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A photograph of three swimmers in a pool, captured from an overhead perspective. They are wearing yellow swim caps and dark swimwear. The water is clear blue, and the swimmers are in various stages of a stroke. The swimmer in the foreground has 'AUS' visible on their swimwear.

Swimming WA is the peak body for the sport of swimming in Western Australia

Swimming WA represents 79 Clubs and almost 10,500 registered Club Members across the State.

Each day, dedicated volunteers work in conjunction with the team at Swimming WA to provide opportunities for Western Australians of all ages, genders, ethnic backgrounds and physical abilities, to engage in our sport. Swimming is truly an essential part of West Australian life!

As a not-for-profit State Sports Association, Swimming WA relies on the generous support of its members, the State Government, sponsors, suppliers, event partners and the people of Western Australia. Together we are committed to growing swimming and delivering opportunities for all in the sport across the State.

Our thanks to you all.

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Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Our Purpose

To enrich the Western Australian community through swimming.

Our Positioning

An essential part of the Western Australian way of life.

Strategic Pillar 1: Participation

Priority 1:
Increase participation in swimming

Priority 2:
Leadership in Diversity & Inclusion and Health & Wellness

Priority 3:
Increase school engagement

Strategic Pillar 3: Performance

Priority 1:
National representation

Priority 2:
Comprehensive development pathways

Priority 3:
Excellence in open water swimming

Strategic Pillar 2: Engagement

Priority 1:
Club excellence & increased member engagement

Priority 2:
Increase regional engagement & participation

Priority 3:
Scale up Swimming WA Squads Programme (SWASP)

Priority 4:
Activate our volunteers & alumni

Strategic Pillar 4: Sustainability

Priority 1:
Financial resilience

Priority 2:
Increase membership through clubs, venues & programs

Priority 3:
Develop Workforce

Priority 4:
WA Government advocacy & facility development

Priority 5:
Leadership in environmental stewardship

Our SPIRIT Values

Safety

To practice and promote the safety and well-being of all people in the swimming community.

Passion

To have fun whilst encouraging everyone to be the best they can be.

Integrity

To act ethically, honestly and with transparency.

Respect

To demonstrate a sense of fair play and value the contribution of everyone in the swimming community.

Inclusion

We are proud and inclusive to all those who are interested and involved in the sport.

Teamwork

To collaborate with purpose, and to keep each other accountable.



Snapshot in Numbers

12,694 +11%

Swimming WA Members

2,740

Annual Membership

311

Seasonal Membership

1,676 +6%

Social Participation

696 +4%

Junior Dolphins

3,710 +2%

Parent/Guardian

191

Coach/Teacher

668 +64%

Club Committee Member

282 +21%

Technical Officials

1,739 +61%

Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series



44

Sanctioned Pool Events

19 +12%

SWA Pool Events

8,067 +29%

SWA Pool Event Competitors

5,687 +29%

SWA Pool Event Non-Competitor Attendees

9

Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series Events

4,919 +24%

OWS Series Competitors

3,483 +23%

OWS Series Event Non-Competitors Attendees



431

Secondary Schools OWS Championships Competitors



Ocean Swim Festival: Community Swim Participants **517** +15%

79 +3%

Affiliated Club

48 +4%

Regional Clubs

31 +6%

Metropolitan Clubs

Swimming WA
Squad Programme
(SWASP)



553 +58%
Swimmers

Fuel to Go & Play
Splash & Dash



17 +42%
Events

Club Excellence

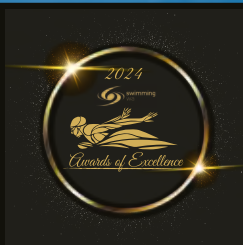


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Clubs Involved

Junior Excellence
Program



1,379 +9%
Swimmers



Awards of
Excellence
275
Attendees



Building Lifelong Swimmers
Annual
Conference
70
Attendees



355
Competitors



Open Water
Swimming

25.6K



Swimming WA
Open Water
Swimming
Followers

9,800 **6,000**

+24% +15%
Engagement

5,600 **300**

Page Views

Swimming WA
360K +80%



Subscriptions

Open Rate

Western Swimmer	16,000 +7%	45%
Open Water Swimming E-News	4,300 +43%	58%
Coach & Teacher Bulletin	185	71%
Technical Official Bulletin	218 +9%	72%
Regional Swimming Bulletin	1,100	62%



Followers

5,400 **2,500**

+15% +19%
Accounts Engaged

2,000 **400**

Swimming WA Leadership

Board

Ten (10) Swimming WA Board Meetings were held during the 2023/24 year:

The number of Board Meetings attended by each Director during the year:	Attended	Eligible to Attend
Mr. Darren Michael – President (Elected 9/10/21)	9	10
Mr. David Bond – Vice President (Term expired 7/10/23)	2	2
Mr. Robert Brauer (resigned November 2023)	2	3
Ms. Kerry O'Sullivan (Elected Director casual vacancy 29/6/23; Vice-President from 7/10/23)	10	10
Ms. Libby Fulham (Elected 8/10/22)	7	10
Mrs. Jocelyn Ryan (Elected 8/10/22)	10	10
Mr. David Kent (Appointed 7/6/23)	8	10
Mr. Will Rollo (Elected 7/10/23)	6	8
Ms. Isabel de Jesus (Appointed November 2023)	5	6
Ms. Karen Wheatland (Appointed November 2023)	3	6

Swimming WA Committees

Technical Education and Official Committee

Kylie Baker – Technical Official, South Shore
Kaye Bolger – Chief Referee, Swimming WA
Stella Carrara – Technical Official, Southside Penrhos Wesley

Katherine Hurford
 – Technical Official, Canning Districts

Trevor Verran
 – Technical Official, Guildford Kalamunda
Swimming WA Representatives:

Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Matt Nelson – Athlete Pathways Manager
Grace Schmidt – Coach and Officials Development Manager

Open Water Swimming Committee

Robyn Arblaster – Technical Official, Breakers
Stella Carrara – Technical Official, Southside Penrhos Wesley

Steve Hill – Technical Official, UWA West Coast

Steven Jones – Technical Official, Mandurah
Amanda Morris – Secretary, Central Aquatic
Andrew Morris – Athlete, Central Aquatic
Mel Tantrum – State Technical Director, Swimming Australia

Swimming WA Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Ben Harvey – General Manager Competitive Pathways

Honours and Awards Committee

Kaye Bolger – Technical Official, Albany
Tommaso D'Orsogna

– Swimming WA Alumni, Highlanders
William Rollo – North Coast Swimming Club, Board Director, Swimming WA (from October 2023)

Nick Watkins – Coach, Southside Penrhos Wesley
Swimming WA Representatives:

Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Stanbury – General Manager Organisational Sustainability

Nominations Committee

Aaron Brinkworth – Independent
Libby Fulham – Board Director, Swimming WA
Dorothy Harris – Independent
Darren Michael – President, Swimming WA
Swimming WA Staff Representative:
Sophie Row (ex officio) – CEO, Swimming WA

Governance Committee (as of March 2024)

Pamela Haas – Independent (from March 2024)
Jocelyn Ryan – Board Director, Swimming WA (from March 2024)
Karen Wheatland – Board Director, Swimming WA (from March 2024)
Swimming WA Staff Representative:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer (from March 2024)

Competition Planning Committee

Tony Ball – Records Officer, Swimming WA
Ashton Brinkworth – Athlete, UWA West Coast
Donne Field – Parent, Breakers
Jon Harrison – Coach, Westside Christ Church
Mat Lyons – Coach, Southside Penrhos Wesley
Jason Scrivens – Parent Member, Scarborough Beach
Swimming WA Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Ben Harvey – General Manager Competitive Pathways

Coach Advisory Group

Brooke Kemp – Coach, WAIS
Ralph McManis – ASCTA(WA) Chair & Coach Newman Churchlands
Nola Osborne – Head Coach, Albany
Gaye Pocrnja – Head Coach, Claremont Aquatic
Swimming WA Staff Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Grace Schmidt – Coach and Officials Development Manager

Athlete Advisory Group

Emma Bond – Athlete, UWA West Coast
Olivia Boulton – Athlete, Moora
Tommaso D'Orsogna – Olympian, Highlanders
Isabella Eibrink Jansen – Athlete, Rockingham
Harrison Farmer – Athlete, Central Aquatic
Sally Hunter – Hall of Legends & Olympian
Andrew Morris – Athlete, Central Aquatic
Swimming WA Staff Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Matthew Nelson – Athlete Pathways Manager

Multi Class Advisory Group

Chrissie Banwell – Paralympics Australia
Peter Foley – Vice President, UWA West Coast
Hayden Lewis – Rebound WA
Ben Popham – Paralympic Gold Medallist
Danielle Portelli – City of Canning
Katrina Porter – Paralympic Gold Medallist
Jan Saunders – Chairperson, Superfins & National Classifier, Paralympics Australia
Swimming WA Staff Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Kirsty Read – General Manager Participation and Member Services
Adam Popham – Inclusion Coordinator

Finance, Governance and Risk Committee (Finance and Risk Committee as of March 2024)

David Bond – Board Director, Swimming WA (term expired Oct 2023)
Rob Brauer – Board Director, Swimming WA (resigned November 2023)
Isabel de Jesus – Board Director, Swimming WA (from November 2023)
Kerry O'Sullivan – Vice-President, Swimming WA (from November 2023)
Jocelyn Ryan – Board Director, Swimming WA (resigned March 2024)
Jonathan van Hazel – Independent (resigned October 2023)
Swimming WA Representatives:
Sophie Row – Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Stanbury – General Manager Organisational Sustainability

Patrons



Patron

Mrs Gina Rinehart OAM, Life Member

Executive Chairman of the Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd Group

Mrs. Rinehart has long played a crucial role in the development of swimming in Western Australia. Her public support of the Association and its activities has given great credibility to the sport of swimming for three decades. Swimming WA has had a distinguished lineage of Patrons over the years including three former Governors of WA, and Mrs Rinehart's position in this honorary role and her well known enthusiasm for swimming, continues to go a long way towards increasing the profile of Swimming WA. We were delighted to present Mrs Rinehart with Life Membership in 2023 in recognition of her longstanding and very significant contribution to the Association.



Vice Patron

Hon. Roger Cook MLA

Premier of Western Australia

In March 2019, Roger accepted an invitation to be Vice Patron of the Association. From his seat in Kwinana, Mr Cook has been a supporter of swimming in all of its forms, not only for the Association, but also for Kwinana and the local swimming Clubs within that catchment area. We were delighted that, in March 2024, he competed in our OWS Series City Beach to Scarborough event. Swimming WA hopes that Roger will continue to support us in growing the profile of swimming in Western Australia and also increasing our sphere of influence.





Western Australian Swimming – A Rich Heritage

Swimming WA Life Members (*deceased)

1925	T.W. Jones*	1986	I.W. Murray
1929	J. Cook*	1989	C. A. Lee
1936	M. D. Musgrove*	1989	R. K. Duff
1940	W. Boylan*	1994	W. DeSmedt
1941	A. E. Middleton*	2001	J. Collins
1943	T. H. Goudie* BEM	2003	M. Jefferson
1943	J. G. Whittle*	2003	H. Pedretti
1944	A. E. Blakers*	2004	L. Arrowsmith
1946	C. E. Newsham*	2004	M. Gerber
1950	W. J. Kirkby*	2004	P. Prunster*
1951	R. Bestman* BEM	2006	C. Prunster
1951	W. F. Oats*	2007	J. Stonor
1953	W. J. Kestel*	2008	P. Anderson
1955	B. Oliver*	2008	A. Matthews
1958	J. F. Howson* OBE JP	2009	T. Ball
1958	G. H. Yewers*	2009	K. Holtom
1962	A. E. Wilson*	2014	P. Lawless
1962	E. D. Yeldon*	2014	G. Wilson
1968	F. W. Dawson*	2015	K. Bolger
1968	C. A. Kanair*	2015	I. Arblaster
1972	D. M. Nordahl* MBE	2015	R. Arblaster
1979	R. W. Bally*	2016	J. Bailey
1979	C. N. Boys* SM	2016	D. Harris
1979	J. M. Shephard	2017	S. Carrara
1979	D. C. Watson*	2017	S. Stephen
1981	J. F. Stephens*	2018	J. McNamara
1981	E. J. Symes* OAM	2018	K. Hazell
1982	L. T. Stephens*	2021	E. Smith
1982	A. L. Moebius*	2022	J. Hofer OAM
1983	T. E. Brazier	2022	J. Smith
1984	R. A. Patching*	2023	S. Hill
1986	S. P. Bratton	2023	G. Rinehart OAM

Swimming WA Hall of Fame

Garrick Agnew	Adam Lucas
Fiona Alessandri	Antony Matkovich
Barry Armstrong	Alf Matthews
Peter Anderson	Lorraine McCoulough-Fry
Lesley Arrowsmith	Jacqui McKenzie
Christine Barnetson	Lara Mist
Lynne Bates (née Watson)	Bernie Mulro
Neil Brooks	Travis Nederpelt
George Brown	Kevin O'Halloran
Ian Brown	Percy Oliver
Roger Bruce	Ross Patterson
Lara Carroll	Todd Pearson
Tracey Cross	Deane Pieters
Frederick de Lacy	Nicole Redford
Helen Denman	Simon Redmond
David Dickson	Jennifer Reilly
Lorraine Dodd	John Ryan
Kevin Duff	Dianne Saunders
Blair Evans	Gerry Stachewicz
Peter Evans	Tom Stachewicz
Dorothy Green	Grant Stoelwinder
Julia Greville	Sarah Thorpe
Philip Harrington Jose	Jonathan Van Hazel
Rachel Harris	Lester Watkins
Ernest Hobbs	Evelyn Whillier
Kevin Holtom	(née de Lacey)
Sally Hunter (née Foster)	Fiona Wildy
William Kirby	Belinda Woosley
John Kulasalu	Sandra Yaxley
Peter Lawless	

Swimming WA Hall of Legends

Kingsley Bugarin OAM
Priya Cooper
Elizabeth Edmondson
Lyn McKenzie
(née McClements)
Eamon Sullivan
Shelley Taylor-Smith

Swimming WA Staff Members – Current as of 30 June 2024

Sophie Row
Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Stanbury
General Manager –
Organisational Sustainability

Ben Harvey
General Manager –
Competitive Pathways

Kirsty Read
General Manager –
Participation & Member
Services

Grace Schmidt
Coach & Officials
Development Manager

Matthew Nelson
Athlete Pathways Manager

Andre Meyer
Finance Manager

Fiona Wearne
SWA Squads Programme
Craigie

Jessica Hall
Development & Participation
Coordinator

Kaiden Richings
Events Officer

Kelly McCormack
Membership & Participation
Officer

Isabella Eibrink Jansen
Marketing Officer

*Departed prior to
30 June 2024:*

Cathy Halstead
Coach & Officials
Development Manager
(Parental Leave)

Karen Wishart
Office Manager

Ryan Porter
Events & Partnerships
Coordinator

Adam Popham
Inclusion Coordinator

Narelle Keys
Membership & Participation
Officer

Suba Gunasekaran
Accounts Officer

Open Water National Championships – Busselton

For the second year in a row, Swimming WA was delighted to bring the first major Australia-based swimming event of the calendar year, the 2024 Ocean Swim Festival and Australian Open Water Championships, to WA. Busselton hosted the event from 24 to 27 January, with the iconic Busselton Jetty once again the centrepiece of the swimming course. Above all, this event, run by Swimming Australia with support from Swimming WA, was a great opportunity for WA's aspiring open water swimmers to compete on their home turf and for our swimming community to enjoy the spectacle.

The Championships attracted 335 national athletes, vying for the national titles on offer. It was a great opportunity to watch some of those athletes competing for selection to the Paris Olympics 10km open water event team. The men's 10km event didn't disappoint, delivering a thrilling finish between Noosa's **Thomas Raymond** and North Coast's **Robert Bonsall** (c: Ian Mills), with Raymond narrowly edging out Bonsall by a few seconds. North Coast teammate **Jack Wilson** secured bronze, finishing alongside Japan's **Kazushi Imafuku**. Conditions became



more challenging as the day progressed, with increasing wind. In the women's 10km event, Rosie Wilson (North Coast, c: Ian Mills) claimed bronze with a strong finish, clocking in at 2:13:32.94.

The Championship kicked off on the Wednesday with young talents from WA, seeking to earn spots for the upcoming World Junior Championships in Italy, securing a number of podium finishes. In the boys 18-year-old category, **Xavier Collins** (Westside Christchurch, c: Jon Harrison) secured a silver ahead of his Westside teammate **Kristian Seidl**.

Meanwhile, in the boys 17-year-old category, WA athletes dominated the 7.5km event. **Lucas Fackerell** (Breakers, c: Harry Clark), known for his pool success, ventured into open water early in the season and secured the gold, ahead of South Shore boys **Thomas Dreverman** and **Samuel Zollner**.

On home turf, WA not surprisingly performed well in the relay events. In the Mixed Age 14-15 4x1.25km relay, the North Coast team of **Mila Reyes**, **Lara Green**, **Billy Hawkes**, and **Oliver Browne**, clinched gold, while the UWA West Coast team, including **Sam Reynolds**, **Max Phua**, **Amy Joyce**, and **Rachel O'Malley-Sudlow**, secured the bronze, trailing behind the New South Wales club, AquaBlitz. The mixed 4x1.25km relay witnessed North Coast's team of **Rosie Wilson**, **Sarah Felton**, **Adam Sudlow**, and **Robert Bonsall** earn a well-deserved silver.

The final day of the event commenced with the 5km races, witnessing recently graduated Australian Dolphin, **Jack Wilson** (North Coast, c: Ian Mills), seize third place with a time of 55:24.90. **Xavier Collins** backed up his earlier form to dominate the boys' 18 years event, grabbing gold ahead of teammate





Kristian Seidl. South Shore's **Thomas Dreverman** (c: Matt Magee) claimed victory in the 17-years 5km, touching just ahead of teammate **Samuel Zollner**.

In the women's 5km, **Rosie Wilson** (North Coast, c: Ian Mills) claimed silver with a time of 1:02:11.53, ahead of Rockingham's **Rebekah Weller**, who secured bronze. In the girls' 17-years 5km, **Bianca Monaco** (Westside Christchurch, c: Jon Harrison) secured silver medal, and the multi class 5km saw **Kate Wallington** S19 leading the pack, finishing ahead of Bunbury's **Amie Holwill** S19.

As the four-day event reached its climax, the spotlight shifted to the club points score. Noosa Swimming Club from Queensland finished first with an impressive 444 points, followed by WA's North Coast in second position with 424 points, and Westside Christchurch securing the third spot with 299 points.

The Ocean Swim Festival's Community Swim, inspired by the success of WA's Open Water Swim Series and last year's event, was a highlight again in 2024. Adding to the festival experience, a total of 517 community swimmers of all ages (up 28% on 2023) completed a variety of course distances, including 500m,

1.25km, 2.5km, 5km, 7.5km, and 10km. The 10km was again well represented, providing the last chance qualification for the Rottneest Channel Swim. There was a wonderful vibrant atmosphere around the event, enhanced with festival activities including an outdoor cinema event and Beachfront Twilight Markets.

This event brings significant vibrancy and economic impact to WA's South-West, whilst at the same time showcasing an iconic WA coastal location. There were, in total, 823 accredited participants, including swimmers, officials and event



management staff. It attracted a total of 1,978 visitors from outside WA's South-West region, contributing an estimated \$2.15 million-plus direct expenditure to the local economy. The event was a great success, testimony to WA's strength and proud tradition in open water swimming. The good news is that it will be returning to Busselton again for a third year in 2025, with the generous funding and support of Tourism WA, City of Busselton and DLGSC without whom the event would not be possible.



Chasing 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Glory

2023-24 was a big year for our younger and emerging athletes in WA. For some it was a breakout year, none more so than Breaker's backstroke queen Iona Anderson. Anderson's emergence has been rapid and in 2024 she really came of age. She wasn't the only one, with four young WA athletes selected for Paris 2024.

Things really took off for Anderson with selection for the Australian Dolphins team and her major championships debut at the World Aquatics Championships in Doha in February. This was a great opportunity, in the lead up to Olympic Trials and selection, to make her mark and she didn't let anybody down. In the women's 100m final, the eighteen-year-old set a personal best time of 59.12 seconds, securing silver behind American swimmer Claire Curzan. Anderson's achievement not only marked a significant milestone in her career but also broke multiple Western Australian records she had set as recently as December 2023. Impressively, she backed this incredible form up, adding a second silver medal in the 50m backstroke event. This time, she was only 0.02 seconds off the gold with another personal best time of 27.45, pipped to the top spot again by Curzan.

Iona couldn't have been more modest and understated in her reaction "It's given me a little boost before Olympic Trials, and to just be on the world stage is incredible".

Fast forward to the Olympic Trials, and Anderson was competing for that coveted second Dolphins team position in the 100m Backstroke event, recognising that the 50m Backstroke doesn't feature at the Olympics. World record-holder and Olympic gold medallist, Kaylee McKeown, was hot favourite to take the number one spot, but there was still that second spot, and Anderson was in contention after her incredible performances at the World Championships. As it turned out, she



narrowly missed out on second place in the 100m at the Trials. However, she had done enough in Doha in the minds of the selectors, and was duly selected for her first Olympics in the second team place available, crowning an incredible year in the pool for WA's most promising young pool athlete.

Anderson wasn't the only young WA athlete to make their mark in 2023-24 and press for selection for the Paris Olympics.

North Coast's Kyle Lee (22) followed up his 2023 selection for the Dolphins by making history as the first-ever marathon swimmer from Western Australia to qualify and earn selection for the 10km Olympic event in Paris. Like Iona, he made his mark with the Dolphins at the World Championships in Doha. In the individual 10km race he finished well up the field in 9th place, a strong performance that confirmed him as a prospect. However, it was in the mixed 4x1500m relay that Lee really showed his mettle. Starting the anchor leg behind Domenico Acerenza, he stayed with the Italian until the final stretch when he showed his incredible tenacity with the strong finish that he is renowned for, touching the pad a fraction of a second in front, to secure gold for Australia, its first open water relay world title. He too showed typical modesty in his hour of triumph: "It was very tight but my team put me in the best possible position, so I couldn't ask any more of them".

Another young West Australian, 22-year-old breaststroker Josh Yong (UWA Westcoast), also made his mark in

2023-24, saving his best for the June Olympic Trials in Brisbane. Josh is no stranger to top-class competition having represented the Dolphins at the Commonwealth Games. However, at the Trials he brought out his best and surprised a few people by being the first WA athlete since Eamon Sullivan to qualify and be selected for two individual Olympic events, the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

Rounding out WA's Olympic hopefuls, 18-year-old Alex Saffy (Bunbury) became the fourth West Australian selected, making the Paris Paralympic team. A former Commonwealth Games representative and World Championships bronze medallist, Saffy's journey has been a challenging one. He fell ill aged one and, following various physical health challenges, was diagnosed with dyskinetic cerebral palsy, aged seven. He missed out on Tokyo 2020, not being internationally classified in time. At the Brisbane Trials he put that behind him with incredible performances in the men's 100m butterfly multi class, finishing with a time of 57.50, and the 100m freestyle multi class, clocking in at 54.87, securing his place on the Paralympic team and cementing his reputation as one of Australia's top Para swimmers.

The destiny of WA's four Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls will be decided in a few short months. Whatever the outcome, these four young WA athletes have richly deserved their opportunity on the largest stage of them all, in Paris, and can look forward to many years of success ahead in their swimming careers.

Swimming WA's Awards of Excellence

The 2023 Annual Awards of Excellence was hosted at Beaumonde on the Point on Saturday 7 October. It is Swimming WA's night of nights, at which the WA swimming community comes together to celebrate and mark the achievement of the swimmers, coaches, technical officials and administrators who have contributed so much to the sport in WA.

2023 Swimming WA Awards of Excellence: ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Swimming WA presents 17 annual awards at the Awards of Excellence. They celebrate excellence amongst our athletes, clubs, coaches, technical officials and administrators. Swimming WA President Darren Michael opened proceedings and welcomed guests at the event, handing over to Nova 93.7's Ross Wallman, our MC for the occasion.

Twenty of our swimming clubs were represented on the night, and we welcomed our largest partners, including Marguerite Olivier and the team from Hancock Prospecting, representatives from Aqua Technics, Joe Zito and the team from New Town Toyota and our collaborators from the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS).

Elizabeth Edmondson Swimmer of the Year Award

Presented to the resident Western Australian para-swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period. The award went to **Alex Saffy** (Bunbury Swimming Club/AIS), one of three awards he collected on the night, for his outstanding performances throughout the year.

Lyn Clements Swimmer of the Year Award

Presented to a resident Western Australian able-bodied swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period. The award went to **Joshua Yong** (UWA West Coast Swimming Club/WAIS), a Dolphins representative and relay world record breaker at the 2023 World Short Course Championships.

Swimming WA Patron's Trophy

Awarded to **Joshua Yong** for an outstanding year, including becoming a World Record holder in the 4x100m Medley Relay at the 2023 World Short Course Championships.



Swimming WA President's Award

Presented to **Briana Crisp**, recognising her immense contribution in her position as Northern Regional Coordinator, and across many other roles, to swimming in the Pilbara, Kimberley and Gascoyne regions. Briana works with Swimming WA across all

aspects of the organisation: supporting clubs around membership, governance, participation opportunities, coordination of officials and the training of new officials, as well running events including the Hancock Prospecting Pilbara Championships and the Kimberley Short Course Open.



Shelley Taylor-Smith Swimmer of the Year Award

Presented to a resident Western Australian Open Water swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period. The award went to **Kyle Lee** (North Coast Swim Club), selected to the Australian Dolphins and winner of the 5km event at the Australian Open Water Championships in Busselton.

Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy

Awarded to **Alex Saffy** (Bunbury Swimming Club / AIS)

The Sir Frank Beaurepaire trophy is awarded to the Western Australia resident swimmer who has the highest world ranking as of 30 September.

Coach of the Year Award

Awarded to **Ian Mills** (North Coast Swim Club), who continues to develop champion Open Water swimmers at the North Coast club, guiding Kyle Lee and Jack Wilson to selection on the Dolphins team.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Awarded to **Ingrid Iaschi** (City of Perth Swimming Club).

Club of the Year Award

Club of the Year (Metropolitan) – **Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club**.

Club of the Year (Regional) – **Busselton Swimming Club**.

Awarded to our affiliated clubs that demonstrate, amongst other things, excellent governance practices, membership growth, program engagement, and a wide range of opportunities for their members to develop within the sport.

Aqua Technics Scholarship Award Winner

Awarded to **Bianca Monaco** (Westside Christchurch Aquatic).

This is an annual \$500 scholarship donated by Aqua Technics and designed to recognise the potential of, and support, an athlete capable of competing at national level or beyond.



SCTA (WA) Development Coach of the Year Award

Awarded to **Gemma Herrington** (Riverton Aquanauts Swimming Club).

Ben Beale Memorial Award

Awarded to **Sarah Overheu** (Westside Christchurch Aquatic)

This award is in honour of Ben Beale who tragically passed away in April 2017. He was part of family-owned WA business, Aqua Technics, who have been a proud partner of Swimming WA for over six years. Ben was a talented athlete but what he loved most of all, was the camaraderie and club spirit that brings everyone together. We often recognise the personal achievements in the pool, but the Ben Beale Memorial Award is about celebrating a person who embodies the best club spirit, rewarding and recognising a swimming champion both in and out of water.





Technical Official of the Year Award

Awarded to **Kylie Baker** (South Shore Swimming Club)



Pathway Program of the Year

Awarded to
Highlanders Swimming Club.

This was a new award in 2023 and recognised the extraordinary success of the Highlanders' Performance Pathway Program which, amongst other achievements, produced 14 finalists at the 2023 Australian Age Championships.



Swimmers' Swimmer of the Year Award

Awarded to **Iona Anderson**
(Breakers Swim Club).

This is a peer-selected award, chosen in a 3,2,1 voting system by Swimming WA Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) funded athletes.

Age Swimmer of the Year Award

Awarded to **Alex Saffy** (Bunbury Swimming Club/AIS) for the most outstanding performed resident Western Australian Swimmer aged between 13-16 for girls and 14-17 for boys.



2024 New Town Toyota National Excellence Awards

National Age and Open Medallists

National Athlete Medallists	Club
Iona Anderson	Breakers / WAIS
Sylvia Czajko	UWA West Coast
Tex Cross	Highlanders Swimming Club
Xavier Collins	Westside Christchurch Aquatic
Inez Miller	Fenix Swim Club
Daniel Boshart	Highlanders Swimming Club
Lucas Fackerell	Breakers Swim Club
Jackson Anderson	Highlanders Swimming Club
Johann Szymanski	Highlanders Swimming Club
Isabel Sheldrick	Fenix Swim Club
Lucy Porter	St Hilda's
Braden Fyneman	UWA West Coast
Alexander Sillitoe	South Lake Dolphins
Sean Alcorn	St Hilda's
Samuel Hicks	Westside Christchurch Aquatic
Delta Cross	Highlanders Swimming Club
Ingrid Blandford	Bunbury Swimming Club
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic
Matthew Loffler	Riverton Aquanauts
Miranda Kiewiet	Australind Swimming Club
Jordan Berryman	UWA West Coast
Rebekah Fraser	Riverton Aquanauts
Robert Bonsall	North Coast Swim Club
Jack Wilson	North Coast Swim Club / WAIS
Kristian Seidl	Westside Christchurch Aquatic
Rosie Wilson	North Coast Swim Club
Thomas Dreverman	South Shore
Samuel Zollner	South Shore
Oliver Browne	North Coast Swim Club
Adam Sudlow	North Coast Swim Club / WAIS
Rebekah Weller	Rockingham Swimming Club
Amie Holwill	Bunbury Swimming Club
Bianca Monaco	Westside Christchurch Aquatic
Kate Wallington	Unattached WA

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Thomas Dreverman	South Shore
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New Town Toyota Trophy

Thomas Dreverman (South Shore) & Xavier Collins (Westside Christ Church)

Bob Bestman Cup

Lucas Fackerell (Breakers)

Kevin Duff Trophy

Ryan Steenkamp (Highlanders)

Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy

Iona Anderson (Breakers / WAIS)

2024 Hancock Prospecting State Age and Open & LC Championships Awards

The Old Court Cup

Inez Miller (Fenix / WAIS)

The Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy

Joshua Yong (UWA West Coast / WAIS)

Eamon Sullivan Trophy

Helen Smith (Highlanders)

Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy

Inez Miller (Fenix / WAIS)

Jack Howson Trophy

Lucy Porter (St. Hilda's)

Jennifer Reilly Trophy

Sam Carmignani (Breakers)

The Frank Osman Memorial Shield

Kaydee Van Deventer & Brielle Dredge (Kwinana)

The Max Gerber Multi-Class Championship Trophy

Rebekah Fraser (Riverton)

The Metropolitan LC Club Shield

UWA West Coast

Country LC Club Shield

Busselton

Swimming WA Life Membership

Life Membership is awarded by Swimming WA to acknowledge and reward the dedication and selfless contribution of members who have provided outstanding volunteer service to Swimming WA over an extended period of time.

Formal presentation of Life Membership is made at Swimming WA's Annual General Meeting, although in 2023-24 we also celebrated two new Life Member recipients at our Annual Awards of Excellence. We aim, in this honour, to recognise and preserve the record of service of recipients, given the very significant contribution they have made to Swimming WA and the swimming community in WA.

In 2023-24, Life Membership was awarded to two individuals, Mrs Gina Rinehart OAM and Mr Steve Hill.



Mrs Gina Rinehart OAM

Mrs Gina Rinehart has been a steadfast advocate for swimming in Western Australia for over 32 years. Initially through the Hancock Family Medical Foundation (HFMF) and later as the Chair of Hancock Prospecting, she has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of swimming in WA. Her enduring support has been instrumental in nurturing the swimming community from grassroots to Olympic levels.

Funding support from Hancock Prospecting, over this time, has been crucial for organizing pool meets, open water competitions, and providing a very broad range of essential and valuable services to members. Mrs Rinehart also supports the Annual Awards night, presenting the Patron's Award to outstanding West Australian swimmers. In 2020, she financed the CLOGS underwater camera system, aiding high-performance swimmers in refining their techniques. This investment led to tangible success at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Mrs Rinehart's unwavering dedication merits her the prestigious Life Membership of the Association. Her impact on swimming in WA is immeasurable and we thank her on behalf of all in the swimming community.

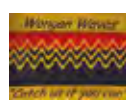
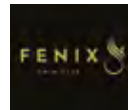


Steve Hill

Steve Hill has been a stalwart contributor to WA Swimming for 15 years. His vision for clear opportunities in the sport has fostered an environment where swimmers of all ages and aspirations can thrive. As President of West Coast and later UWA West Coast Swimming Clubs, he facilitated high-quality training and extensive competition opportunities for swimmers.

Steve's dedication extends beyond his club, offering support and mentorship to other clubs. His passion for inclusion has supported the growth of Multi-Class opportunities in swimming in WA. His significant contribution as a Technical Official and World Aquatics Open Water Official exemplifies his commitment to the sport. Steve has been a TO since 2009 and has spent hundreds of hours providing volunteer TO services to WA and national swimming. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Steve received Life Membership from UWA-West Coast Swimming Club in 2016 and was named Swimming WA's 'Technical Official of the Year' in 2021, and 'Volunteer of the Year' in 2022. Steve is a very worthy recipient of Life Membership of Swimming WA and we thank him for his service to the Association and wider swimming community.

Our Clubs



President's Report



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Swimming WA it is my privilege to table the annual President's report for the 2023-24 year. I would like to thank Board members for their time and effort in working towards achieving our strategic objectives.

At the last AGM, the term of board member Mr David Bond expired as well as the term of appointed Director Mr Rob Brauer, who chose to not seek reappointment. I would like to thank Mr Brauer and Mr Bond for their diligent service. Mr Will Rollo was elected to the Board, commencing October 2023. Ms Isabel de Jesus and Ms Karen Wheatland were appointed to the Board in November 2023.

I would like to thank all those Directors and independent members of the various Board Committees for their invaluable assistance over the past year.

In line with guidelines provided by the Australian Sports Commission Sport Governance Framework*, over the past year, the Board has continued working on improving governance for our Association. The Board and CEO have worked over the year in moving our remaining documents from what was a large set of bylaws to a comprehensive set of plain language

policies. During the year, the Board also undertook an annual review of the Association's risk policy and risk register to ensure that they were still valid and relevant.

Earlier this calendar year the Board and management of SWA undertook a rigorous process to develop our new strategic plan to be implemented over the next four years. The process of developing a new strategic plan was commenced early in the year to allow the new strategic objectives to be incorporated into the budget planning for the 2024-25 financial year. A formal launch and more detailed dive into the new strategic plan for members will be part of our Annual Conference agenda.

Swimming WA has worked closely with Swimming Australia (SAL) this past year. The President of Swimming WA worked on the SAL Member Voting Rights Committee which consisted of several other Presidents of national sporting organisations, the Sports Commission and members of the Swimming Australia Board and which oversaw an independent review into Swimming Australia and its stakeholder relationships and potential new membership structures. Swimming WA has continued to be involved, through the President and CEO,

in assisting with the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the independent review. You will also be aware of the recent publicity surrounding Swimming Australia and World Aquatics. The Swimming WA President represented Swimming WA and the other member organisations on a Collaboration Steering Committee which assisted Swimming Australia with proposed changes to its Constitution.

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing CEO, Sophie Row, as well as the SWA team for their hard work over past year. The Board and the CEO work very closely throughout the year to ensure our organisation performs at its best.

The Board would like to thank all our members for making the past year a successful one. Thank you to the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, our Principal Partner Hancock Prospecting, and all our valued sponsors and patrons for their ongoing support..

Darren Michael
President

*The Sport Governance Framework (sportaus.gov.au)



Chief Executive Officer's Report



After the return to post-COVID normal last year, 2023-24 was a year in which we could start to think about new initiatives and growth. We were able to run a very full calendar of events and programs, and this year, with luck on our side with the weather, managed to run all nine Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series events without disruption. There were new events, including WA's Big Ocean Relay, the inaugural Secondary Schools Open Water Championships and an expanded Club and Coaches Conference over three days, plus a repeat of some of the exciting developments of the previous year, including the return of the Open Water National Championships to Busselton. It was a breakout year for our emerging athletes with both Iona Anderson and Kyle Lee taking medals at World Championships and our junior age athletes accounting for 25% of Junior Dolphins team representation at international events late in the year.

Our Club Conference in October was expanded to include Coaching and Officiating streams over a three-day period. This was possible thanks to support received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) through the Coaching and Officiating Grants Program. An extensive program of education and professional development was delivered by a range of sector experts and guest speakers, including Swimming Australia's Gary Barclay and Matt Simpson presenting on the importance of Culture & Collaborations. Troy Kirkham from WA Football Commission shared insights into the importance of participation in sport and Ali Disher from Swimming Australia spoke to the importance of fuelling swimmer's bodies effectively, and how to notice when that isn't occurring.

For the second year running, we were delighted to host the National Open Water Championships and Ocean Festival in Busselton, in late January. The event attracted 852 swimmer entries, 335 in the 'Nationals' and 517 in the Community Swim, up over 13% on the prior year. It is a great spectacle set against the iconic Busselton Jetty and pleasingly, was live streamed on NineNOW and broadcast after the event on Channel 9. The good news is that owing to its success to date, the event has been locked in again for Busselton in 2025.

Our Open Water Series kicked off the season at Leighton in October, followed by Bunbury in early November. The season ran smoothly with a full season of nine events and significantly higher entry numbers (20%-plus) than in 2022-23. The Series concluded with a new relay format in the inaugural WA's Big Ocean Relay from Swanbourne Beach in March. Although we didn't quite get the numbers we hoped for at this event, survey feedback proved it to be a hit with swimmers and spectators alike, and it's anticipated this event will grow in coming years.

Our Pool Meet calendar remained as popular as ever. Across most events, demand remained strong, although at the Hancock Prospecting State Championships we saw a drop-off in entries due to qualification times not being reached in the same numbers as the prior year. All up, we offered 17 Swimming WA managed Pool Meets and, together with 10 Open Water swims, delivered well over 50 competition days over the year. This was a very significant workload, most of it undertaken at weekends, taking a great effort from, and a considerable toll on, our small team of event staff.

Athlete Pathways was a focus of investment in 2023-24. We launched our new Asian Engagement Program, with funding support from DLGSCI, to develop mutual relationships, competition and training opportunities with targeted Asian neighbours, principally Singapore and Japan. As part of this program, we supported two athlete tours to Japan in 2023, providing great experience for our emerging athletes and the coaches accompanying them. Through relationships developed, we welcomed a party of 41 from Singapore to attend our State Championships, including 28 athletes and five coaches. We also undertook tours to New Zealand and Queensland (the latter for open water), to provide our athletes and coaches with more vital competition experience, as well as welcoming Swimming Australia visitors to assist in a range of Pathway Program activity. These initiatives have been central to the new, much more rigorous and complete Athlete Pathway Program that we have developed. It was pleasing to see the fruits of this investment in the improved performance of WA's young athletes at the Australian Age Championships.

Regional development has gone from strength to strength with our team visiting over 10 regional centres

during the peak summer period from November to April. We also assisted and were pleased to see Kellerberrin and Margaret River swim clubs reaffiliate with the Association, now that their pools have reopened.

In another new initiative and supported by new sponsor Nexia Australia, our work in Inclusion saw the provision of a new Sensory Space during key Swimming WA events, designed to ensure our competition venue has a quiet place of retreat for those needing respite from the noise and congestion of a Meet environment.

Support for the National Participation Program, Phoenix Junior Excellence, once again provided an opportunity for junior athletes, nine-13 years old, to develop their swimming skills, goal-setting and mental strength. We had 10 coaches from the swimming community working in the Program, including Olympians Tommaso D'Orsogna and Blair Evans.

Another exciting first in 2023-24 was the launch of the inaugural Open Water Secondary Schools Swimming Championships, a first also in Australia. It was designed to appeal to a range of aquatics across WA and support first time open water swimmers dip their toes into a fun and inclusive participation event, for positive experiences all round. The event saw 35 schools and over 450 swimmers take part and following extremely positive feedback from schools, we are looking forward to 2024's event, expected to be significantly bigger and split across two days.

In the realm of coaching, Swimming WA was successful in gaining grant funding from DLGSCI to deliver an individualised coach development program targeting the performance capability of emerging career coaches. This project will support the growth and sustainability of the coaching workforce, and hopefully lead to improved

performances of age group athletes across the state. Swimming WA also provided scholarships and support to coaches in regional WA, enabling them to complete the next phase of their coaching accreditation.

SWASP Craigie has enjoyed good growth in 2023-24, running for part of the year at full capacity. The SWASP program is designed to bridge the gap between Learn to Swim programs and clubs, developing swimmers capable of competing and thriving in a club environment. A total of 15 swimmers transitioned this year from the Program to affiliated clubs – Breakers, North Coast and Aqua Attack. The SWASP Program is one we are planning to replicate, with modifications, to target disadvantaged populations in 2024-25, one aim of which is to connect to and build a broader audience, many of whom may be experiencing barriers to getting in the pool regularly or developing their swimming. You will hear more about this in the year to come.

Behind the scenes we are working hard to develop the financial capacity of the organisation. As mentioned above, we have kicked some goals in the grant funding space in the year, materially increasing our grant income, thanks largely to the support of Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. We remain grateful for the support of Principal Partner Hancock Prospecting, Healthway and all our other partners, without whom we could not deliver the full event and program calendar that we offer.

Finally, as most of you will by now know, I am leaving Swimming WA at Financial Year's end, after three and a half years in the CEO role. It has been a privilege to work in this role for a sport that I grew up with and love. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you in the swimming community. I've forged lasting friendships, learned much and implemented the essential governance and cultural reforms that Swimming WA

needed. We've also refocused on our core business, investing back into our swimmers and the eco-system that supports them to achieve their dreams. It has been a team effort, and I would like to thank the Swimming WA team for their support and for the dedication they have demonstrated week-in week-out in servicing our swimming community.

I would also like to thank the Swimming WA Board, led by Darren Michael, for their support for me and the commitment they continue to give, freely, to the ongoing success of swimming in WA. To all the many volunteers who serve on Swimming WA Committees and give your time and expertise in our clubs and the swimming community at large, thank you for your support and everything you contribute to swimming in WA. Finally, I also wish to offer my best wishes to Emily Randall, my successor as CEO and a former employee of Swimming WA. Emily knows swimming and the aquatic sports well and the organisation will be in good hands.

On behalf of the entire team at Swimming WA we thank you, our valued members for ensuring that swimming is, and remains, an essential part of the Western Australian way of life.

Sophie Row

Chief Executive Officer, Swimming WA



Membership

A like-minded community of swimming enthusiasts

Membership

Swimming WA defines membership as the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or organisation. We embody this meaning through our clubs, individuals, regions and other organisations involved in swimming-related activities.

Swimming WA aims to promote swimming throughout Western Australia, fostering strong bonds between clubs, members, regions, stakeholders and



the broader community. Swimming is an integral part of day-to-day life, and our membership products and services are accessible for everyone through the Swim Central platform.

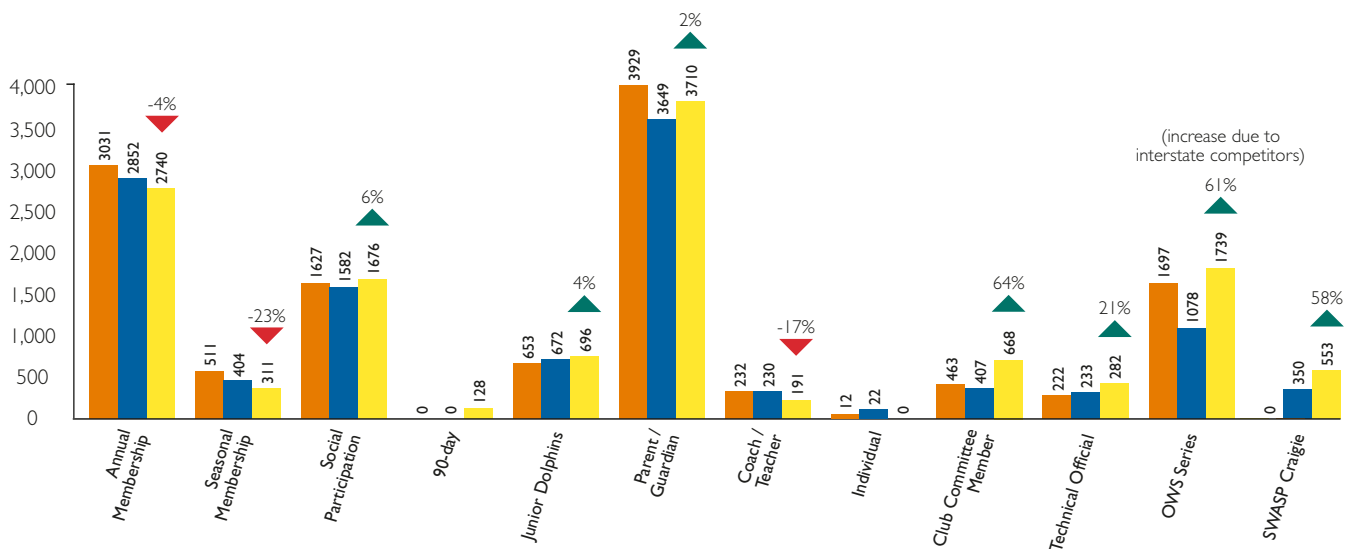
We have experienced an 11% growth in membership compared to the last financial year. We attribute this growth to the Open Water Swimming Series, SWASP and additional club events in both Regional and Metropolitan areas. The success of our Western Australian athletes during the National Swimming Trials and the anticipation of the Paris

Olympic games have also increased membership uptake.

Since the inception of the Participation Membership in 2021 we have seen steady growth in this category and recorded a 6% increase in 2023-24.

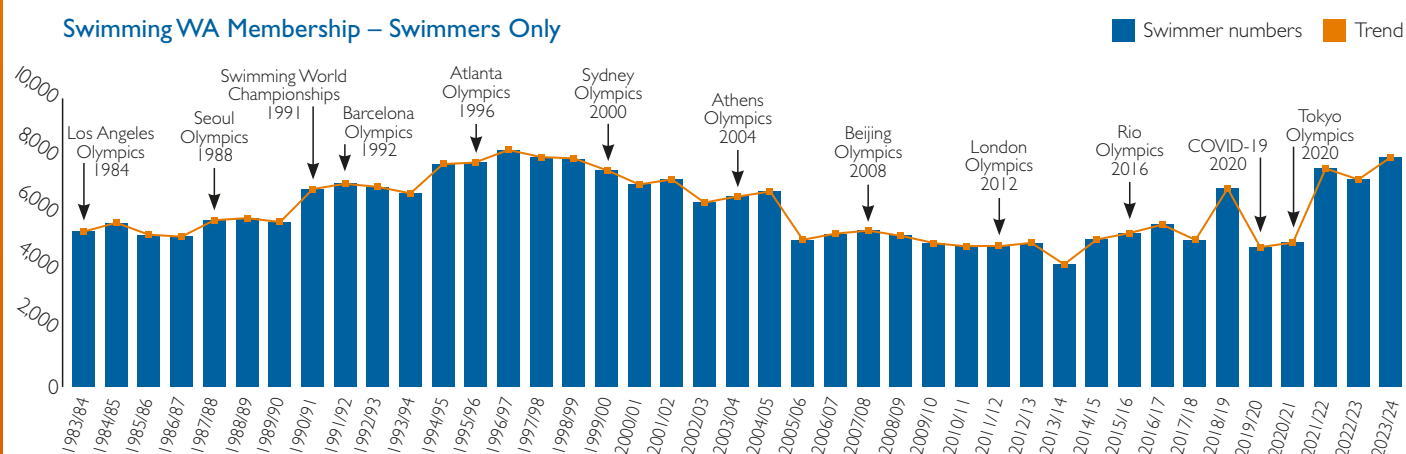
A trial introduction of the 90-Day Membership in the 2023-24 season, we believe, contributed to driving membership. This will be available again for purchase during the 2024-25 season, with greater flexibility for activation and deactivation.

Swimming WA Membership – by category ■ 2021-2022 ■ 2022-2023 ■ 2023-2024



This data is compiled by total memberships in each category. Please note that a member may hold a number of different types of memberships.

Swimming WA Membership – Swimmers Only



Metro	Total Membership Season 2021/22	Total Membership Season 2022/23	Total Membership Season 2023/24	Difference	%
All Saints	76	63	84	21	33%
Aqua Attack	93	117	124	7	6%
Aquajets Swimming Club	38	21	51	30	143%
Arena	389	268	0	-268	-100%
Armadale Kelmscott	194	203	232	29	14%
Breakers WA	335	367	346	-21	-6%
Canning Districts	70	57	117	60	105%
Central Aquatic	161	146	155	9	6%
Celts Swimming Club	0	0	49	49	
Claremont Aquatic	104	125	129	4	3%
Curtin University Victoria Park Swimming Club	93	85	120	35	41%
Fenix Swimming Club	0	0	117	117	
Fremantle Port	131	176	160	-16	-9%
Guildford Kalamunda	447	457	405	-52	-11%
Highlanders	151	170	179	9	5%
Kwinana	200	207	260	53	26%
Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club Inc	123	115	114	-1	-1%
Mt Helena	99	68	76	8	12%
Newman Churchlands	259	238	275	37	16%
North Coast	131	257	393	136	53%
City of Perth	162	134	247	113	84%
Riverside SC	83	41	50	9	22%
Riverton	167	197	220	23	12%
Rockingham	341	339	404	65	19%
Scarborough Beach	337	300	284	-16	-5%
South Shore	270	260	181	-79	-30%
Southlake Dolphins	209	194	260	66	34%
Southside Penrhos Wesley	262	272	226	-46	-17%
St Hildas	177	165	143	-22	-13%
Superfins WA	15	12	5	-7	-58%
UWA West Coast	775	782	703	-79	-10%
Western Sprint	89	101	95	-6	-6%
Westside Christchurch Aquatic	206	217	254	37	17%
Totals	6,187	6,154	6,458	304	5%

Regional	Total Membership Season 2021/22	Total Membership Season 2022/23	Total Membership Season 2023/24	Difference	%
Albany	111	125	166	41	33%
Australind	96	83	115	32	39%
Beverley	68	58	61	3	5%
Boddington	17	22	80	58	264%
Broome	148	166	193	27	16%
Bunbury	172	144	159	15	10%
Busseton	178	154	136	-18	-12%
Carnarvon	93	84	79	-5	-6%
Collie	54	61	49	-12	-20%
Corrigin	82	87	88	1	1%
Dalwallinu Amateur Swimming and Life Saving Club	69	44	33	-11	-25%
Derby	35	42	43	1	2%
Dowerin	34	0	0	0	
Esperance	69	52	57	5	10%
Exmouth	104	97	91	-6	-6%
Geographe Bay Swimming Club	52	62	58	-4	-6%
Geraldton	155	153	153	0	0%
Gingin Aquatic	48	38	85	47	124%
Goomalling	80	67	93	26	39%
Harvey	48	36	30	-6	-17%
Hedland	127	101	89	-12	-12%
Kalgoorlie	168	150	191	41	27%
Kambalda	34	34	49	15	44%
Karratha	213	207	208	1	0%
Kellerberrin	0	0	71	71	
Kojonup	83	72	52	-20	-28%
Mandurah	157	232	251	19	8%
Manjimup Marlins	65	60	68	8	13%
Margaret River	83	0	39	39	
Moora	85	84	51	-33	-39%
Morawa Amateur Swimming Club	27	35	63	28	80%
Mt Barker	106	101	134	33	33%
Narembeen	21	52	50	-2	-4%
Narrogin	38	34	51	17	50%
Newman Amateur Swimming Club	59	0	0	0	
Northam	144	142	125	-17	-12%
Onslow	66	84	89	5	6%
Pannawonica	5	28	10	-18	-64%
Paraburdoo	115	93	96	3	3%
Peel Aquatic	233	153	120	-33	-22%
Pinjarra	82	32	20	-12	-38%
Quairading SC	75	50	64	14	28%
Tom Price	107	101	106	5	5%
Wagin	79	45	0	-45	-100%
Waroona Amateur Swimming Club	29	15	22	7	47%
Wickham	71	72	103	31	43%
Wongan Hills Swimming Club	36	75	64	-11	-15%
York	90	62	79	17	27%
Totals	4,111	3,689	4,034	345	9%
Total Members*	10,298	9,843	10,492	649	6%

* Total number of members at the club, includes swimming and nonswimming members.
Each member is only counted on their primary membership.



Participation

Providing the opportunity for everyone to become involved

Participation

Junior Development Programmes

Swimming WA Squad Programme (SWASP) Craigie

Swimming WA Squad Programmes (SWASP) Craigie continued to focus on and build the pre-competitive and fitness pathways reset in January 2023, with a record 489 unique squad members training in 2023-2024. Of these swimmers, 46 SWASP Craigie competitive stroke development pathway squad members also held Breakers competitive club membership.

SWASP Craigie squad enrolment numbers grew 12% annually, with waitlists for all squad programmes needing to be maintained from October 2023 to April 2024 when the programme reached maximum capacity.

SWASP's brand identity was further refreshed and aligned with Swimming WA, with new SwimTek SWASP swimming caps hitting pool deck in January 2024 and new coaching staff uniforms in May 2024.

A new clinics initiative was delivered under the Participation division to further complement SWASP Craigie squads, upskill participants leading into key aquatic events, and boost

enthusiasm and uptake for competitive swimming. Our first clinic, targeting Learn to Race skills, proved popular amongst primary and secondary school aged swimmers. More than 40 swimmers gained confidence, mastered new skills, and had fun having a go at racing. More than 70% of the participants went on to enter the Splash and Dash event later in November. Our annual break from squads over Christmas and New Year allowed coaches to deliver two more clinics: Breaststroke and Butterfly, and Open Water, which both sold out early January 2024.

With the permanent closure of HBF Arena's 50m pool from late June 2023, SWASP Craigie was inundated with City of Joondalup community squad swimmers needing to be rehomed from early July to October 2023.

Past WestSwim / SWASP Craigie swimmers who normally take a break over the cooler winter months were unable to return to their preferred sessions, and existing squad members were unable to increase their training. Squad sessions were not only fully booked but were being attended daily, as places became more valuable.

As SWASP Craigie programmes reached maximum capacity in



September 2023, so did Breakers Swimming Club squads, with swimmers aspiring to be competitive club members needing to consider other metropolitan swimming clubs outside the City of Joondalup catchment. The result was that of 15 swimmers graduating from SWASP Craigie, 11 were accepted for Breakers SC competitive squad trials, three joined North Coast and one Aqua

SWASP Craigie Squad Enrolments 2022-2023	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
JUNIORS Bronze / Silver	85	97	98	95	98	90	91	95	99	103	108	100
JUNIORS Gold / Platinum	64	63	69	73	72	68	71	69	68	68	71	67
Aqua Fit	23	20	15	17	18	17	20	23	21	22	22	20
Challenge Fit	59	62	59	57	59	55	51	55	56	59	61	58
Enduro Fit	63	67	65	66	69	68	68	68	62	56	61	62
Total	294	309	306	308	316	298	301	310	306	308	323	307

SWASP Craigie Squad Enrolments 2023-2024	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
JUNIORS Bronze / Silver	119	120	115	116	114	107	115	106	111	117	115	110
JUNIORS Gold / Platinum	71	76	80	80	78	76	80	78	81	76	75	74
Aqua Fit	20	24	27	30	31	31	31	27	26	29	31	29
Challenge Fit	57	63	61	64	58	56	62	61	62	64	64	64
Enduro Fit	68	80	81	83	81	76	70	73	77	71	68	68
Total	335	363	364	373	362	346	358	345	357	357	353	345

Attack Swimming Club, compared to 26 swimmers being accepted to the Breakers SC squads the previous year.

The advanced fitness squad, Enduro Fit, produced outstanding results, with SWASP Craigie continuing its support to state and national surf club and triathlon athletes, with provision of additional training during non-squad periods in late December 2023 and early April 2024. Highlights included two athletes winning three SLSA Australian Championships gold medals, one silver Medal in the National School Triathlon Championships, several age groups wins at open water events and U13 Male Athlete at the SLSWA Nipper State Championships award.

SWASP continues to invest in the development of new coaches and build on the strength and depth of its coaching team. This year we recruited two new staff, and successfully trained and mentored four Teacher of Competitive Strokes / Foundation Coaches and one Development Coach.

With additional SWASP administration support and the recent award of a significant DLGSC grant, Swimming WA is set to expand the SWASP Programme, with an *Inclusion* focus, to other metro and regional areas in 2024-25.



Junior Dolphin Membership

Swimming WA is excited to inspire the next generation of swimmers through our Junior Dolphin membership, suited to swimmers aged 5-8 years old. Junior Dolphins receive a special welcome pack from Swimming WA and Yampu the Dolphin, which includes a welcome letter, handbook/activity book, swimming cap and temporary tattoo.

Junior dolphin swimmers are encouraged to adopt healthy eating habits to support a healthy and active lifestyle that includes swimming.

We experienced growth throughout the 2023/2024 season.



Pho3nix Junior Excellence Program

Pho3nix Junior Excellence (JX) is a Swimming Australia led program which aims to acknowledge the performances of junior swimmers aged 9-13 and encourages them to keep striving towards their goals. Every current Australian Dolphin representative has come through this program, so it is critical in the ongoing development of swimmers in our country.

Swimmers who achieve times set by Swimming Australia are awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze or Blue status, with a certificate being dropped into



the Swim Central profile for record-keeping. JX runs from May to April, with Swimming Australia publishing the final results on their website and via social media.

WA saw the largest contingent of swimmers achieve a JX status this season, which is a testament to their hard work, as well as the consistent support from coaches, teachers and club volunteers. All JX recognized swimmers were invited to two JX clinics that were held in December, during the breaks at LC State Championships, and each received a free cap and t-shirt. They were treated to a talk and goal setting session with Olympians Blair Evans and Tommaso D'Orsogna, before our JX coaches took them through a pool session which targeted starts and dives, freestyle and breaststroke. The first ever Open Water JX clinic was held in Busselton during the National Championships in January with participants hearing from four Open Water National athletes before partaking in a 60-minute clinic in the beautiful Busselton Jetty water, led by renowned Open Water coach Jason Evans. Thank you to Pho3nix for their unwavering support for our WA swimmers.

JX Statistics 2023-24

Gold	160	Increased by 23 participants
Silver	275	Increased by 7 participants
Bronze	316	Decreased by 14 participants
Blue	628	Increased by 99 participants
Total	1379	Increased by 115 participants overall

Fuel to Go & Play Splash & Dash

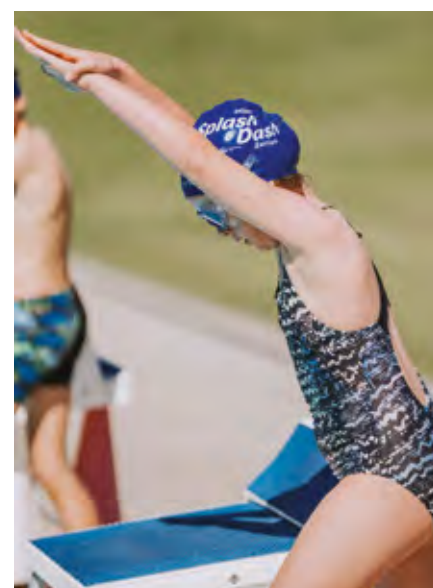
The Fuel to Go & Play Splash & Dash events, proudly sponsored by Healthway, are the initial come and try events open to all members of the community. They are designed to be a fun and inclusive introduction to competitive racing and can be used as a club membership drive, fundraising opportunity or as part of a sanctioned meet in which younger children to compete. Once clubs have registered to host an event, they receive a full marketing pack containing an editable participation certificate, Facebook and Instagram tiles, information flyer and a social media guide. All registered events were promoted in the Western Swimmer newsletter and on multiple occasions via Swimming WA's social media. There were 17 Fuel to Go & Play Splash

& Dash events across the year, which saw over 330 participants take part.

Swimming WA hosted a successful event in September, during the school holidays, at Cannington Leisureplex to kick off the summer season. Participants of all ages received a free swim cap and enthusiastically took part in 25m and 50m races, and even some fun noodle and kickboard races. To hear children encourage each other in the water, and parents cheering as they swam, was heartwarming and contributed to the fun, relaxed atmosphere that characterizes Fuel to Go & Play Splash & Dash events.

School Servicing

The school carnival season in 2024 was huge and Swimming WA once again offered support to school events. Our service offering included Timing Equipment hire, sourcing Timing Assistants and hiring out our Technical Officials. For the first time, a School Services booklet was produced for schools and distributed in Term Three to centralize and professionalize services and showcase the leadership that Swimming WA is delivering in the school space. The relationship that Swimming WA is building with the school community is growing stronger.



Swimming WA provided services to 19 school carnivals in February and March, focused on the provision of Timing Assistants and Timing Equipment. Swimming WA's decision to acquire the Wylas Timing System, in addition to our Dolphin Timing System, paid off, with multiple school carnivals being serviced on the same day across both metro and regional areas.

Technical Officials were booked across 28 school association carnivals including JIGSSA, IGSSA, SSWA, ACC and PSA. Our fabulous pool of Technical Officials provided hundreds of hours of service to these carnivals with a number officiated at the same standard as Swimming WA hosted and sanctioned meets. This allowed the swim times to be recorded as official, and therefore eligible for entry into State Championship events in WA.

The newest school-specific event on the calendar – the Open Water Secondary Schools Championships in November – was a resounding success with over 450 participants from 35 schools. Promotion was focused on making the event as accessible as possible, to ensure schools had an opportunity to be a part of it, and to engage students who weren't your typical 'pool swimmer'. Many schools submitted teams including triathletes, surf lifesavers and water polo players, testimony to our belief there was a gap in the open water swimming market for a schools-based competition.



Positive feedback and expressions of interest received post-event indicate that this competition is only going to grow with greater awareness and school promotion in 2024.

Swimming WA provided a staff member and coach to School Sport WA to attend the National School Sport Swimming Championships in August. This annual 10-day Championship event was held in Sydney at SOPAC stadium and saw states compete against each other. This collaboration offers opportunity to our up-and-coming athletes, not only to represent WA against other states, but also to gain valuable experience in travelling and competing in a different pool environment outside their comfort zones, challenging their training and personal skills. Over 80 athletes represented WA at these Championships.

2024 Country Pennants

In 2024 Country Pennants returned to the Goldfields region with Kalgoorlie Amateur Swimming Club hosting what is the pinnacle participation event for regional swimming in the year. A total of 25 clubs were represented over the March long weekend with over 500 swimmers entering the water. This year's very fitting march past theme was 'Gold' and saw our clubs relish the opportunity to have some fun with themes of pirates, goldfish, lifesavers, Willy Wonka's golden ticket, miners, the 'golden oldies' and our ultimate winners, Wongan Hills, as Egyptians.

Several swimmers stood out at the competition, breaking records in various events. **Taizley Krispyn** from Manjimup broke records in the Girls 15yrs/U 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke C Grade, shaving over a second off the 50m freestyle clocking in at 28.15 seconds.

Nine-year-old **Cora Delaporte**, from Tom Price, broke two records in the Girls 8-9 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke D Grade, shaving 1.62 seconds off the record in the 50 backstroke and clocking in at 43.26 seconds. **Alice Bird-Atkinson**, from Geographe Bay, scored a record time of 29.38 in the girls 13yrs/U 50m freestyle C Grade, breaking the record by 1.18 seconds. **Jessica Leeson** from Northam competed in the 50m freestyle A Grade, touching the wall at 30.59, only 2.28 seconds off the State Record.



The relays also saw some record-breaking performances, with Karratha 'A' team breaking records in the men's open 200m medley and freestyle relay B Grade, and Manjimup 'A' team in the women's open 200m freestyle relay C Grade. The highlight was Karratha's team of **Yani Davis, Brian Nguyen, Tama Jenkins, and Bodie Biddiscombe** breaking the two-minute mark in the 200m medley relay, clocking in at a record-breaking time of 1:57.87.

Our ALT Rising Star Award winners were presented at the closing ceremony of Country Pennants with thanks to our Major Partner Aqua Technics. Congratulations again to our deserving swimmers who were presented their certificate and award pack as well as a cash prize to go towards their swimming goals:

Northern

Grace Latham & Reily Latham

Gascoyne

Pearl Seeley & Hunter Hodgson

Mid-West

Molly Evans & George Giudice

Goldfields

Willow Simpson & Jackson van den Elzen

Wheatbelt

Isla Hagboom & Bodhi Carr

Great Southern

Mahayla Smithers & Samuel Forgas

Great Southern

Matilda Crispin & Alexander Vreeken



Not even power outages and a freak storm could ruin this weekend of team-building, camaraderie and fun! Congratulations to our grade winners below:

A Grade

Mandurah Swimming Club

B Grade

Albany Swimming Club

C Grade

Kalgoorlie Amateur Swimming Club

D Grade

Tom Price Amateur Swimming Club & Wickham Swim Club (tie)

E Grade

Kalgoorlie Amateur Swimming Club 2



Regional Swim Clinics

Swimming WA hosted nine athlete summer swim clinics across the regions – in Narrogin, Tom Price, Kalgoorlie, Beverley, Kellerberrin, Exmouth, Morawa, Harvey and Pinjarra. Over 340 athletes took part in these clinics, led by travelling coaches and focused on stroke development, race practice and, above all else, a positive fun experience in the water. They illustrated the importance of development opportunities for regional athletes, including new skill development and training experiences, and the opportunity for clubs to work together in a non-competitive way. Our Regional Development Weekend was hosted in Kalgoorlie and despite some initial travel hiccups, participants were treated to a swimming masterclass by experienced coach Ralph McManis.





Athlete Pathway

The opportunity for our athletes
to reach their potential

Athlete Pathway

Performance Pathway Program

The Performance Pathway Program has seen a significant refresh over the last 12 months, particularly in its governance. The implementation of a strategic plan has guided more effective and purposeful activity targeted to clear strategic objectives.

Squad	Athlete Numbers
WA Development Squad	35
WA Flippers Squad	22
WA Target Flippers Squad	7

Table 1: Athlete numbers within the 2023/2024 Performance Pathway Program

A refresh of selection criteria and processes resulted in a more targeted program which allowed for a higher level of servicing. This has also enabled a more graduated approach to athlete development, assisting clubs in driving their own athlete performance programs.

Key Activities:

July 2023 saw a refresh of the annual residential training camp which was delivered by the Swimming Australia WA Performance Hub and WAIS Performance Services staff. The camp focused on skill development, an identified gap area, and incorporated Swimming Australia National Pathways Testing Protocol testing to provide data to influence daily training environment activity. The camp was attended by 16 athletes from the WA Flippers and WA Target Flippers Squad, with 41 athletes attending the skill development-focused race simulation on the final day of the camp.

August 2023 and October 2023 saw two small Western Australian teams compete in Japan and Queensland respectively. These tours were aimed at providing bespoke competition opportunities to aid learnings around a “travel and race” mentality, and to provide high level competition

opportunities to prepare athletes for upcoming benchmark competitions. The performances from all participating athletes were strong and provided a platform for three of the four athletes involved to attain National Flippers Program selection in 2024.

September 2023 saw a Western Australian team compete at the New Zealand Tri-Series competition against two teams from New Zealand and one team from Victoria. The WA team was comprised of 15 athletes, across the WA Flippers Squad and WA Development Squad, four coaches and 2 technical officials. The meet was a skill development focused, Short Course Meet in which athletes earned team points through race placing and the execution of pre-identified skills. The tour also provided an initial international travel opportunity targeting learning around coping with time difference, focused physical preparation and recovery, and the importance of communication across a diverse team.

February 2024 saw the delivery of National Pathways Testing Protocol testing to provide data to aid the final training block before Australian Age Championships. The tests were

attended by 17 athletes from the WA Flippers and WA Target Flippers Squad. They incorporated both swimming performance testing, delivered by a Swimming Australia PhD candidate and WA coaches, and physical performance testing delivered by WAIS Performance Services staff.

Athletes from the WA Target Flippers Squad, aided by targeted funding from Swimming WA, also accessed specific interventions with Swimming Australia's WA Performance Hub and National Flippers Program.

Performances at Australian Age and Open Championships, and Olympic and Paralympic Trials, determined selection for the Performance Pathway Program for the 2024-25 season. A number of the WA Flippers Squad athletes transitioned into the WA Target Flippers Squad, reflecting a progression in performance from athletes engaged in Performance Pathway Program activities.

Squad	Athlete Numbers
WA Development Squad	29
WA Flippers Squad	18
WA Target Flippers Squad	18

Table 2: Athlete numbers within the 2024/2025 Performance Pathway Program



Performance Pathway Teams

Swimming WA supported one Performance Pathway Team through the 2023-24 season

April 2024 saw the continuation of the State Relay competition within Australian Age Championships, with 34 athletes and two coaches selected across 10 relay events. Athletes were selected based on their performances in 50m events throughout the long course season. WA teams were competitive against interstate competition, registering five podium performances.

National and International Performance

2024 Australian Open Water Championships

The 2024 Australian Open Water Championships were held in Busselton in January 2024 and featured 87 WA swimmers.

WA registered 20 medals in individual competition, a significant increase on the 2023 championships. North Coast, UWA West Coast and Westside Christchurch won relay medals in the 4 x 1,250m events.

Xavier Collins (Westside Christchurch; coached by Jon Harrison), Thomas Dreverman (South Shore; coached by Matt Magee) and Kate Wallington (Unattached

WA) won gold medals in their respective events. Four WA athletes earned National Flippers Program selection following their consistent performances across the week.

North Coast, with stand-out performances from Rosie Wilson and Robert Bonsall, claimed second place, closely behind Noosa, in competition for the C.B. Rikards Trophy for the club recording the highest total of team points. Westside Christchurch were rewarded with third place following consistent performances throughout the week.

2024 Australian Age and Open Championship

The 2024 Australian Age and Open Championships was held on the Gold Coast in April 2024, featuring a total of 917 WA swimmers across the two-week competition.

WA athletes achieved 46 medals in the championships, 24 of them gold medals. This was a significant improvement over the 2023 championships, with the gold medal haul from WA athletes more than doubling. Furthermore, national medalists came from as many as 12 club programs which highlights the strong overall WA performance at the championships.

Below is a list of the WA National Champions from 2024 Australian Age and Open Championships:

- **Sylvia Czajko** (UWA West Coast; coached by Rob Palfery)
- **Tex Cross** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Daniel Boshart** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Lucas Fackerell** (Breakers WA; coached by Harry Clark)
- **Inez Miller** (Fenix; coached by Ben Higson)
- **Johann Szymanski** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Jordan Berryman** (UWA West Coast; coached by Rob Palfery)
- **Rebekah Fraser** (Riverton; coached by Gemma Herrington)



International Performances at 2023-24 International Season

Twelve athletes competed for Australia across the 2023 and 2024 international racing season.

- **Johann Szymanski** (Highlanders, coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Iona Anderson** (Breakers WA, coached by WA Performance Hub)
- **Inez Miller** (St Hilda's, coached by Deb Jones)
- **Braden Fyneman** (UWA West Coast, coached by Rob Palfery)
- **Joshua Yong** (UWA West Coast, coached by WA Performance Hub)
- **Jack Wilson** (North Coast, coached by Ian Mills)
- **Kyle Lee** (North Coast, coached by Ian Mills)
- **Alex Saffy** (Bunbury, coached by AIS Performance Hub)
- **Lucas Fackerell** (Breakers WA; coached by Harry Clark)
- **Jackson Anderson** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Sylvia Czajko** (UWA West Coast; coached by Rob Palfery)
- **Samuel Hicks** (Westside Christchurch; coached by Will Greenwood)
- **Ben Popham** (Highlanders; coached by Ben Higson)

Ben Higson (WA Performance Hub), Ian Mills (North Coast) and Mel Tantrum (Swimming Australia) were selected as team coaches for touring Australian teams.

Iona Anderson had a breakout season, claiming medals at both Junior World Championships in August 2023 and World Championships in February 2024. Iona's ability to perform on the



biggest stage is further demonstrated by consistently beating her WA All-Time records in the 50m and 100m Backstroke during the final swims at the championships. Johann Szymanski competed in the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events at Junior World Championships in his Junior Dolphins debut.

Kyle Lee qualified for the Paris Olympic Games following his performance at the World Championships in 2024, finishing 9th in the Men's 10km. Kyle backed that up with an iconic anchor leg in the 4x1500m relay, out-dueling Italy's Domenico Acerenza to claim gold for Australia. Both Kyle and Jack Wilson competed at the 2023 World Championships in the 5km event, with Kyle claiming 8th place and Jack claiming 13th place in his Dolphins Team debut.

Alex Saffy claimed bronze at the 2023 Para World Swimming Championships in the SM10 200 Medley event.

Inez Miller claimed an astonishing seven medals at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago, resulting in being named a finalist for the Emerging Athlete of the Year award. Braden Fyneman competed in a multitude of events throughout the week in his Australian debut.

Lucas Fackerell, Jackson Anderson, Sylvia Czajko and Samuel Hicks all competed for Australia at the 2024 Oceania Championships in April 2024. This competition brought together age group and senior athletes from across the Oceania region with all athletes claiming multiple medals in their Australian debuts.

Ben Popham competed for Australia at the European Para-Swimming Championships in April 2024, registering personal best times and competing in the A-Final of the 50m Freestyle event.

International Team Selections for Upcoming Events in the 2024 International Season

Eight athletes have been selected to represent Australia across the upcoming International racing season.

- **Iona Anderson** (Breakers WA; coached by Ben Higson)
- **Joshua Yong** (UWA West Coast; coached by Ben Higson)
- **Alex Saffy** (Bunbury; coached by AIS Performance Hub)
- **Xavier Collins** (Westside Christchurch; coached by Jon Harrison)
- **Lucas Fackerell** (Breakers WA; coached by Harry Clark)
- **Isabel Sheldrick** (Fenix; coached by Deb Jones)
- **Inez Miller** (Fenix; coached by Ben Higson)
- **Sean Alcorn** (St Hilda's; coached by Zoe Baker)
- **Jackson Anderson** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Tex Cross** (Highlanders; coached by Ryan Steenkamp)
- **Braden Fyneman** (UWA West Coast; coached by Rob Palfery)
- **Sylvia Czajko** (UWA West Coast; coached by Rob Palfery)

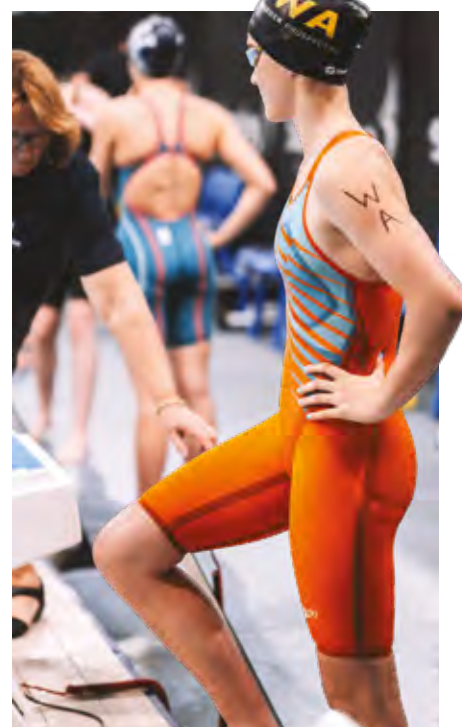
Ben Higson (WA Performance Hub), Mel Tantrum (Swimming Australia), Jon Harrison (Westside Christchurch), Ryan Steenkamp (Highlanders) and Rob Palfery (UWA West Coast) were selected as team coaches for touring Australian teams. Jemma Bassi (WAIS) and Chris Perrey (WAIS) were selected as performance support staff for touring Australian teams.

Iona Anderson, Joshua Yong and Alex Saffy were selected for the Dolphins team competing at the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics

following outstanding performances at the Olympic and Paralympic Trials competition in June 2024. Iona became the fifth-fastest athlete in the world this season in the 100m Backstroke, with Joshua Yong becoming the first Western Australian athlete since Eamon Sullivan to qualify for the Olympic Games in two individual events. Alex Saffy was selected for his Paralympic Games debut following a strong performance in the 100m Butterfly at Paralympic Trials.

Xavier Collins and Lucas Fackerell were selected for the Junior Dolphins team competing at World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Junior World Championships following their performances at Australian Open Water Championships in January 2024. Xavier and Lucas were also selected for the Junior Dolphins Team competing at Junior Pan Pacific Championships in August 2024.

Nine athletes were selected for the Junior Dolphins Team competing at Junior Pan Pacific Championships in August 2024. This is Western Australia's largest junior team representation in recent history, contributing 25% of the team members.





Competition

Making waves with highlights from our swimming competitions

Competition

Summary

The three-year turnaround between Tokyo and Paris Olympics was the focus of many of the State's top performers. The big story this year, however, was the number of WA athletes being named on various national teams. Iona Anderson (Breakers/WAIS) was selected on her first Senior Dolphins team at the 2024 World Championships, bringing home gold, and silver medals. She then made the big one, the Olympic Pool team joining Josh Yong (UWA West Coast), who was the first WA swimmer in many years to be selected for two individual events. Alex Saffy S10 (Bunbury/AIS) made the Para team for Paris 2024 and Kyle Lee (North Coast Swim Club/WAIS) was selected for Paris as one of only two males for Open Water events, after an amazing swim in the World Championships in Doha and the unforgettable relay leg he won by less than a second, coming from behind after six kilometres of team racing. At Junior level, Xavier Collins (Westside Christchurch) and Lucas Fackerell (Breakers) were selected for both Junior Worlds in Pool and Open Water teams.

Western Australia has seen strong representation across the board with coaches being named in Australian teams and officials being awarded key roles at major competitions. Amongst our coaches, Ben Higson (WAIS) is leading by example, being selected for his second Olympic team (Ireland coach in Tokyo), and six other WA coaches have also been named to Australian Open Water and Pool teams. This year, WA officials were rewarded for their hard work with leadership roles at the Pacific Games. It is clear that West Australia swimming is currently positioned strongly across the board.

Pool Competition

2024 National Championships – Gold Coast

The National Championships, the traditional target for many of WA's finest swimmers each year, always delivers some great performances, and this year was no exception. Our Age athletes came away with a huge swag of medals, 48 in total with 17 of them gold. Stand out performers from our distance freestyle programs were Lucas Fackerell (Breakers), Tex Cross (Highlanders), Johan Szymanski (Highlanders) and Inez Miller (Fenix), who all claimed gold in their events. Fackerell was dominant in his age group taking home four golds. Cross finished his campaign in similar style with three golds in his events.

The Open National Championships also saw a host of strong performances from WA Athletes. Led by the athletes who have previous Australian representation, Josh Yong (UWA West Coast/WAIS) mounted the breaststroke podium three times for three silvers. Iona Anderson (Breakers/WAIS) also left the meet with three medals, taking silver in the 100m and bronze in the 50m and 200m backstroke events. Alex Saffy S10 (Bunbury/AIS) claimed a silver and bronze for his efforts, while Sally Hunter finished a close third in the 50m breaststroke, returning to the pool after a number of years away from the sport.

Trials

2024 Paris Olympic Trials were a great success for the WA team. The Open Water Team selection was finalised a few weeks prior to the Trials, putting Kyle Lee (North Coast Swimming Club/WAIS) in the enviable position of heading to the Meet knowing his Olympic team position was assured. Lee had a very busy program with the distance events, including one night where two events were swum within 20 minutes of each other.



Josh Yong (UWA West Coast/WAIS) opened the men's swimming programme at the Trials and was able to secure his position on the Dolphins team by bettering the qualifying time in the 100m Breaststroke by a margin of 0.01 seconds. Yong was also able to beat the qualifying time in the 200m Breaststroke, paving the way for the WA athletes to follow.

Iona Anderson (Breakers/WAIS) was faster than the qualifying time in both the 100m and 200m Backstroke but couldn't finish in the top two, leaving a tough decision for the selectors. On the final night, Anderson was the first announced on the team.

Alex Saffy S10 (Bunbury/AIS) was named to the Paralympic team after meeting the qualifying times earlier in the year. At Trials his times were close to the official qualifying times but did not guarantee selection.

Athletes selected for the Paris 2024 Olympics: Iona Anderson (Breakers/WAIS), Kyle Lee (North Coast Swim Club/WAIS) and Josh Yong (UWA West Coast/WAIS). Ben Higson (WAIS) was selected to be a team coach. Alex Saffy (Bunbury/AIS) selected for the Paris 2024 Paralympics.

2023 Hancock Prospecting WA State Age & Open LC Championships

A new competition structure was a feature of the Hancock Prospecting WA State Championships this year. All athletes vying for a place in the Open Finals swam off in the heats, to be separated out into the Open Final or their age groups. The top eight swimmers then raced in the Open final while all others continued to race their age group peers.

The QLD State championships finished just days prior to the WA Championships, hosting many of WA's top athletes as a warm-up. Major highlights from the week included the epic races between Johan Szymanski, Tex Cross and Kyle Lee in the distance freestyle events. Olympian Sally Hunter (Central Aquatic) made a triumphant return to the pool with great racing against Talara Jade Dixon (St Hildas) all week long in the women's breaststroke events.

Record breaking highlights were delivered by both Daniel Boshart (Highlanders) and Sean Alcorn (St Hilda's) in the 100m Butterfly. Iona Anderson (Breakers) smashed a number of WA records in the 50m Backstroke, touching in a time 0.03 seconds outside a junior world record. Tom Wyatt (Breakers) broke the 18-year-old 50m Butterfly resident record.

There were a number of fantastic performances by the MC athletes across the State Championships. Consistent performances by Rebekah Fraser S15 (Riverton) and Morgan Hill S19 (Australind) across the championships were great to see. One of the races of the Meet was between Ben Popham S9 (Highlanders) and Alex Saffy S10 (Bunbury) in the 50m Freestyle, with Popham showing his quality and claiming gold.

Lucy Porter (St Hildas) dominated the 400m Individual Medley, winning by more than two body lengths. The 100m Freestyle was a fantastic battle



between Inez Miller (Fenix) and Sylvia Czajko (UWA West Coast) with just the touch separating the two of them in the end. In the Men's speed races, Jamie Anderson (UWA West Coast) won the 50m Freestyle conclusively by half a body length.

State Relay-day concluded the State Championships, commencing with Highlanders breaking the 4x200m Freestyle Relay. Records continued to fall throughout the day, with Breakers taking the Women's 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Freestyle and Iona Anderson beating the 100m Backstroke record in the Medley relay, while the team also broke the Medley record in the same race. The final record of the day to fall was the Men's 4x100 Medley Relay, broken by UWA West Coast.

A great week of swimming leading into the holidays was enjoyed by all. So many great performances to look back on and be proud of, across all the clubs present, from personal bests to long standing records broken.

Country Championships

The Western Australian Country Swimming Championships, held as is tradition in January, hosted over 300 swimmers from 35 clubs spanning the

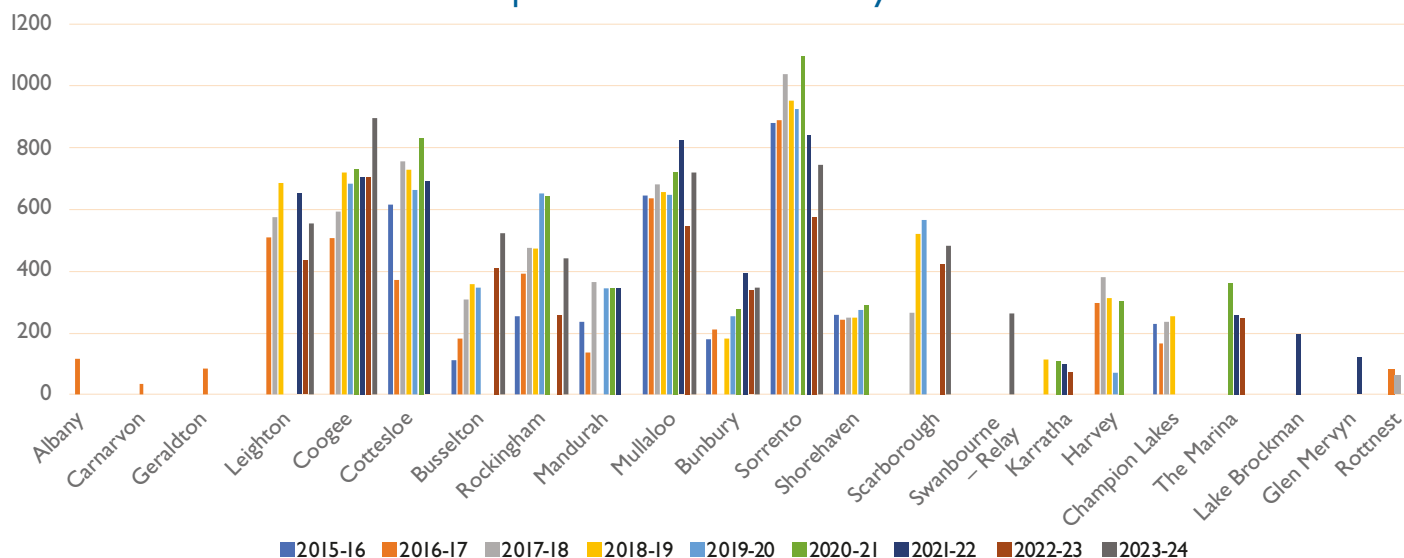
breadth and width of WA. Jay Pfoeffer (Australind) was the standout swimmer of the Meet, earning 10 golds across a variety of events. The Blandford siblings (Ingrid and Thomas, Bunbury Swim Club) both had strong performances in the distance events, taking multiple golds between them. The event was a great showcase of country athletes at their finest competing against each other, whilst demonstrating great sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Club Premierships

Southlake Dolphins brought their A-Game to A-Grade in the march-past this year with a salute to the Chinese calendar, showcasing a drummer and dragon dance. The dragon dance theme was also a great hit in the C-D Grade march-past with Armadale Kelmscott following the same theme.

University of Western Australia Swimming Club was able to secure back-to-back wins in A-Grade with big performances from Alice Massey and Zara Mariyle Callo, both winning twice and earning 20 points each. Riverton Aquanauts and Highlanders earned promotion to A Grade with Rebekah Fraser playing a large role earning 20 points for her team from her two races, and Head Coach Gemma Herrington witnessed jumping

Open Water Attendance By Venue



for joy at the result. C-Grade was won by a margin of 38 points by North Coast Swim Club, and Armadale Kelmscott took out D-Grade ahead of All Saints.

2023 Aqua Technics WA Junior LC Championships

The Aqua Technics Junior State Swimming Championships was hotly contested by all in attendance. With standout performances from many, there were a few who rose above the rest. Aaden Kettle (Guildford & Kalamunda) won gold in all eight events he competed. His closest competitor was Buddy Andrews (South Shore) who finished first in five events. Max Wicks (Rockingham) was one of two standout athletes from Rockingham, earning five golds from six starts. Mia-Maria Gstaettner (Rockingham) was the other who competed in a number of events and collected six golds. In a close fought age group duel, Bethany Jurkans (UWA West Coast) competed against Gstaettner and won 5 golds of her own.

In the 11-years girls' events, Madison Lewis (Fenix) took out the age champion title, winning six gold medals. One year younger, and Kadance Power Kahika-Lewis (Kwinana) was just as dominant, winning seven golds and dropping 12 seconds from her entry

time in the 200m Individual Medley. Multi-class events were also a highlight of the event, with many personal bests being achieved by the swimmers, notably Elijah Rowles S10 (UWA West Coast), Tahlee Cam S19 (Australind) and Lottie Armstrong S14 (Geographe Bay).

The greatest outcome from the Meet, however, was that 66% of swims at the event were personal bests for athletes, regardless of podium position.

This was the first year that the Juniors was sponsored by Aqua Technics, Australia's premier pool manufacturer, and Swimming WA was excited and grateful to receive their support.

Open Water Swimming

Summary

Swimming WA's Open Water Swimming Series completed its 15th year in 2023-24. There is no other such Series of large open water community swims in Australia. It is unique and is a testimony to the very strong open water swimming culture, and quality of the beaches and beach lifestyle, in WA.

The 2023-24 OWS Series featured nine events, from Busselton in the south to Mullaloo in the north. The Series saw participant numbers grow significantly,

attracting almost 5,000 swimmers or 550 per event, a 23% increase on the prior year. Swimmers of all ages and abilities competed, ranging from first timers to the WA State Premier Roger Cook, who swam the City to Scarborough point-to-point.

For the second year in a row, WA hosted the Australian Open Water Championships against the backdrop of Busselton's iconic coastline and jetty. The event from 24-28 January, was managed by Swimming Australia with support from Swimming WA. Once again, it featured a large Community Swim as part of our OWS Series, which attracted over 450 swimmers. That the Championships has been locked in already for a third year in Busselton is a testimony to the success of the event and the generous support of key WA partners, Tourism WA and City of Busselton.

We sought to continue to develop the Series in 2023-24 and build its appeal. One innovation to this end was to offer a new relay-only event to close the Series. Billed as WA's Big Ocean Relay, this took place off Swanbourne Beach in March and, despite lower swimmer numbers than anticipated, was very well received by participants, establishing a strong platform for growth in its first year. With an element of 'run-swim-run' to it,

and waves typical of Swanbourne Beach, the relay made for some exciting racing and a great finale with late lead changes.

This season also saw the first Open Water Secondary Schools Championship take place, at Coogee, with 35 schools and over 450 swimmers competing. This was a fabulous turnout, exceeding expectations and a strong platform for future growth of the event. The season also featured only the second City to Scarbs point to point swim, with great success. Another first, was our radio partnership with Sports Entertainment Network (SEN) to promote the OWS Series. Weekly promotion and regular on-air interviews through the course of the Series undoubtedly assisted in driving higher participation in our events and, by featuring athletes such as Olympics-bound Kyle Lee, added to the exposure and experience of open water swimming.

State Championships & Club Premierships

The season opened at Leighton Beach in mid-October with over 500 swimmers, many of whom were racing in the 7.5km. Kyle Lee, Jack Wilson and Robert Bonsall (all representing North Coast Swimming Club) finished One, Two, Three in this close race. Not far behind, Bianca Monaco (Westside) beat the female chase group by a convincing three minutes. Round One was also the first of three Club Premiership rounds this season and resulted in a strong showing from many Swimming WA clubs.

Round Two, hosted at Bunbury in Koombana Bay, was equally hard fought by Lee, Wilson and Bonsall who, finishing in the same order as Round One were only separated by the narrowest of margins this time around; Lee and Wilson finishing within a second of each other. Monaco again beat Rosie Wilson to the post, finishing in just over an hour.

Round Three played out in the stunning waters of Coogee Beach with over 850 swimmers taking part in the event.

Monaco again was the swimmer to beat, taking out first in the female event and beating all comers, including the Queensland touring team. The men's race was a different story. With the three medallists from the previous two rounds missing, there were fresh faces on the podium. Interstate swimmers from QLD and NSW touched home first and Max Coten (City of Perth) was the first local to finish.

Round Four returned to Rockingham, and with the reversion to a morning start this year, entries were considerably up on 2022-23. Rounds Five and Six featured two of our largest events, at Mullaloo and Sorrento respectively, averaging close to 800 swimmers per event. Both events offer the full suite of swim distances – 500m Come & Try, 1.25km, 2.5km, 5km, 7.5km and 10km - demonstrating that there really is an event for everyone in our Series and contributing to the popularity of these events, both of which are supported by City of Joondalup.

Series Winners

Bianca Monaco and Xavier Collins won the *Open Water Swimming Elite Series*. Monaco won all three State Championship rounds (5km, 7.5km and 10km), while Collins was the most consistent performer in the male races.

Congratulations to the following for winning their categories over the Series season:

Male	
U14	Harvey Rowland
U18	Xavier Collins
Open	Callum Greenshields
Legend	Benjamin Ruett
Super Legend	Trevor Van Aurich
Female	
U14	Sophie Western
U18	Eloise Palmer
Open	Kate Wallington
Legend	Dana Richards
Super Legend	Susan Dolgoy

Schools

In a nationwide-first initiative, Swimming WA hosted the inaugural Open Water Secondary Schools Championships in late November 2023. The event hosted over 450 swimmers at Coogee Beach, offering 250m, 500m and 1km distances in addition to a 4x250m relay. A total of 35 schools answered the call, from as far away as Margaret River. They flooded the beach, in what was a fantastic spectacle, to enjoy a great day of racing and camaraderie.

The feedback from teachers and students on the day was overwhelmingly positive and promises a strong platform from which to grow the event in coming years. A variety of schools and swimmers took out the the podium places, with Methodist Ladies College and Hale triumphing in the female and male relay events, and Shenton College finishing strongly to beat Mandurah Baptist College in the mixed relay.

Records Officer Report 2024

During the past season, a total of 189 state records were broken compared to the 106 for the 2022-2023 season.

The top five record breaking clubs were Breakers (83), Highlanders & UWA West Coast (22), South Shore (15) and St Hilda's with (12). There was a total of 10 clubs whose members broke records, the same number as the previous season.

The top five female record breakers were Iona Anderson BRW (51), Lucy Porter WCA/SHILD (9), Sylvia Czajko UWSC (6), Ciara Conroy STSH (5), followed by Mia-Maria Gstaettner ROC. There was a total of seven local female record breakers.

The top five male record breakers were Tex Cross HLDR (12), Jack Woods STSH (10), Joshua Yong UWSC (6), and Tom Wyatt BRW and Sean Alcorn PAQ/SHILD both with (5). There was a total of 14 local male record breakers.

State Record Statistics

The Oldest Male Long Course record broken was Tex Cross of Highlanders in the 16yrs 800m Freestyle on 16 December 2023, superseding the record previously held by Travis Nederpelt of City of Perth set on 26 January 2002, a record that stood for 21yrs and 324 days.

The most improved Male Long Course record broken was the WA All Time & Residential 10yrs 50m Breaststroke which was reduced from Tommy Sucipto of South Lake Dolphin's time of 0:38.89 to Darren Qu of Breaker's new time of 0:37.92, representing a 2.56% improvement.

The Oldest Male Short Course record broken was achieved by Ashton Brinkworth UWA West Coast in the Open 50m Butterfly on 5 August 2023, which superseded the record previously held by Geoffrey Huegill of Redcliffe Leagues/Lawnton, QLD set on the 6 August 2001, a record that had stood for 22yrs and 364 days.

The most improved Male Short Course record broken was the WA All Time State 16yrs 4x100m Freestyle Relay which was reduced from Western Australia State Team's time of 3:29.91 to the Western Australian State Team's new time of 3:22.74, representing a 3.54% improvement.

The Oldest Female Long Course record broken was achieved by Ciara Conroy of South Shore in the 14yrs 50m Breaststroke on 17 March 2024, superseding the record previously held by Catherine Moore of Applecross set on 25 February 1989, a record which had stood for 35yrs and 20 days.

The most improved Female Long Course record broken was the WA Residential 18yrs 100m Backstroke which was reduced from Iona Anderson of Breaker's time of 1:01.56 to her new time of 0:59.24, representing a 3.91% improvement.

The Oldest Female Short Course record broken was achieved by Lucy Porter of Westside Christchurch Aquatic in the 15yrs 200m Breaststroke on 27 September 2023 superseding the record previously held by Rachel Harris of Claremont Uniswim on 30 September 1994, a record which had stood for 28yrs and 362days.

The most improved Female Short Course record broken was the WA All Comer, All Time & Residential 11yrs 1500m Freestyle which was reduced from Renee Brown of Carine's time of 19:47.21 to Mia-Maria Gstaettner of Rockingham's new time of 18:55.69, representing a 4.54% improvement.

Country Record Statistics

During the past season, a total of 96 country records were broken compared to the 201 for the 2022-2023 season.

The top five record breaking clubs were Peel Aquatic (45), Bunbury (30), Australind (10), Mandurah (6), followed by Busselton (5). There was a total of five clubs whose members broke records.

The top three female record breakers were Ingrid Blandford BUN (28), Jasper Barnett CWA (18), followed by Isla Hands BUN (2). There was a total of three country members who broke country records.

The top five male record breakers were Sean Alcorn PAQ (39), Jay Pfoeffler ASC (8), Kalel Jacinto MDR and George Williams PAQ, both with (4), followed by Marcus Van Rooyen BUS and Adam Chillingworth PAQ (2). There was a total of six country members who broke country records.

The Oldest Male Long Course record broken was achieved by Australind's relay team of Benjamin Flynn, Jay Pfoeffler, Laurie Keiro Jocson and Elliot Rowney, in the 13yrs 200m Medley Relay, set on 19th December 2023. They broke the record previously held by Karratha set on 27th January 2003, a record that stood for 20yrs and 326 days.

The most improved Male Long Course record broken was the Country All Time & Residential 12yrs 100m Breaststroke, which was reduced from Tom Gawned of Albany's time of 1:16.77 to Jay Pfoeffler of Australind's new time of 1:14.78, representing a 2.66% improvement.

The Oldest Male Short Course record broken was achieved by Jay Pfoeffler of Australind in the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke set on 3 September 2023, which superseded the record previously held by Nathanael Ruback of Hedland set on 21 September 2003, a record that had stood for 19yrs and 347 days.

The most improved Male Short Course record broken was the Country All Time & Residential Open 200m Individual Medley which was reduced from Robert Evans of Peel Aquatic's time of 2:08.16 to Adam Chillingworth of Peel Aquatic's new time of 2:03.59, representing a 3.70% improvement.

The Oldest Female Long Course record broken was achieved by Breaker's relay team of Elyse Weston, Crystal Edwards, Lauren Gastevich and Alyssa Burgess, in the Open 200m Freestyle Relay, set on 9 February 2024. This broke the record previously held by Chandler QLD, set on 14 April 2004, a record which had stood for 19yrs and 300 days.

The most improved Female Long Course record broken was the Country All Time & Residential 11yrs 50m Butterfly which was reduced from Shania Eliassen of Mandurah's time of 0:32.49 to Jasper Barnett of Country WA's new time of 0:31.23, representing a 4.03% improvement.

The Oldest Female Short Course record broken was achieved by Jasper Barnett in the 11yrs 50m Breaststroke, on 2 September 2023, superseding the record previously held by Jemma Hawkins of Mandurah, set on 30 July 2005, a record which had stood for 18yrs and 34 days.

The most improved Female Short Course record broken was the Country All Time & Country Residential 11yrs 50m Butterfly which was reduced from Heidi Gstaettner of Peel Aquatic's time of 0:32.10 to Jasper Barnett of Country WA's new time of 0:30.22, representing a 6.22% improvement.

More detailed tables follow on the next few pages.

Over the course of the last season, I have migrated the Swimming WA records to the Swimming WA website, such that Male & Female Long Course and Short Course records are now viewable for readily viewable. Also, during this period, I have started

compiling our Multi-Class Records for Male & Female Long & Short Course Records. This is a very big job, as we must delve back into the history of swimming, researching from many years of competitions that have been held. We must check age, gender and classification. The starting point was looking at World Records, then Oceania Records, then Australian Open & Age Multi Class Records. When we find a record at this level, this generally becomes our State Record. In the meantime, with the more recent results, these times will be considered the fastest times, until the research determines that there is a faster historical time. It is a long

process, but we are up for the challenge of researching this to ensure there is integrity in determining who the ultimate State Record holder is for each event.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Chris McMillan of MySwimResults for his extensive library of swim results, which assists in the research of the records.

Tony Ball

Swimming WA Records Officer
Swimming WA Country Records Officer

Summary of Top Record Breaking Clubs 2023-2024

Club	Long Course				Short Course				Grand Total
	All Comers	All Time	Residential	Total	All Comers	All Time	Residential	Total	
Breakers	8	31	21	60	7	8	8	23	83
Highlanders	1	8	13	22					22
UWA West Coast	1	9	9	19	1	1	1	3	22
South Shore	2	4	4	10	2	1	2	5	15
St Hilda's		6	6	12					12
Westside Christchurch Aquatic					2	3	4	9	9
Rockingham					1	1	1	3	3
North Coast		2		2					2
Western Sprint		2		2					2
Peel Aquatic						1	1	2	2
Total	12	62	53	127	13	15	17	45	172

Summary of Top Record Breaking Clubs – Country 2023-2024

Club	Long Course				Short Course				Grand Total
	All Comers	All Time	Residential	Total	All Comers	All Time	Residential	Total	
Peel Aquatic					2	20	23	45	45
Bunbury		17	5	22		4	4	8	30
Australind		3	3	6		2	2	4	10
Mandurah		2	2	4		1	1	2	6
Busselton		5		5					5
Total		27	10	37	2	27	30	59	96

Summary of Individual Female Records – Metro and International 2023-2024

Name/Club	Long Course				Short Course				Grand Total
	WA All Comers	WA All Time	WA Residential	Total	WA All Corners	WA All Time	WA Residential	Total	
Iona Anderson Breakers		21	7	28	7	8	8	23	51
Lucy Porter Westside Christ Church Aquatic/St Hilda's		5	2	7		1	1	2	9
Sylvia Czajko UWA West Coast		2	4	6					6
Ciara Conroy South Shore	1	2	2	5					5
Mia-Maria Gstaettner Rockingham					1	1	1	3	3
Isabel Sheldrick St Hilda's		1		1					1
Sienna Hepworth St Hilda's			1	1					1
Total Female Records	1	31	16	48	8	10	10	28	76

Summary of Individual Male Records – Metro and International 2023-2024

Name/Club	Long Course				Short Course				Grand Total
	WA All Comers	WA All Time	WA Residential	Total	WA All Corners	WA All Time	WA Residential	Total	
Tex Cross Highlanders	1	4	7	12					12
Jack Woods South Shore	1	2	2	5	2	1	2	5	10
Joshua Yong UWA West Coast		4	2	6					6
Tom Wyatt Breakers		1	4	5					5
Sean Alcorn Peel Aquatic/St Hilda's			3	3	1		1	2	5
Johann Szymanski Highlanders		2	2	4					4
Darren Qu Breakers	1	1	1	3					3
Jackson Anderson Highlanders		2	1	3					3
Ashton Brinwkworth UWA West Coast					1	1	1	3	3
Beau Mephram Western Sprint		2		2					2
Kyle Lee North Coast		2		2					2
Daniel Boshart Highlanders			1	1					1
Lucas Fackerell Breakers			1	1					1
Xavier Collins Westside Christ Church Aquatic							1	1	1
Total Male Records	3	20	24	47	4	2	5	11	58
Grand Totals	4	51	40	95	12	12	15	39	134

Summary of Individual Female Records – Country 2023-2024

Name/Club	Long Course			Short Course			Grand Total		
	FEMALE	State	All Time Residential	Total	State	All Time Residential		Total	
Ingrid Blandford Bunbury		16	4	20		4	4	8	28
Jasper Barnett Unattached WA		2	2	4		7	7	14	18
Isla Hands Bunbury		1	1	2					2
Total Female Records		19	7	26		11	11	22	48

Summary of Individual Male Records – Country 2022-2023

Name/Club	Long Course			Short Course			Grand Total		
	MALE	State	All Time Residential	Total	State	All Time Residential		Total	
Sean Alcorn Peel Aquatic					2	17	20	39	39
Jay Pfoeffler Australind		2	2	4		2	2	4	8
Kalel Jacinto Mandurah		2	2	4					4
George Williams Peel Aquatic						2	2	4	4
Marcus Van Rooyen Busselton		2		2					2
Adam Chillingworth Peel Aquatic						1	1	2	2
Total Male Records		6	4	10	2	22	25	49	59
Grand Totals		25	11	36	2	33	36	71	107

WA Athletes Competing at National Events

Australian Olympic Trials

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories	Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Sean Alcorn	St Hilda's (WA)		Tex Cross	Highlanders	
Iona Anderson	Breakers WA		Talara-Jade Dixon	St Hilda's (WA)	
Jackson Anderson	Highlanders		Liam Foley	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jamie Anderson	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club		Lauren Gastevich	Breakers WA	
Damian Badenhorst	Rockingham Swimming Club		Seria Hasebe	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Charlotte Bass	St Hilda's (WA)		Sienna Hepworth	St Hilda's (WA)	
Jordan Berryman	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S7, SB7, SM7	Samuel Hicks	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Lian Bewsher	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club		Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Swimming and Lifesaving	
Daniel Boshart	Highlanders		Kyle Lee	North Coast Swim Club	
Ethan Buckland	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club		Alessio Macri	North Coast Swim Club	
Alyssa Burgess	Breakers WA		Alec Mander	South Shore	
Matt Colliss	Highlanders		Inez Miller	Penix Swim Club Inc.	
Tyrone Crees	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club		Anna Monaghan	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Delta Cross	Highlanders		Sarah Overheu	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	

Australian Olympic Trials (continued)

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Ben Popham	Highlanders	International: S9, SB8, SM9
Lucy Porter	St Hilda's (WA)	
Thomas Prowton	Breakers WA	
Alex Saffy	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	International: S10, SB9, SM10
Alexander Sillitoe	South Lake Dolphins	
Adam Sudlow	North Coast Swim Club	

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Johann Szymanski	Highlanders	
Elyse Weston	Breakers WA	
Talia Wilkinson	St Hilda's (WA)	
Rosie Wilson	North Coast Swim Club	
Jayden Yong	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Joshua Yong	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	

Australian Open Championships

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Joshua Agnihotri	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Sean Alcorn	St Hilda's (WA)	
Iona Anderson	Breakers WA	
Jackson Anderson	Highlanders	
Jamie Anderson	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Damian Badenhorst	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Charlotte Bass	St Hilda's (WA)	
Ashton Brinkworth	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Ethan Buckland	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Alyssa Burgess	Breakers WA	
Dylan Burgess	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Talara-Ja Dixon de	St Hilda's (WA)	
Pia Donovan	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Crystal Edwards	Breakers WA	
Charlotte Ericksen	Breakers WA	
Neeve Fasher	St Hilda's (WA)	
Hayden Ferguson	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Dayesha Ferris	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Liam Foley	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Lucinda Foley	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S8, SB8, SM8
Lauren Gastevich	Breakers WA	
James Hansford	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Amie Holwill	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	National: S19, SB19, SM19

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Sally Hunter	Central Aquatic Swimming and Lifesaving	
William Loekito	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Maeve McKenna	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Thomas Michael	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Joshua Nowrojee	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Joshua Pental	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Tegan Reder	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	International: S11, SB11, SM11
Kelton Rothnie	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Hayden Schwinkowski	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Isabel Sheldrick	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Adam Sudlow	North Coast Swim Club	
Johann Szymanski	Highlanders	
Jett Walker	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Kate Wallington	Unattached WA	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Elyse Weston	Breakers WA	
Talia Wilkinson	St Hilda's (WA)	
Taine Williams	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Lucas Wilson	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Tom Wyatt	Breakers WA	
Jayden Yong	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Joshua Yong	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	

2024 Australian Age & MC Age Championships

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Hannah Abdulrahim	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Ali Al Naser	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Sean Alcorn	St Hilda's (WA)	
Jackson Anderson	Highlanders	
Lucia Anderson	Kwinana	
Tom Anderson	Breakers WA	
Daniel Angelevski	Riverside Swimming Club	
Jemma Apps	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jack Ashby	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Poppy Ashby	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Danilo Barros	South Lake Dolphins	
Louise Barton	St Hilda's (WA)	
Ethan Beardmore	South Lake Dolphins	
Thomas Beardmore	South Lake Dolphins	
Xander Beaver	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Jordan Berryman	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S7, SB7, SM7
Madelyn Bertolini	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Lian Bewsher	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Ingrid Blandford	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Thomas Blandford	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	
Daniel Boshart	Highlanders	
Arabella Bowie	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Freya Bowyer	Breakers WA	
Bailey Bradbrook	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Joseph Bridgman	Breakers WA	
Alexander Broadbent	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Isabelle Brockhurst	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Bridgette Brodalka	Highlanders	
Fletcher Bromwell	Highlanders	
Oliver Browne	North Coast Swim Club	
Reece Brown-Neaves	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Abbey Burgess	Breakers WA	
Isabel Burton	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Zara Mariyle Callo	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Valentina Caminita	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Rebecca Camm	Busselton Swimming Club	
Bronte Campbell	St Hilda's (WA)	

2024 Australian Age & MC Age Championships (continued)

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Sam Carmignani	Breakers WA	
Flynn Carroll	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Frederick Chaney	Highlanders	
Thomas Cheeseman	Breakers WA	
Liviya Chen	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Xavier Collins	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Ciara Conroy	South Shore	
Gracie Cooper	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Sam Coveney (V)	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Delta Cross	Highlanders	
Tex Cross	Highlanders	
Grace Czajko	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Sylvia Czajko	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Bel Dabic	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Abby Davies	Highlanders	
Charlie Davis	Highlanders	
Eddie Davis	Highlanders	
Yani Davis	Karratha Swim Club	
Eliza Dawson	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jaxon Debono	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Atlan Devin	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jorja Donnan	Highlanders	
Alexander Drain	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Brielle Dredge	Kwinana	
Mia Dunbar	South Shore	
Lucy Dutton	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Nikolay Dwyer	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Daniel Eve	South Shore	
Rose Evitt	Central Aquatic Swimming and Lifesaving	
Lucas Fackerell	Breakers WA	
Harrison Farmer	Breakers WA	
Hayden Ferguson	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Paige Flowerdew	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Teagan Flowerdew	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Eleanor Flowers	North Coast Swim Club	
Rebekah Fraser	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	National: S15, SB15, SM15
Annabelle Frederic	South Lake Dolphins	
Jorden Friesema	Breakers WA	
Braden Fyneman	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
George Galvin	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Aliyah Ghonem	South Lake Dolphins	
Amy Greenwell-Roberts	South Lake Dolphins	
Heidi Gstaettner	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Mackenzie Hall	Breakers WA	
Callum Hancock	Breakers WA	
Katie Hankin	Breakers WA	
Niamgh Harrington	Kwinana	
Archer Harrison	Highlanders	
Dana Harrison	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Amber Head	St Hilda's (WA)	
Sienna Hepworth	St Hilda's (WA)	
Eli Hickman	South Shore	
Samuel Hicks	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Morgan Hill	Australind Swimming Club	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Lachlan Ison	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Liam Ison	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Kalel Jacinto	Mandurah Swimming Club	
Kaitlyn James	All Saints' Swimming Club	
Austin Janssens	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Amy Joyce	Belmont Aquajets	
Daisy Kammermann	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Miranda Kiewiet	Australind Swimming Club	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Emma Lam	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Conor Langlands	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Liam Leach	Riverside Swimming Club	
Jaxon Lewis	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Madison Lill	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Tristan Lin	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Matthew Loffler	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Abbie Loraine	Highlanders	
Mitchell Lourey	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jessica Louw	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Benjamin Manning	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Javier Marginet	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Alice Massey	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Hudson May	Western Sprint Swimming Club	
Zachary McCamley	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Amelie McKeon	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Beau Mephram	Western Sprint Swimming Club	
Inez Miller	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Eilidh Milne	South Lake Dolphins	
Alyssa Monaco	St Hilda's (WA)	
Bianca Monaco	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Declan Mould	South Shore	
James Neal	Breakers WA	
Sean Ng	South Lake Dolphins	
Liam Noid	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Archie O'Beirne	Busselton Swimming Club	
Lily O'Meara	Busselton Swimming Club	
Luke O'Sullivan	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Zach O'Sullivan	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Zack Palandri	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Josephine Peirce	Breakers WA	
Ashton Phelan	All Saints' Swimming Club	
Max Phua	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Pamoana Pirikahu	Busselton Swimming Club	
Sienna Pitt	South Lake Dolphins	
Lucy Porter	St Hilda's (WA)	
Anouk Potter	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Ethan Potter	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Joshua Powell	Breakers WA	
Thomas Prowton	Breakers WA	
Anisha Raja Azizi	Western Sprint Swimming Club	
Jacob Ray	Riverton Aquanauts Incorporated	
Brooklyn Rayne	Busselton Swimming Club	
Madison Rayne	Busselton Swimming Club	
Kian Reader	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Mila Reyes	North Coast Swim Club	
Sam Reynolds	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Violet Reynolds	Busselton Swimming Club	
Elijah Rowles	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S10, SB9, SM10
Lachlan Rowles	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	National: S8, SB7, SM8
Isabella Russell	Highlanders	
Lucas Ryan	Breakers WA	
Mia Salamone	Breakers WA	
Linus Schad	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Eloise Sheldrick	St Hilda's (WA)	
Isabel Sheldrick	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	

Australian Open Water Championships

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Alexander Sillitoe	South Lake Dolphins	
Helen Smith	Highlanders	
Tadhg Smith	Breakers WA	
Angelina Smythe	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Charlie Spencer	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Emma Stewart	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Maisy Stuart	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Charlotte Swann	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Nicholas Swiericzuk	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Griffin Szczecinski	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Johann Szymanski	Highlanders	
Kaiyo Tan	Kwinana	
Luciana Taraborrelli	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Sophia Tarman	Breakers WA	
Ryan Teh	South Shore	
Rebecca Tuitupou	Kwinana	
Alexey Ulupov	Kwinana	National: S6, SB5, SM6
Kaydee Van Deventer	Highlanders	
Marcus Van Rooyen	Busselton Swimming Club	
Tristan van Waas	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Kate Wallington	Unattached WA	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Christian Watson	South Shore	
Charles Westran	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Jesse Whyte	Breakers WA	
Charlie Williams	St Hilda's (WA)	
Kaiya Williams	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Sheldon Williams	Breakers WA	
Taine Williams	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Jurgens Wilson	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Lua Wilson	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Telani Woodham	UWA-West Coast Swimming Club	
Jack Woods	South Shore	
Alexis Wright	Australind Swimming Club	
Lara Wright	Breakers WA	
Boston Yoong	South Shore	
Romeo Zver	Rockingham Swimming Club	

Name	Club	Multi Class Categories
Natasha Angelidis	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Lian Bewsher	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Robert Bonsall	North Coast Swim Club	
Rowan Brown	North Coast Swim Club	
Oliver Browne	North Coast Swim Club	
Cambel Cleghorn	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Xavier Collins	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Max Coten	City of Perth Swimming Club	
Flynn Czaplinski	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Marc Dickson	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Niamh Dickson	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Ariane Diggins	Busselton Swimming Club	
Thomas Dreverman	South Shore	
Lucas Fazari	Scarborough Beach Swimming Club	
Charmaine Ferguson	South Lake Dolphins	
Hayden Ferguson	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Eleanor Flowers	North Coast Swim Club	
Stella Freeman	City of Perth Swimming Club	
Hayden Heading	North Coast Swim Club	
Amie Holwill	Bunbury Swimming Club Incorporated	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Grace Hope	Guildford & Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club	
Meg Hopkins	Central Aquatic Swimming and Lifesaving	
Ben Jones	North Coast Swim Club	
Ruby McLellan	Busselton Swimming Club	
Aidan Mills	North Coast Swim Club	
Bianca Monaco	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Andrew Morris	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Christine Murray	Scarborough Beach Swimming Club	
Finn O'Neill	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Katie Otway	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Zoe Packer	Breakers WA	
Alyssa Peake	Southside Penrhos Wesley Swimming Club	
Luke Petite	South Shore	
Sienna Pitt	South Lake Dolphins	
Mila Reyes	North Coast Swim Club	
Kristian Seidl	Westside Christ Church Aquatic Club	
Adam Sudlow	North Coast Swim Club	
Jaimee Traeger	South Shore	
Kate Wallington	Unattached WA	National: S19, SB19, SM19
Emma Warburton	Highlanders	
Rene Watson	City of Perth Swimming Club	
Rebekah Weller	Rockingham Swimming Club	
Jack Wilson	North Coast Swim Club	
Jurgens Wilson	Fenix Swim Club Inc.	
Rosie Wilson	North Coast Swim Club	
Samuel Zollner	South Shore	



Brief Summary of records created or broken by WA Swimmers at Interstate or Overseas Swim Meets or Records broken or created in WA due to National Events, in chronological order.

Date	Occasion
08 July 2023	2023 Swimming WA Age & Open Qualifier
22 July 2023	2022 Swimming WA Short Course Qual Meet # 2
04 August 2023	2023 Hancock Prospecting SWA State Open & Age SC Championships
13 August 2023	2023 Perth City Short Course Classic Carnival
26 August 2023	2023 Japan Junior Olympic Cup
27 August 2023	2023 School Sport Australian Swimming Championships
02 September 2023	2023 Swimming WA Junior Championships
05 September 2023	2023 Junior World Championships
27 September 2023	2023 New Zealand Tri Series
22 October 2023	2023 Bunbury Open Carnival
12 November 2023	2023 UWA West Coast Challenge
18 November 2023	2023 Swimming WA LC Qualifying Meet # 2
03 December 2023	2023 Swimming WA Age & Open Qualifier
10 December 2023	2023 Queensland Swimming Championships
15 December 2023	2023-24 Hancock Prospecting WA State Open & Age Championships
19 December 2023	2023-24 Hancock Prospecting WA State Relay Championships
06 January 2024	2024 Swimming WA Country Championships
09 February 2024	2024 Swimming WA Club Premierships A Grade
18 February 2024	2024 Swimming WA Junior Challenge & National Prep Meet # 1
17 March 2024	2024 Swimming WA National Preparation Meet 2
24 March 2024	2024 Aqua Technics WA State LC Junior Championships
08 April 2024	2024 Australian Age & MC Age Championships
18 April 2024	2024 Australian Open & Snr Age Championships
18 May 2024	2024 Swimming WA Winter Season Opener LC
10 June 2024	2024 Australian Swimming Trials

Total



		WA All Comers Record	WA All Comers State Relay Record	WA All Comers Club Relay Record	WA All Time Record	WA All Time State Relay Record	WA All Time Club Relay Record	WA Residential Record	WA Residential State Relay Record	WA Residential Club Relay Record	Country All Time	Country All Time Relay Club Record	Country Residential	Country Residential Relay Club Record	Total
	LC/SC	ACW	ACS	ACC	WAT	WATS	WATC	RE	RES	REC	CAT	CATC	CR	CREC	
Home	SC										9		12		21
Home	SC	1			1			2							4
Home	SC	10	1	1	9	1	1	12	1	1	15		15		67
Home	SC	1			1			1							3
Away	LC				2										2
Away	LC					2					1		1		4
Home	SC										9	1	9	1	20
Away	LC				4										4
Away	SC				1	1									12
Home	LC										4		4		8
Home	LC							1							1
Home	LC				1			3			2		2		8
Home	LC							1							1
Away	LC				4										4
Home	LC	4			6			26			2		2		40
Home	LC	1		2	2	2	2	2	3	3		1		1	19
Home	LC										1		1		2
Home	LC	1		3	1	2	2	1	3	4					17
Home	LC							1							1
Home	LC	1			2			4							7
Home	LC										1		1		2
Away	LC				13	4	1				14	3			35
Away	LC				5	1	1								7
Home	LC				1			1							2
Away	LC				10										10
Total		19	1	6	63	23	7	55	7	8	58	5	47	2	301





Development

Supporting Clubs, Coaches and Officials to develop and achieve

Development

Club Education and Presentations

Angie Bain Seminar

Angie Bain, Head of Wellbeing at the Fremantle Dockers, spoke to our clubs about the importance of Psychological Safety and what initiatives they can apply now to ensure everybody feels safe in their workplace or volunteer space. The benefit of psychological safety extends to the overall culture of our swimming clubs, where teams celebrate success, and learn from failure, whilst creating respectful and inclusive environments for all.

Classification Webinar

Swimming WA also hosted an online webinar explaining Classification, what it is and what it means for families thinking about getting children classified. The insights provided by Swimming WA's Inclusion Coordinator and the Classifiers, provided a deeper understanding of the process and alleviated some concerns from the 20 online parent attendees. With the increasing prevalence of multi-class swimmers in school swimming competitions, it was also a forum for educating schools and providing them with the necessary information for distribution to their teachers and families.



Club Hub

Club Hub was launched in October 2023 and is a dedicated one-stop shop for resources, templates and information designed to help our affiliated swimming clubs in their day-to-day operations. The purpose is to reduce the number of hours volunteers spend scrolling google to find information; now it's all located in one easy-to-access place. Encompassing resources covering constitution templates to coach administration, from social media tiles to information on creating positive environments for kids, our clubs can now access what they need from a single place. It is a live platform, and feedback from the administrators in our clubs means

we can add new resources regularly, based on what clubs are looking for at the time. Club Hub is available to the executive committee members of all SWA affiliated clubs, using generic club email addresses to log in.



Regional Servicing

Swimming WA's investment into regional swimming in Western Australia is crucial for nurturing the next generation of talented athletes and ensuring equitable opportunity across the state. By channelling funding and resources into regional swimming, we not only support the physical and mental development of young athletes but also foster a sense of community pride and achievement. Access to quality coaching, facilities, and competitions in regional areas is often limited compared to metropolitan areas, making targeted investment essential for levelling the playing field. This investment doesn't just benefit individual athletes; it strengthens the entire sporting

ecosystem, developing a pipeline of skilled swimmers (and coaches) who can compete at higher levels regionally, nationally, and even internationally. Our regional programs also drive positive community health and social outcomes by promoting active lifestyles, growing participation and offering positive role models for young people.

Swimming WA staff visited each of our regions across the 2023-24 season delivering development opportunities for our members, and fostering our relationships with clubs, local shires, government representatives and the wider aquatic sports industry.

Capacity building in the regions

Coach and Swim Teacher development in regional areas is vital for driving local participation and capacity growth. At each of the nine regional clinics there was dedicated time for local coaches and teachers to speak with and ask questions of our travelling coaches, aiming to upskill and educate as well as develop a 'buddy' relationship for ongoing communication and mentoring. A total of 31 coach and teacher attendees also received pool deck mentoring. This experience is about building confidence and skills, developing a culture of continuous improvement and providing a richer experience for the region's swimmers.

This season also saw Regional Coaching Scholarships awarded to Renee Anderson, from Quairading, and Narelle Bernhardt from Kalgoorlie, to access the Swimming Australia Development Coach Course, a natural next step in their coaching journeys. Congratulations to both; we look forward to monitoring their future progress.

As we look ahead to the 2024-25 season, our investment in regional swimming, underpinned by the generous support of DLGSCI, promises an exciting future of growth and opportunity. We aim to continue to grow regional

participation opportunities, develop innovative programs to attract new swimmers and nurture existing talent, and to foster a culture of inclusivity and excellence in the regions. Swimming WA is excited to see how these initiatives will inspire and empower the next generation of swimmers across our regions, creating pathways for success both in and out of the pool.

Regional Networking

Our Regional Swimming bi-monthly newsletter keeps regional members up to date with the work Swimming WA is doing to continue to provide development opportunities for all members, whether they are athletes, coaches, teachers, officials or volunteers.

The inaugural Regional Networking Event in Geraldton was a resounding success, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of collaboration and community spirit among attendees. Coaches, Teachers, Technical Officials and volunteers shared their insights and experiences in swimming, highlighting our regional potential and celebrating its unique strengths. A hot topic was Swimming WA's focus on regional swimming in our new 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, with consultation aimed at ensuring funding and resources are allocated to enhance local initiatives, support sustainable club development and grow participation in the regions.

Fuel to Go & Play Club Excellence

In its second year, the Fuel to Go & Play Club Excellence Program kicked off during the 2023 Club Conference. WA's community swimming clubs are the foundation of swimming in Western Australia and are pivotal to the future growth prospects of the sport. The aim of the Club Excellence program is to provide the support, the tools, and incentives for all swimming clubs, no matter how large or small, to achieve

a minimum standard of club governance and administration, as the platform for growing the sport responsibly and sustainably. The Program, additionally, incentives, recognizes and rewards clubs for going further and ultimately pursuing excellence in their club's management.

Overall **Healthway Healthy Club of Year 2024** winner – Rockingham Swimming Club.

Congratulations to all the other clubs achieving our Club Excellence standards in 2023-24. They are as follows.

GOLD:

- Guildford Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club
- Mandurah Swimming Club
- Curtin University Victoria Park
- City of Perth Swimming Club
- Rockingham Swimming Club
- Breakers Swim Club
- Riverton Swimming Club

SILVER:

- Central Aquatic Swimming Club
- Scarborough Swimming Club

BRONZE:

- Armadale Kelmscott Swimming Club
- Mount Barker Swimming Club
- Newman Churchlands Swimming Club
- Australind Swimming Club
- Northam Swimming Club
- Kwinana Swimming Club

Coach and Teacher Development

Developing and supporting WA's swim coaches is a vital part of the work we do. They are the lifeblood of the sport and pivotal to both the success and experience of swimmers in the club community.

Delivering coach education and professional development is a key role we play. In 2023-24, we provided six coaching courses in total, three Development and three Foundation Coaching Courses.

WA continued the delivery of the Swim Aus Development Coaching Course which saw a change from a one-day day model of delivery to an intensive two-day model. This enabled coaches to get practical experience as well education and learning during the course.

Swimming WA's Annual Conference was extended to add two days of coach education and learning, as well as opportunities for Technical Officials. This was possible with support from DLGSCI's Coach and Officiating Grants Program. A total of 15 regional coaches and TO's were provided travel allowances to attend the event.

In the Conference we ran a broad range of coaching workshops, seven in total. They included the following:

- Making the Grind Fun (Mel Tantrum Swim Aus)
- Dry Land: Keeping Swimmers Swimming (Chris Perry WAIS)
- Managing Athlete Training Load (Gary Barclay Swim Aus)
- Swimmers Welfare (Amanda Schonfeld WAIS)
- Psychological Safety for Athletes (Gary Barclay Swim Aus)
- Positively and Holistically Influencing a Swimmers Physical Development (Ali Disher Swim Aus)

In another initiative, fortnightly to monthly Coach & Teacher updates were delivered, sending out important news and information to coaches directly, to keep them up to date.



Technical Official Development

The dedication, expertise and time, substantially weekend hours, that our Technical Officials bring to Swimming WA's events is invaluable; without their contribution we could not offer anything like the opportunity for young swimmers that we do.

During 2023-24, we continued to offer education and professional development opportunities for Technical Officials. The courses and workshops we offered included three online Foundations of Officiating Course and three of the same course in-person. In addition, we delivered a Rules in Practice webinar and an Introduction to Open Water Officiating workshop.

Mirroring what we provided for coaches, a fortnightly to monthly e-newsletter for Technical Officials was initiated, with the same objective of keeping them abreast of important news and information in the officiating space.

This year the Bob Bestman Scholarships for Technical Officials were awarded to Maricel Van De Nadort, Ronald Romeo and Taleisha Hurford. They were richly deserved.

Technical, Education and Officials Committee Report

Once again ongoing development of Officials remains a priority to our Technical Committee, both in the Pool and at Open Water events. We are seeing some excellent Officials moving through the Pathways towards higher qualifications, but we need our Club members to consider moving into Officiating roles to continue to see our Meets running well. This is a benefit to Clubs for their official recognition of Time Trial results and the running of Club Meets.

Our high standard of officiating in WA is evidenced by the number of Technical Officials being selected to

work at International and National level Meets. Over the past year, in what has been a very full Calendar of events, the following people represented Swimming WA:

- *World Championships Fukuoka 2023:* Ryan Arblaster and Kaye Bolger.
- *National SC 2023:* Mhairi Doherty, Neil Doherty, Deb Doody, Taleisha Hurford, Dot Harris and Nick Short.
- *Pacific Games 2023:* Ian Arblaster, Ryan Arblaster, Kylie Baker and Steve Hill.
- *National Open Water 2024:* Robyn Arblaster, Kylie Baker, Sarita Bennett, Caron Bennier, Jim Bolger, Kaye Bolger, Stella Cararra, Deb Doody, Mark Foster, Helen Harding, Steve Hill, Katherine Hurford, Steve Jones, Ron Rome, Brie Runeckles, Lois Runeckles and Trevor Verran.
- *National Age and MC 2024:* Kylie Baker, Kim Blake, Kaye Bolger, Mhairi Doherty, Neil Doherty, Katherine Hurford and Ron Romeo.
- *National Open 2024:* Ian Arblaster, Robyn Arblaster, Kaye Bolger, Deb Doody, Dot Harris, Steve Hill, Katherine Hurford, Jacqui McNamara, Darren Michael and Ray Pearce.
- *Olympic Trials 2024:* Kaye Bolger, Neil Doherty, Jacqui McNamara, Nick Short and Maricel Van de Nadort.

Congratulations to all of the above and, while it is fantastic to be able to acknowledge so many WA Officials at the elite level, we also appreciate all of our Technical Officials working at State, Regional and Club level and thank you for your dedication and support of our swimmers.

Thank you also to the contribution from Committee members who continue to work for the benefit of all involved in our great sport.

Kaye Bolger
Chief Referee SWA



Commercial Sustainability

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For Swimming WA, like most State Sporting Associations, growing financial capacity is a challenge. Unlike a few of the privileged major sports, swimming does not have a major annual event, League franchise or similar, with the valuable media rights, spectator and sponsorship income that these assets can deliver. We have been traditionally largely dependent on income derived from Membership and government grants, with greater variability around sponsorship and other commercial income generated.

Our membership and club affiliation fees, as well as Government grant income will always be pillars of our commercial model, and happily grant income was appreciably higher in 2023-24. However, the club model is challenging across the spectrum of sports. Young (and older) people have more choice than ever in where to spend their recreational time and money and prefer greater flexibility in their commitments. Such factors are compounded at present by pressure on disposable incomes in a higher interest rate environment. Like most sports we can't rely on membership fee growth to prosper.

We remain committed to meeting these challenges by diversifying our income. Continuing to improve our swimming event offering, based substantially on a user-pay model, is one pillar of this strategy. In recent years, our Pool events have delivered consistent financial results. Entry demand is

typically strong and, in the main, only limited by more stringent qualifying times attached to our State Championships (where preservation of event integrity is required). The Open Water Series, as a commercial prospect, has been more variable. 2022-23 saw weaker entries against a background of rising costs. Thankfully, our pre-season review of the Series delivered very strong entry income in 2023-24 and good cost control, for a much-improved financial result.

We also need and will seek to expand our partnership (sponsorship) income. We have an extraordinarily healthy sport - both in terms of health attributes and image or brand - with a large participant base. We will continue to seek to leverage these to build our partnership income. To do so we need to work as a team with our clubs because prospective commercial partners seek to access the value from building connection to the wider swimming community in WA. With the greater financial capacity that this delivers, Swimming WA can in turn offer more to our clubs and the swimming community. Growing sponsorship in sport is harder than it once was, not least because of the many more digital marketing channels available to corporates and the perceived clearer Return on Investment prospects they offer. We are, however, extremely pleased, on the back of work done in 2023-24, to have signed Insurance Commission of WA to a three-year partnership agreement for 2024-2027. This will see Swimming WA proudly promote the Belt-Up campaign through WA's swimming community in the coming years.





Partnerships

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The 2023-24 year in swimming was one of consolidation after the prior year, the first free of COVID for some time. We have emerged with the same strong and loyal portfolio of partners without whom we could not deliver the rich calendar of events and programs we offer annually. We are grateful for the ongoing funding and support of each, and every, one of them.

Principal Partner – Hancock Prospecting

Swimming WA has enjoyed the support of Hancock Prospecting, our Principal Partner, for over 31 years, over twice the lifetime of many of our swimmers. We remain proud to have a pillar of the WA economy and leader on the world stage in our corner. The support Hancock Prospecting provides Swimming WA is vital, underpinning our staffing capacity and so much of what we offer, from delivery of our Pool Meet calendar to athlete programs, club support and awards. As we approach the Paris Olympics at the time of writing, there are four West Australian athletes about to take to the Olympic stage, each of whom will have benefited from the support of Hancock Prospecting in one form or another through their swimming journey. We extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Rinehart and her team at Hancock Prospecting for their unwavering support, and the opportunity they provide to so many young swimmers in WA.

Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries

DLGSCI continues to provide significant annual funding to Swimming WA, dedicated to the delivery of our core business and the opportunities we offer in the regions, through our Regional Servicing Grant. In 2023-24, the Department also provided grant funding for the year's Coaching and Officiating Conference, the inaugural WA's Big Ocean Relay, for a series of Open Water Swimming clinics and professional development opportunities for our staff. Aside from funding, the department offers year-round support and development opportunities across a broad range of areas vital to the delivery of our sport as a State Sporting Association.

This amounts to a very significant contribution, which enables Swimming WA to offer so much more opportunity to our swimming community and for which we are extremely grateful.

Gold Level Partners

Our long-standing partnership with Healthway continues to reinforce healthy eating messaging across a broad spectrum of our activity, from the OWS Series to Pool competition and club development. Our Club Excellence program is supported by Healthway, and is a key pillar of our work to support and incentivize the continued growth and development of our affiliated clubs. We are grateful for the support Healthway provides and for the contribution our partnership makes to developing healthy young athletes and people in our swimming community.

Silver Level Partners

Aquatic Leisure Technologies (Aqua Technics) are another longstanding sponsor of Swimming WA, our exclusive partner in Commercial and Residential swimming pool manufacture and sales. In 2023-24 we changed the focus of the partnership, bringing Aqua Technics on as the naming title sponsor of the Junior LC State Championships. This is a marquee event in the Swimming WA calendar providing significant exposure to our core audience, kids and young families. They generously continue to offer the Aqua Technics Rising Star awards, the Age Swimmer Scholarship, and the Ben Beale Memorial Award.

Bronze Level Partners

New Town Toyota was once again a very active partner in 2022-23. Our staff proudly drove NTT and SWA branded vehicles throughout the year – a Hilux, Kluger and Yaris – as part of the partnership. New Town Toyota, for the third year in a row, played host to our National Excellence Awards where we welcomed home and recognized our Australian National Championships' medalists and finalists. They also partnered with us to present the Scarborough Round of the OWS Series.

Sports Entertainment Network (SEN) radio became a partner of Swimming WA for the first time in 2023-24. This was an exciting development that gives us greater and more regular promotional exposure, primarily focused on the OWS Series. SEN is the radio voice of sport nationally and is growing that voice. Apart from on-air event promotion we have enjoyed seeing our young and elite athletes feature on the station, and look forward to growing the media profile of the sport in the future via the partnership.



Official Suppliers

In 2023-24, we continued to enjoy partnerships with SwimTek, Mecca Sports, Sports Centre and Formidable Strength and Conditioning, each of whom supply great service and value to Swimming WA and the WA swimming community at large. We encourage our clubs to make our preferred suppliers a first port of call for their needs.

Event Partners

Swimming WA would like to take this opportunity to thank Western Australian Institute of Sport for their continued support of Swimming WA, our Athlete Pathway program and our young athletes. Their work in developing elite athletes is vital in ensuring our most promising athletes can continue their swimming journey and aspire to compete and excel on the world stage.



OWS Series Partners

Our OWS Series, now 17 years old, is unique in Australia. Offering large community swims in ocean settings does not come cheap, largely due to the significant cost of providing extensive but vital water safety and a drop-in full event infrastructure on the day of each event. These events would not be possible without the generous funding and support of the Local Government Authorities, in whose jurisdictions we have chosen to locate them.

A big thanks to:

- City of Bunbury
- City of Busselton
- City of Cockburn
- City of Fremantle
- City of Joondalup
- City of Rockingham
- City of Stirling





Media and Marketing

Engaging with the Western Australian community

Media & Marketing

Marketing is an area where Swimming WA's financial capacity is limited and where, as a result, we must be very targeted and relatively frugal in our approach. To this end, in 2023-24, we again based our marketing and media strategy primarily on Social Media activity, which has proven to be particularly effective and best-value-for-money in grass roots sport in recent times.

We have continued to focus primarily on Facebook and Instagram. It is pleasing that our audiences in each are consistently growing, with 9,800 followers on Facebook and 5,333 followers on Instagram. Swimming WA produces specific content that meets each platform's needs. Instagram, for example, is our visual storytelling platform, harnessing the power of videos to better engage our followers, from coach stories to uplifting footage of our swimming events.



Social Media Performance

Metrics	Swimming WA		OWS Series	
	Facebook	Instagram	Facebook	Instagram
Followers	9.8K	5,333	6K	2.5K
Growth	▲15.7%	▲2.8%	▲6.4%	▲25%
Reach	1.9M	13K	149.1K	12.8K
Growth	▲197.1%	▲116.8%	▲42.3%	▼51.4%
Engagement	7.2K	1.5K	371	660
Growth	▼32%	▲77.7%	▼73.5%	▼79.1%

Our efforts on social media have delivered strong outcomes. Although there are opportunities for improvement, including in our engagement statistics, the overall increase in followers and reach highlights our dedication to improving our online presence and reaching a wider audience.

Swimming WA's monthly e-newsletter, *Western Swimmer*, is a vital communication tool for our swimming community. With a solid audience of 16,000-plus, it continues to keep members informed and engaged. The addition of our *Open Water Series E-News* has enabled us to target our open water swimmers, keeping them informed on upcoming events.

In the past year, the Swimming WA website has seen impressive traffic, with 90,000 users. Most of this traffic came from organic searches, indicating strong visibility and relevance in search engine results. Our Events page received 53,000 views, indicating a high level of interest in our competitions and events.

Delivering substantial traditional media coverage in swimming in WA is challenging. It is no secret that the very large sports, and AFL in particular, dominate the airwaves and column inches. We promote our stories and content to major media outlets on a regular basis and will continue to be as creative as we can in doing so. However, we cannot control the media's response.

Partnerships

In the 2023-24 season, we partnered with Sports Entertainment Network (SEN), a leading multi-platform content and entertainment group focused on sports. This collaboration has been focused primarily on the Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series but is also enhancing our reach more broadly throughout Western Australia. Promotion via on-air SEN radio and SEN's regional newspapers has contributed to participation growth in the OWS Series. We look forward to continuing to define and develop this partnership, using SEN's media platform to promote our events, and for raising the profile of our swimmers through the likes of radio interviews.

Collaborations with VenuesWest and the WA Institute of Sport (WAIS) have also been highly effective. By combining our social media efforts, we have created engaging content and expanded our reach, drawing in more followers and increasing our account exposure.

Western suburbs send our finest to Paris

By JEN REWELL

Countless hours of training and commitment have paid off for three local swimmers, who are headed to the Olympic Games in Paris.

And the Subiaco man who coaches them has packed his bags too: Ben Higson has been selected as a team coach for the Australian Olympic team.

The WA crew, which includes marathon swimmer Kyle Lee, got together for a...



Swim fest returns

The Australian Open Water Championships return to Bunesson for the second consecutive year, commencing on Wednesday, 26th January.

Against the picturesque backdrop of the iconic Bunesson Jetty, some of Australia's top ocean swimmers, including WA's very own Jack Wilson, are set to compete.

Jack Wilson, Iron Niño Coast Swim Club and a recent addition to the Dolphins Swim Team in 2023, will be just one of a large field of WA open water swimmers from right across Australia.

The excitement, however, extends beyond the Championships, with the Festival of Bunesson taking place in conjunction with the event from the 26th to the 27th of January.

The festival kick off on Monday night with a free Outdoor Cinema screening of the film 'Oddball'.

Thursday brings the Bunesson Twilight Picnic, featuring live music by Scott Pearce and Stevie Music, with the beats of Fusion Groove continuing into the evening.

There'll be food vans and market stalls offering something for the whole family.

A highlight of the festival is the Community Open Water Swim, a part of Sustaining WA's Open Water Swimming Series.

Open to the public on Friday, 26th January, participants can choose from a variety of distances suitable for both beginners and experienced swimmers.

It's a great chance to swim the same course that the Australian Championships hopefuls will and be part of this unique Ocean Swim festival.

As the festival draws to a close, the final day marks the Festival of Bunesson's 10th Anniversary. A gala night at Origin Markets, starting at 6:30pm promises live music, prizes, historic displays, and speeches, providing a fitting conclusion to a week of open water swimming.

For more information visit: www.oceanswim.org.au



There is a huge schedule of entertainment and activities planned as part of the Festival of Bunesson and the Australian Open Water Championships. Picture supplied.



LEE SET FOR A SEINE SPLASH

GLEN QUARTERMAIN

The quality of the water in Paris will be the last thing on West Australian open water swimmer Kyle Lee's mind as he heads to his maiden Olympics.

Lee heads to Europe on Wednesday night along with other Olympic debutants in West Australian Institute of Sport backstroke Iona Anderson and Dunbarry's Alex Saffy has also qualified for the Paralympics.

Lee, 22, will compete in the 10km marathon swimming event in the Seine River, which snakes its way through the French capital, after qualifying with a top-10 Doha earlier this year.

There are concerns over pollution, with a testing zone at the Pont Alexandre III Bridge turning up high levels of E. coli and enterococci bacteria, but the Paris organising committee is hopeful a \$1.5-billion river clean-up will deliver a safe course.

"With open water swimming there are a lot of things you can't control and water on Wednesday, I am not going to think about it too much. I am going to focus on what I can control and trust the people making those decisions to make the best choices."

Anderson, 18 earned a spot in the squad with qualifying times in the 100m and 200m backstroke at the Australian Olympic trials. She is expected to race in the individual 100m, with Mollie O'Callaghan expected to drop the event from an already busy schedule, as well as relay heats.

The trio will be among 23 debutants on the Dolphins team.

Yong, 22, a short course world champion, comfortably qualified for the 300m breaststroke, while scraping in over 100m by 0.01 of a second.

Other home-grown swimmers are new Queensland-based, also made the team.

Saffy, 18, was selected despite narrowly missing the qualifying time in the 100m fly by 0.06 seconds.

Gold medal hopeful, WA's Nina Kennedy, recorded a season best 4:00m to win a pole vault Paris lead-up event at the Paard Nurm Games in Finland on Wednesday morning.



Joshua Yong, Iona Anderson and Kyle Lee at WAIS. Picture: Angus Bruce

New Event Streaming

The 2023 Hancock Prospecting State Championships was a major highlight in our marketing and media work, with the event being streamed, for the first time, over five days of competition. The live stream achieved 3,500 plays, engaging 1,000 unique users, for an average viewing time of 16 minutes and 26 seconds. This level of engagement emphasises the growing interest in our events and the success of our digital strategies to meet this interest.



Olympic and Paralympic Fever

More recently, we have been reminded of the power and appeal of the Olympics to raise the sport's profile. The announcement of four WA athletes joining the Australian Olympic and Paralympic teams significantly boosted Swimming WA's media presence in the latter part of the year. Our athletes were featured on major platforms including Channel Nine, Ten, The West Australian, The Post newspaper, and the Today Show with live coverage. This exposure has significantly raised our profile, with the Olympic announcement reel reaching 3,000 accounts (36.4% of which were non-followers), garnering 11,100 views and 472 interactions.

Looking ahead we will continue to look to build swimming's profile and brand here in WA through the things we can control. We will maintain a strong social media presence across all our key events and activities, to give the best possible profile to our Pool and OWS events, and all the other opportunities we offer to engage with swimming in our environment. Our sport offers unparalleled and potentially lifelong health benefits, has a very large participation base and a clean image. We will continue to promote these and other attributes of swimming in WA across all the marketing and media opportunities where we can have an impact.

Swimming WA Inc.

ABN 19 894 160 812

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 June 2024

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BOARDS' REPORT

Your Board submits the financial statements of the Swimming WA Inc. (the "Association") for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

Board Members

Mr. Darren Michael - President (Elected 9/10/21)
Ms. Kerry O'Sullivan – Vice President (Elected 29/6/23)
Ms. Libby Fulham - (Elected 8/10/22)
Mrs. Jocelyn Ryan - (Elected 8/10/22)
Mr. David Kent - (Appointed 7/6/23)
Mr. William Rollo (Elected 7/10/23)
Ms. Isabel de Jesus – (Appointed 16/11/23)
Ms. Karen Wheatland (Appointed 16/11/23)

Outgoing Board Members

Mr. David Bond - (Term expired 7/10/2023)
Mr. Robert Brauer - (Resigned 19/10/2023)

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the year were to:

- Administer the sport of swimming in Western Australia;
- Deliver pool and open water swim meets;
- Operate pre-squad training programmes; and
- Support of clubs in delivery of swimming programmes including the development of coaches, officials and volunteers.

Review and results of operations

The surplus of the Association for the year amounted to \$17,740 (2023: deficit \$202,223). The net asset position of the Association amounted to \$507,545 (2023: \$489,805).

Events subsequent to reporting date

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect, the operation of the Association, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Environmental regulation

The Association's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of any State or Territory.

Proceedings on behalf of the Association

No person has applied to the court for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Association, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Association is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Association for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Association with leave of the Court.

Indemnification of officers

The Association's Constitution provides indemnity to the officers of the Association for costs incurred, in their capacity as an officer, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the Association also paid a premium to ensure the officers of the Association against costs incurred, in their capacity as an officer, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

Indemnification of auditors

To the extent permitted by law, the Association has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd during and/or since the year ended 30 June 2024.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.

Sincerely, **Darren Michael** President



Perth, Western Australia
20 September 2024

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	4	2,828,798	2,877,070
Expenses			
Employment benefits expense		(1,411,358)	(1,463,826)
Depreciation and amortisation	6	(9,667)	(10,972)
Other expenses		(1,422,835)	(1,562,197)
Gain on disposal of assets		8,126	-
Net (deficit) from discontinued operation	18	-	(43,573)
Net expenses before finance income	5	<u>(2,835,734)</u>	<u>(3,080,568)</u>
Finance income			
Interest earned		24,676	1,275
Total finance income		<u>24,676</u>	<u>1,275</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		<u>17,740</u>	<u>(202,223)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive surplus / (deficit) for the year		<u>17,740</u>	<u>(202,223)</u>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	802,364	912,744
Trade and other receivables	8	41,408	46,701
Prepayments	9	98,729	115,211
Total current assets		942,501	1,074,656
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	10	45,247	36,624
Total non-current assets		45,247	36,624
TOTAL ASSETS		987,748	1,111,280
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	382,160	540,352
Provisions	12	69,108	57,282
Total current liabilities		451,268	597,634
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	12	28,935	23,841
Total Non-current liabilities		28,935	23,841
TOTAL LIABILITIES		480,203	621,475
NET ASSETS		507,545	489,805
Members funds			
Reserves	13	531,000	531,000
Accumulated deficit		(23,455)	(41,195)
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		507,545	489,805

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Accumulated surplus / (deficit)	Business continuity reserve	Bob Bestman reserve	Total members funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 1 July 2022				
Balance at 1 July	127,688	531,000	33,340	692,028
(Deficit) for the year	(202,223)	-	-	(202,223)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive (deficit) for the year	(202,223)	-	-	(202,223)
Transfer (refer Note 14)	33,340	-	(33,340)	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	(41,195)	531,000	-	489,805
At 1 July 2023				
Balance at 1 July	(41,195)	531,000	-	489,805
Surplus for the year	17,740	-	-	17,740
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	17,740	-	-	17,740
Balance at 30 June 2024	(23,455)	531,000	-	507,545

The above Statement of Changes in Members Funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers, members and sponsors		2,851,377	3,227,086
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(2,976,269)	(3,180,952)
Interest received / (paid)		24,676	1,275
Net cash (used in) / generated by operating activities	19	(100,216)	47,409
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions of plant and equipment	10	(18,290)	(5,263)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		8,126	-
Net proceeds from investments		-	100,028
Net cash inflow on discontinued operation		-	1,184
Net cash (used in) / generated by investing activities		(10,164)	95,949
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(110,380)	143,358
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		912,744	769,386
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	7	802,364	912,744

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1 Reporting entity

The financial statements comprise Swimming WA Inc. (the "Association") and are for the year ended 30 June 2024. Swimming WA Inc. is an incorporated association that has been formed, and is domiciled, in Western Australia.

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity on the basis that, in the opinion of the Board, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report, which has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*.

The Association is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The address of the Association's principal place of business and registered office is Level 1, 203 Underwood Avenue, Floreat, WA 6014.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 September 2024.

2 Basis of preparation

(a) Financial reporting framework

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cashflows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*
- AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*

(b) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Association has applied all new and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that apply to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023. Application of the new and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have a material impact on the financial report.

(c) Accounting Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted

The Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the Association. The Association has decided not to early adopt any of these new and amended pronouncements. The Association is currently in the process of assessing any potential impact.

(d) Basis of measurement

Historical Cost Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs. The amounts presented in the financial statements are in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

(d) Basis of measurement (continued)

Going Concern

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis. In arriving at the position the Board has had regard to the fact that, the Association has, or in the Board's opinion will have access to, sufficient cash to fund administrative and other committed expenditure for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial report (the "Period").

In forming this view, the Board has taken into consideration the following:

- The Association receives a significant portion of its income from the State Government and other key funding and sponsorship providers ("Significant Sources of Funding"). It is expected that the Significant Sources of Funding for the Period will be comparable to prior years which will enable the Association to pay all its liabilities and commitments as and when they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial report.

Should the Association not achieve the matters set out above there is significant uncertainty whether the Association will continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of operations and at the amounts stated in the financial report. The financial report does not include any adjustment relating to the recoverability or classification of recorded asset amounts or to the amounts or classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Association not be able to continue as a going concern.

(e) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The significant accounting estimates and judgements affecting the financial statements are as follows:

Leases

The Association has applied a number of judgments in assessing its leases against the criteria in AASB 16 *Leases* and calculating the right-of-use asset and lease liability to be recognised. These judgments include the nature of the arrangement (existence of the right to control an asset), the defined lease term, the incremental borrowing rate, lease payments and likely lease payment increases over the lease term. The judgments applied may change year on year if facts or circumstances change and AASB 16 *Leases* requires the change to be reflected in the lease calculation.

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill

All assets are assessed for impairment at each reporting date by evaluating whether indicators of impairment exist in relation to the continued use of the asset by the Association. Impairment triggers include declining product or manufacturing performance, technology changes, adverse changes in the economic or political environment and future product expectations. If an indicator of impairment exists the recoverable amount of the asset is determined.

The recoverable amount of a cash generating unit is based on value in use calculations. These calculations are based on projected cash flows approved by management covering a minimum period of 1 year (maximum of five years). Management's determination of cash flow projections are based on past performance and its expectation for the future.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

(e) Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

Revenue and other income

The Association derives revenue and other income from a range of activities and sources, including revenue from the sale of goods and the provision of services (such as swim meets and memberships), and income from grants and sponsorship. In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Association is required to determine whether it is appropriate to recognise revenue and other income in the financial year in which cash or non-cash assets are received or to defer the recognition of revenue and other income until associated obligations and/or conditions (if any) are satisfied. In making this judgement, the Association considers the guidance outlined in AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* and, in particular, whether the arrangement relates to the transfer of goods or services and contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations. Where the Association identifies the existence of the transfer of goods or services, enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations, or the arrangement requires the Association to use the funds received to acquire or construct items of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications, the recognition of revenue and other income is deferred until the identified obligations are satisfied.

3 Material accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in the financial statements.

(a) Revenue

Revenue from major activities of the Association is recognised as follows:

Grant and sponsorship income

When grant and sponsorship income arises from an agreement which is for the transfer of goods or services, is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when those obligations have been met. Other grant and sponsorship revenue is recognised on an accrual basis when the Association has gained control of the asset.

Membership subscriptions

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised over the membership period. Membership subscriptions paid in advance are deferred on the statement of financial position and brought to account when the membership period commences.

Events Revenue

Revenue from swim meets and events is recognised at a point in time being the day of the event.

Program Revenue

Revenue from program fees is recognised at a point in time that the programs are delivered to the customer.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Sale of goods

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery which corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Revenue (continued)

Donations (including value in-kind)

Value in-kind revenue is recognised as revenue when the fair value can be reliably determined. Fair value is determined using market values, contracted rates, or confirmation with third party suppliers. An equal and offsetting contra-expense is recognised within expenditure for all value in-kind income.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax ("GST").

(b) Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period, or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period, or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprises cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(d) Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, in which case transaction costs are immediately recognised as expenses in the income statement.

Financial assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification and whether the Association irrevocably designates the financial asset on initial recognition at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") in accordance with the relevant criteria in AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*. Financial assets not irrevocably designated on initial recognition at FVTOCI are classified as subsequently measured at amortised cost, FVTOCI or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") on the basis of both: (i) the Association's business model for managing the financial assets; and (ii) the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Financial instruments (continued)

the Association has transferred all the risks and rewards of ownership substantially. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI are classified as financial assets at FVTPL. Typically, such financial assets will be either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short-term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in the income statement.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The Association has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities classified as held-for-trading, contingent consideration payable by the Association for the acquisition of a business, and financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, are subsequently measured at fair value.

All other financial liabilities recognised by the Association are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(e) Inventory and other assets

Inventory and other assets are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(f) Plant and equipment

Initial recognition and measurement

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

When parts of an item of plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of plant and equipment.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of plant and equipment and are recognised net within other income in the income statement.

Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing a part of an item of plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Association, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of plant and equipment are recognised in the income statement as incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(f) Plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognised in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of plant and equipment since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- Plant and furniture and fittings	2 to 10 years
- Motor vehicles	5 to 6 years
- Computer Equipment	4 to 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

(g) Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(h) Finance costs

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings and bank charges. They are recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method.

(i) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature, they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(j) Leases

The Association, as a lessee, will assess whether a contract is, or contains, a lease under AASB 16 *Leases*. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. If the contract is assessed to be, or contains, a lease, the Association will recognise a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, and subsequently at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Leases (continued)

Initial recognition and measurement

Measurement of lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, and the Association's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Association uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate. The lease liability is subsequently increased by the interest cost on the lease liability, offset by lease payments made. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, a change in the estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or as appropriate, changes in the assessment of whether a purchase or extension option is reasonably certain to be exercised or a termination option is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

Measurement of right-of-use asset

The right of use asset is initially measured at cost comprising the initial measurement of the lease liability. Subsequent to initial recognition the right-of-use asset is amortised over the shorter of the assets useful life and the lease term on a straight line basis.

Recognition exemption - short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Association has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and leases for low-value assets. The Association will recognise the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(k) Employee benefits

Wages and salaries and annual leave liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, are expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date and are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Expenses for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

(l) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(m) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax "GST", except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Tax Office is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(n) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(o) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

4 Revenue

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Membership	501,499	551,465
Grant Funding	590,166	537,883
Sponsorship	481,631	614,576
Performance Pathways	61,517	71,958
Staff & Equipment Hire	20,110	31,818
Swim Meets	439,238	424,171
Open Water Swimming	261,449	202,906
Program Revenue	403,090	373,311
Other revenue	70,098	68,982
	<u>2,828,798</u>	<u>2,877,070</u>

5 Expenses

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Swimming Australia and Direct Membership Costs	63,279	116,939
Grant Funding and Sponsorship	109,990	135,091
Performance Pathways	127,782	120,027
Swim Meets	229,403	219,343
Open Water Swimming	300,273	359,435
Development	129,999	125,554
Program Expenses	110,125	110,146
Operations	1,763,510	1,841,402
Other	9,499	9,058
	<u>2,843,860</u>	<u>3,036,995</u>
Net deficit from discontinued operations	-	43,573
(Gain) on disposal of assets	(8,126)	
	<u>2,835,734</u>	<u>3,080,568</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

6 Depreciation

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Plant and equipment	9,667	10,972
	<u>9,667</u>	<u>10,972</u>

7 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	802,364	912,744
	<u>802,364</u>	<u>912,744</u>

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash at bank and in hand	802,364	912,744
	<u>802,364</u>	<u>912,744</u>

8 Trade and other receivables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade receivables ¹	35,208	40,501
Other receivables ¹	6,200	6,200
	<u>41,408</u>	<u>46,701</u>

¹Trade and other receivables are noninterest bearing with 30 day terms. Impairment losses are recognised in accordance with accounting policy (d) Financial instruments as disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements. Receivables have been assessed by management based on payment history.

The Association has not recognised any losses in the income statement in respect of any expected credit losses associated with its trade and other receivables as they and have been deemed fully recoverable. To the extent any club does not renew its affiliation, the recoverable balance will reduce accordingly.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

9 Prepayments

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Swimming Australia capitation fees	-	28,303
Insurance	50,719	79,068
Events	48,010	7,840
	<u>98,729</u>	<u>115,211</u>

10 Plant and equipment

	Plant and furniture & fittings	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 30 June 2023				
At cost	21,453	41,392	4,505	67,350
Accumulated depreciation	(7,256)	(18,965)	(4,505)	(30,726)
Net written down value	<u>14,197</u>	<u>22,427</u>	-	<u>36,624</u>
At 30 June 2024				
Additions	15,830	2,460	-	18,291
Depreciation	(4,706)	(4,962)	-	(9,667)
Net written down value	<u>25,321</u>	<u>19,926</u>	-	<u>45,247</u>
At cost	37,283	43,852	4,505	85,641
Accumulated depreciation	(11,962)	(23,926)	(4,505)	(40,394)
Net written down value	<u>25,321</u>	<u>19,926</u>	-	<u>45,247</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

11 Trade and other payables	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	118,205	140,697
Accrued expenses	78,605	43,625
Unearned revenue – Grants income	23,000	114,500
Unearned revenue – Membership income	145,834	179,600
Unearned revenue – Events	16,516	61,930
	<u>382,160</u>	<u>540,352</u>
12 Provisions	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Employee benefits	63,708	57,282
Other	5,400	-
	<u>69,108</u>	<u>57,282</u>
Non-current		
Employee benefits	28,935	23,841
	<u>28,935</u>	<u>23,841</u>

The current provision for employee benefits includes all unconditional entitlements where employees have completed the required period of service and those where employees are entitled to pro-rata payments in certain circumstances. The amount presented as current since the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement. However, based on past experience, the Association does not expect all employees to take the full amount of accrued leave or require payment within the next 12 months.

The non-current provision for employee benefits includes entitlements where employees have not completed, or will complete within the next 12 months, the required period of service.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

13 Reserves	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<i>Reserves</i>		
Business continuity reserve	531,000	531,000
	531,000	531,000

Nature and purpose of reserves

Business continuity reserve

The Business Continuity Reserve is a fund to ensure the Association is financially secure over the next six months.

The Association's policy is to ensure that funds of at least this value are held as either cash and cash equivalents or liquid investments.

14 Related parties

Key management personnel

The key management personnel comprise the Board and Management. Total remuneration paid with respect to the 30 June 2024 year for management personnel is \$608,533 (2023: \$553,717). The Board are engaged on a volunteer basis and are not remunerated for their services.

15 Auditor Remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Audit of the financial statements	11,000	9,500
Non audit services	3,500	-
	14,500	9,500

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

16 Capital commitments, contingent assets and contingent liabilities

The Association has no capital commitments, contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

17 Leases

2024	2023
\$	\$

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial position

The statement of financial position shows the following amounts relating to leases:

Right-of-use asset

Right-of-use assets recognised as at 1 July	-	1,246,014
Modifications of current leases during the year	-	(1,246,014)
Less: Amortisation		-
Balance as at 30 June	-	-

Lease liabilities

Lease liability recognised as at 1 July	-	1,271,460
Add: Interest	-	-
Less: reduction from lease modifications	-	(1,271,460)
Less: Payments	-	-
Balance as at 30 June	-	-

Current lease liabilities	-	-
Non-current lease liabilities	-	-
Balance at 30 June	-	-

Amount recognised in the statement of comprehensive income

Amortisation of right-of-use asset	-	-
Interest expense on lease liabilities	-	-

Leasing activities

Lakelands Swim School Pty Ltd, leased the aquatic facility at 49 Banksiadale Gate, Lakelands WA 6180 (the "Lease").

From 1 July 2022, the payment terms under the Lease were modified to a variable monthly rent resulting in a derecognition of the right-of-use asset and lease liability in accordance with AASB 16 *Leases*.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

18 Discontinued operations

On 28 June 2023 the Association appointed Deloitte Australia as liquidator of its wholly owned subsidiary Lakelands Swim School Pty Ltd. The following is an analysis of the operating results of the discontinued operations for the period:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	-	786,278
Operating expenses	-	(870,389)
Operating surplus for the year	-	(84,111)
Gain arising from changes to leasing arrangements	-	25,446
Finance cost arising from leasing arrangements	-	-
Gain from derecognition of discontinued operations	-	15,770
Other finance costs	-	(678)
Net surplus / (deficit) from discontinued operations	-	(43,573)

The carrying amount of assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations on derecognition are summarised as follows:

	Lakelands Swim School Pty Ltd	Lakelands Swim School Pty Ltd
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	-	-
Trade and other receivables	-	2,446
Inventory	-	4,559
Total current assets	-	7,005
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	-	75,167
Right-of-use asset	-	-
Total non-current assets	-	75,167
TOTAL ASSETS	-	82,172
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	-	1,183
Trade and other payables	-	83,985
Provisions	-	9,774
Lease liabilities	-	-
Total current liabilities	-	94,942
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	-	3,000
Lease liabilities	-	-
Total Non-current liabilities	-	3,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	97,942
NET LIABILITIES	-	(15,770)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

19 Reconciliation between surplus for the year and cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	17,740	(202,223)
Depreciation and amortisation	9,667	10,972
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	(8,126)	-
Decrease / (increase) in unearned revenue	(170,681)	136,011
Operating results before changes in working capital	(151,400)	(46,182)
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	5,293	1,834
Decrease / (increase) in prepayments	16,842	(46,340)
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	12,489	102,733
(Decrease) / increase in provisions	16,920	37,918
Decrease from derecognition of discontinued operations	-	6,504
Cash flows from operating activities	(100,216)	47,409

20 Events occurring after the reporting period

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect, the operation of the Association, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

For the year ended 30 June 2024

In the opinion of the Board of Swimming WA Inc.:

- a. The financial statements and notes of Swimming WA Inc. (the "Association") are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, including:
 1. Presenting fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 2. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Notes 1 to 3 to the financial statements.
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Darren Michael

President

Perth

20 September 2024

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Swimming WA Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Swimming WA Inc. (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in members funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent disclosed in Note 1 to the financial report and the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*.

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 & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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.

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 is prepared to assist the Association to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact.

We did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When we do receive it, we will read it and if we conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, we may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of the preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as it 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, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

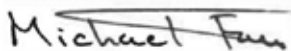
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that 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 Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Michael Fay
Director

Perth, Western Australia
20 September 2024

Auditor's independence declaration to the board of Swimming WA Inc.

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial statements of Swimming WA Inc., I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd

Michael Fay

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Director

Perth, Western Australia

20 September 2024

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