

## **New Board Members and Life Members Appointed at**

### **Swimming WA**

**6 October 2018**

As a result from the Swimming WA Annual General Meeting (AGM) today, two new board members have been appointed, and two new life members to Swimming WA have been endorsed.

After three years of service on the Swimming WA Board, Olympians and Swimming WA Hall of Famers Travis Nederpelt and Lara Mist did not seek a second Term. The Elections drew three candidates and Shaza Salleh and Helen Hull were appointed for three years.

Helen is a registered nurse whose current role is Head of Program at North Metropolitan TAFE. She has served on the committee of Breakers Swim Club for 10 years, in various roles, including six years as the President. She has also served on the Competition Planning Committee at Swimming WA.

Shaza is a medical practitioner from Albany, who has been involved in swimming her entire life. She has had close association with Little Athletics, and the Albany Swim Club and is their current Vice President.

The AGM was held during the Swimming WA Annual Member Conference at UWA Business School, which has attracted 200 delegates from 37 Swimming Clubs in WA. This two day conference has also included Technical Official Forum, Guest Speakers, Regional Coordinator's Workshop, Young Leaders Summit and Coaches Conference.

Darren Beazley, CEO of Swimming WA unveiled the new Swimming WA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 during the Conference, whilst he reviewed and presented the progress of Swimming WA current Strategic Plan which expired today.

One of the keys components of the new Plan is the complete overhaul of the competition structure including a new State League for the pool. Other themes of the new Strategic Plan include:

- 6 Year Plan to align with the 2 Olympic cycles
- Approach is to provide capacity and support to Regional swimming so that local decisions about local conditions can be made by locals.
- Complete overhaul of the competition structure
- New Recreational swim competition - Westpac Summer League, to be expanded Statewide which gives a clear direction that Swimming WA Clubs provide for swimmers of all abilities including recreational swimmers.
- Focus on increasing the involvement of WA Coaches in the strategic development of the sport
- Working with the State Government, Swimming WA plans to increase its commitment in the learn to swim sector and assist in the 'Asian Engagement Strategy'.

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Swimming Australia General Manager of Participation and Development Paul Malcolm, who was one of the key note speakers at the Conference, was glowing in his praise of the new Plan.

“For the past 4 years Swimming WA has led the nation in innovation and to achieve an average of 25% membership growth year on year during that time is testimony to the success of their ability to execute of the Plan.

The Swimming WA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 is the next step and a major step up. WA is the challenger State in swimming and Swimming Australia is thrilled to support Swimming WA in this exciting time. More people swimming in more places more often - sounds simple, but there is a lot of work to be done. I have every faith that Swimming WA can continue to set the standard and achieve their goal of 20,000 Members by 2024”.

President of Swimming WA Louis Van Aardt said that “The Swimming WA Conference has been an enormous success. Our CEO Darren Beazley provided a review and reflection of the sport over the past four years. It is amazing to see how far swimming in this State has come in that time. The AGM also saw two new Board Members elected and I welcome Shaza and Helen to the Board. My thanks to both Lara Mist and Travis Nederpelt for your wonderful service over the past three years.

I was also privileged to award Swimming WA Life Membership to Jacqui McNamara (York Swimming Club) and Karin Hazell (Peel Aquatic Swimming Club). Both women have been staunch servants of our sport and given so many years of voluntary service to the sport right across the State, it was humbling to acknowledge such commitment. Our congratulations to Jacqui and Karin”.

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