



ATLANTIS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

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Atlantis encourages and celebrates the joyful expression of swimming, with a focus on building individual endurance and speed. Together we can achieve more.

President's Report

April 2015 – March 2016

If I had to summarise my report in only a few words it would probably be "We're still swimming" (and hopefully having fun doing so). This achieves the primary goal of our existence. We participated in the pool competitions (but couldn't pull off a three in a row win), we ran three open water swims, and we train. And behind the scenes other things continued to happen.

We are proud of those members who have succeed in their swimming. This may be through setting records, doing PBs, being able to complete 50 or 100m or even just making it through a training session. Our open water swims continue to be a success, both in terms of participation (some swam their first one this season) and in terms of fundraising for the club. Social activities continue to add to the vibrancy of our club and provide us with the opportunity to get to know each other beyond the pool.

The committee has continued to meet as a full committee once every two months and as the exec in the off month. The exec has focused on the direction of our club, finances, risk management and governance issues. The full committee met to continue other business within the club. I would propose that this format continues and that the Exec is composed of: the president, vice, secretary and treasurer and 2 – 3 extra member who can be nominated from the committee on the basis of their interest, experience or knowledge.

Steps have been made in the status of our club against the state government's STARCLUB program. This program encourages clubs to consider their operation, development and governance. Discussion needs to take place with the official overseeing this program as to how we will record our compliance against the Child Protection section. Given we are a club for people over the age of 18, we do not have in place the various positions and compliances required for working with children.

The club needs to continue to consider its finances. Over the past few years we have lost money on our training sessions, particularly over winter. We have survived by eating into our reserves. The exec proposed increases in our training fees in an effort to reduce the amount of money we lose. This was supported by the full committee. We have also focused a little more on fundraising. We took the opportunity to run the BBQ at Bunnings, Kent Town, and were able to raise a small amount of funds (about \$400). We will continue to look for such opportunities and when able to locate them will call upon you all to help.

We continue our association with Club Marion. While not significant in our operation, it does provide us with a venue for our committee meetings and the opportunity to participate in their sports person of the year. Unfortunately this was cancelled last year.

It may seem that some things take a long time to be completed but we have to remember that we're all volunteering and our swimming roles need to be balanced out with the rest of our lives. There are a large number of people who take on jobs and who help the club. I can't begin to name everyone who has helped over the past 12 months, whether it was in an ongoing capacity or just once off and whether it was a large task or just a small job. Please accept this as my thanks. To those from the committee not continuing, a big thank you too. I would also like to acknowledge those members who also help out at the branch level: Phil and Leanne Beames, Melissa Beames, Robert Ferguson, Frank Lindsay, Tim Calver.

Respectfully submitted.

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