the minimum of fuss – well at least from what I see! Also, to retiring Committee Member Peter Cullen, who is staying on as Registrar ably assisted by our Deputy Registrar, Anne Cullen.

This year we have moved on to a new financial footing with the Association national raffle being held and a change in the Club affiliation fee structure. We are also actively pursuing sponsorship opportunities as well as recreating our website and communications with our member clubs.

Don't forget the next Club Delegates Meeting will be hosted by the Merewether Mackerels on Saturday 4th June. Details will be with you shortly.

Happy swimming and I look forward to again visiting as many Clubs as possible during the season.

Best Regards
Greg Holland
President

General News



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