



# President's Report 2018

*It's been a big year. Here are a just a few of the highlights:*

## Membership

Well, haven't we grown, as people will attest by the expansion on lane numbers we've needed this year. Check out the stats, we are improving our gender mix, our age range, and we've just got a whole lot more people.

Number of members: 128  
Female: 24  
Male: 104  
Oldest member: 79  
Youngest member: 25  
Average age: 43  
New members in 2018: 41  
Members joined for 2019: 9



## Mardi Gras

This year we ramped up our Mardi Gras activities, with an upgrade to our float in the parade (and a significant increase in participant numbers, thank you Mardi Gras!), our traditional Fair Day stall and, for the first time, a Mardi Gras Swim Meet on the night before the Parade and Party. It was all totally exhausting but a great success, as the plethora of pictures show. It also set us up

for a great Boot Camp. There are too many people to recognize that made this a big success, but big thanks in particular must go to Tim, Craig and Tristan for guiding their respective events.

## Boot Camp

We scheduled Boot Camp this year to be two weeks after Mardi Gras rather than in the middle of the festival, and not only did we get better weather than last year, we also got more people. This has seen our membership figures, and in particular our number of active training





members, grow to the numbers which follow. Thanks to Rob and Peter for taking the heavy lifting on this.

## Gay Games



Following up on our success in Miami for the Outgames last year, Wett Ones has a massive showing at the Paris Gay Games, where we had thirty of our members hit

the pool (or in the case of yours truly, a luke warm lake straight out of Goblets of Fire) and brought home a swag of PBs and even a fair bit of bling. From the ceremonies to the pool deck to the parties, Wett Ones were out in force and looked mighty fine. Again, too many people to thank for their work on Gay Games, but special callouts to our Merch King Robert and pool deck organisers Nick and David, great work.

## Swim Meets

in my memory, with Peninsula Leisure Centre in particular seeming like a second home for many club members. Special mention to Evan joining David in encouraging (energetically!) members to participate in meets. Great work!

## New Training Sessions

Earlier this year we introduced, thanks to Janet's support, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes training sessions at Sydney Uni, and then in the leadup to the Gay Games we introduced a Thursday morning session led by Peter. We were all pretty damned impressed with the numbers which turned out, I have to say, particularly the morning ones, long before some of us would ever hope to wake up. Thanks Janet and Peter for your hard work on these!

### Paris Gay Games 2018 Results:

Swimming Competitors: 30

Open Water Competitors: 3

Club placing in swimming: 6th out of 144 teams

#### Gold Medals:

Janet Bolton (4 events / 1 IGLA World Rec)

Christopher Healey

Celia Pascual (3 Events)

Susie Purcell (4 Events)

2 Relays

#### Silver Medals:

Pascal Blanquer

Janet Bolton

Megan McLachlan (2 Events)

Celia Pascual

Hayden Marshall (2 Events)

Celia Pascual

Andrew Leese

Nick Ward

1 Relay

### Masters Swimming NSW:

BPS point score: Currently 4th in Division 1 (366 points behind 3rd and 552 points behind 2nd)

NSW Long Course Championships: 4th

NSW Relay Meet: 2nd

NSW Short Course Championships: 2nd

Club Competitors: 9 female and 51 male

Coming soon is the first of our open water training sessions, a new area for Wett Ones, very exciting, thanks to Nick for kicking these off.

## New Coaches

Our team of Peter, Janet, Vassili, Wendje and Nick welcomed Brian and Oscar to the coaching team this year, creating one of the strongest coaching teams we've had. We want to continue growing our swimming options however, so the hunt continues for even more coaches, so put your hand up if interested!

## Operations

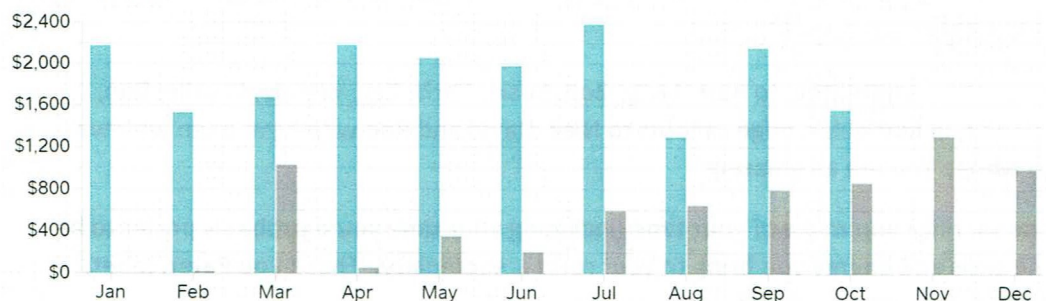
We moved forward with our plans this year to automate club payments, with the use of Square for collecting coaching fees by credit card, doing away with cash payments, and the use of Stripe for our online sales. The results have included some great improvement in efficiencies, and also that most valuable of resources: data. Here are a few of our sales figures:

## Coaching Fees

### YEARLY GROSS SALES

2018 compared to previous year.

+337.75% more in sales so far than in 2017.



## Website Sales

### Analytics

1w 4w 1y Mtd Qtd Ytd All Jan 1, 2018 → Oct 24, 2018 vs. Jan 1, 2017 → Oct 24, 2017 Monthly Customize



## Masters Swimming Australia:

### National Top 10 Rankings:

Womens: 19 LC, 21 SC

Mens: 12 LC, 110 SC

Relays: 9 LC, 33 SC

### Number 1 Rankings:

Womens:

Rachelle Ting (five events)

Mens:

Noritaka Fujikawa (2 events)

Steffen Docken (2 events)

Masaki Shibata

Christopher Healey

Andrew Leese

Plus:

7 Relays Teams



## Wett and Social

Finally, it's worth mentioning that we are a pretty social bunch, and have done as much out of the pool as in it. Amrik's plays have been a bit of a favourite, we have had countless dinners and cake nights at The Royal, and countless brunches at Andrew Boy Charlton on a Saturday morning. We've done Bingay and we've done our Bronte Christmas Picnic BBQ, we've done the Gin Factory and we've done pub lunches at half of Sydney's fine institutions with little need for an excuse. Checkout Facebook, we aren't a shy bunch.

## New Partnerships

The big new partnership we signed this year was with Speedo Australia, several years in the making, but we are off and running now. There are significant member benefits we receive from this agreement, including some of the prizes which you will see later today. We also welcomed Jeff at Sydney Physiotherapy, thanks for coming on board Jerry!



## Thankyous

This time last year I took on the role of President as a bit of a placeholder, as countless people of great talent were active in the club but not yet keen to take the helm for the year. My greatest achievement is that they have been the drivers of the club this year, and as a person who has difficulty at times letting go, I feel that has been a fine achievement. Many of these people will make up the committee who will take office today, exactly as was hoped.

A huge thanks to our 2018 committee, to Bart, Craig, Bob, Susie, Chris, Cec, Wendy, Charlie, Dan, Rachelle, Sam, Kari and, in particular, huge callouts to Nick, David and Rob who have been whirlwinds of energy from go to whoa. You are all amazing.

To our coaches, the sacrifice you make of your time (including your time you'd probably prefer to be swimming) and the skills and energy you bring to your roles is exemplary. Thank you Peter, Janet, Vassili, Nick, Wendje, Brian and Oscar. We'd be lost without you.

## A Personal Message from Me

Thanks to all of you for making the club what it is today, for participating, for the time you put in in every capacity, and for making all your team mates feel loved and appreciated. The club is only as good as its members, and that makes this an unbeatable club. Thank you.

