

**SWIMMING NEW SOUTH WALES LTD.
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PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patrick Troy (President)	Graham Towle	Suzanne Bergersen	Lynn Elliott
Mark Payne	Gloria Wiegmann	Bill Ford	Mark Heathcote (CEO)

LIFE MEMBERS & PATRONS

Clifford Harris OAM	John Devitt AM
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AREA DELEGATES

AREA	DELEGATE	AREA	DELEGATE
North Coast	Ann Pilkie	Metro South West	Leonardo Repeti
Mountains & Plains	Walter Hitchell OAM	Metro South East	David Kennedy
Southern Inland	Michael Donnelly	Metro North East	Judy Tier
Coast & Valley	David Hinds	Metro North West	Graham Taylor

CLUB DELEGATES

CLUB	DELEGATE	CLUB	DELEGATE
Aquablitz Toongabbie	Shane Todd	Bankstown Sports	Neil Rogers
BSC Rockdale	John Aitken	Canberra	John Skene OAM
Castle Hill RSL	Kerrie McDonald	Central Newcastle	Norman Roberts
Dolphins			
Cherrybrook Carlile	Andrew Brackin	East Maitland Olympic	Judith Duma
Engadine	Deirdre de Plater	Freshwater	Sunny Bidner
Glenbrook	Margaret Spurway	Gunnedah	Karla Abbs
Kempsey	Margaret Jopling	Lane Cove	Lesley Pike
Laurieton	Faye Rowles	McCredie Park	Dennis Browning
		Aquatics	
Menai	Maree Pavlovec	Merrylands	Peter Johnston
NC Aquatic	Mark Nott	Nepean Aquatic	Richard Galea
Nowra	Clive Hepburn	Parkes	Barbara Weaver
Revesby Workers	Bronwyn Hatzis	Ripples St Marys	Karen Hope
Ryde-Carlile	Dianne Seary	Shellharbour Warrigal	Jackie Moulton
Sladem	Ken Howard	SLC Aquadot	Aaron Duncan
University of NSW	Christine Etter	Warringah Aquatic	Toby Williams
Wollongong	Robert Newell	Woodenbong	Jennie Riley

VISITORS

Narelle Duggan	Pia Farmilo	Darren Howard	Lorna Donnelly
Belinda Fraser	Janine Walker	Pam Weste	Cherry Smith
Gail Cauchi	Patricia Roberts	Peter Lozan	Michael Birmingham
Patricia Downie	Kevin Coleman	Slade Anlezark	Mark Campbell
Philip Wilkie			

APOLOGIES

Chris Myers	Alan Thompson	Barry O'Farrell	Ron Jordan OAM
Helen Wood			

WELCOME

At 10.03am the President, Patrick Troy, declared the 47th Annual General Meeting open and in welcoming all to the meeting he extended a special welcome to Life Member Clifford Harris OAM, Swimming NSW Vice-Patron, John Devitt AM and Swimming Australia Director, Peter Lozan.

Patrick then noted the apologies for the meeting; Life Members, Ron Jordan OAM and Helen Wood, Vice-Patron the Hon. Barry O'Farrell, Premier of NSW and Swimming NSW Directors Chris Myers and Alan Thompson.

Patrick then made mention of those members who had passed during the year: Ray Seary – Life Member of Ryde Carlile Swimming Club, Cecil Leck – Life Member of Queanbeyan Leagues Swimming Club, Sandra Carr – Life Member of Narooma Swimming Club, Lou Verrender – Life Member Maroubra Swimming Club, Wal Williamson OAM – Life Member Maroubra Swimming Club, Murray Rose AM – Olympian, Mick Lord - Coach of Shellharbour-Warilla Swimming Club and Cedric Hawes – Life Member Kempsey Swimming Club.

Patrick then requested a silent remembrance to those members.

Finally, Patrick extended a welcome to all of the Swimming NSW Directors that were present at the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 23rd July 2011 be taken as read.

CARRIED

- 1.2 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 23rd July 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2. ANNUAL REPORT

- 2.1 The President presented the 115th Annual Report for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

Patrick Troy spoke to his written report, firstly highlighting the extremely sound financial position of the Company, with assets in excess of \$1.75 million and an additional \$1 million in property, which is held on behalf of Swimming NSW by NSW Swimming Nominees Pty Ltd. Patrick also noted that the Company was working towards a balanced budget for the 2012/13 year and then a surplus budget the year after.

Patrick then made a note that the performances of NSW athletes on both the National and International stage continues to improve and that NSW will have ten athletes competing at London Olympic Games. Patrick also highlighted the improved performance at this year's National Age Championships. Patrick also reported that the Company's events, particularly the State Open Championships, continue to be showcase for the sport.

Patrick then noted that Swimming NSW would not achieve success without the assistance of its members and he called for their support in achieving the key objectives of increasing membership and also the implementation of the Swimming NSW Indigenous Participation plan.

Finally, Patrick thanked the fantastic contributions of the Swimming NSW staff who had been well led throughout the year by their CEO, Mark Heathcote.

The CEO, Mark Heathcote, then gave his report which further highlighted the following Operational aspects:-

- The introduction of the Swimming NSW and ascta NSW Coach Development Framework
- The new Swimming NSW Strategic Plan
- The completion of the Development Pathway review
- The improved performance of NSW athletes at both the National Age and Open Championships
- The continued focus to provide an increased level of service to our grass roots swimmers through the Development Officer network

- Highlighted some key achievements of the Development Officers throughout the year
- Continued support for the implementation of the Competition Strategy Policy
- The ongoing development of the Company's online systems
- Continued success of the Company's showcase events
- Continued assistance to volunteers to reduce the barriers to them participating in Swimming NSW meets
- Outlined the year end membership figures, which reflected a decline in membership of 4.84%
- Congratulated the Queen's Birthday Day Honours List recipients
- Congratulated Ursula Carlile on being awarded SAL Life Membership
- Congratulated Winners and Finalists in the 2012 NSW Sports Federation Awards and recipients of the 2011 Telstra Swimmer of the Year Awards
- Congratulated 11 NSW Clubs who achieved Platinum and Gold Standard in the 2011 Australian Unity Go Club PB Program
- Congratulated NSW swimmers, coaches and managers who represented Australia at the 2011 World Championships, Para Pan Pacific Championships, World University Games, Commonwealth Youth Games, FINA World Cup Tour and Global Games.
- Wished all the NSW athletes competing at the upcoming London Olympic Games all the best for the competition
- Acknowledged appreciation for Company Sponsors Speedo, SCU Banking, Courtyard by Marriott North Ryde and Energy Australia.
- Acknowledged other partners such as the Union of Old Swimmers, Communities NSW - Sport & Recreation, NSWIS, SOPAC and Swimming Australia
- Special thanks to Pat Troy, the Board of Directors, Club and Area representatives, technical officials, staff, parents and athletes

In closing Mark expressed the importance of maintaining the successful momentum of the various new initiatives introduced this year as well as recognising the areas for continued improvement to ensure long term success for the future.

Moved and seconded that the 115th Annual Report be adopted.

CARRIED

- 2.2 Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 be received.

CARRIED

The CEO presented the Financial Statements, highlighting the following:

- The final result for the year of a \$57,618 deficit
- Consolidated Entity with accumulated funds totaling 1,944,628
- Trade debtors at year end were \$130,193 which reflected a reduction in Trade debtors over the last two years of \$161,304 which greatly reduced the risk exposure to the Company

The main reasons for the final result being;

- Increased Donations, Sponsorship and Government Grants of \$142,000
- Increased Swim Meet Revenue of \$11,000 due to increased entries and attendances
- Increased interest received of \$8,000 due to higher returns achieved on the Company's investments
- A saving of \$12,000 on Insurance Premiums due to the excellent brokerage offered by JLT Sport

Mark reported that whilst the Company again recorded a deficit this year, the Board remained committed to maintaining a high standard throughout the core activities without significantly increasing fees to members. It was noted that Swimming NSW still boasts the lowest membership fees across Australia.

It was also noted that the Company had introduced a Capital Adequacy Policy which would come into effect this year, with its primary purpose to ensure that the Company maintains adequate capital for operational and risk mitigation purposes.

In summary, Mark highlighted that despite the final result for the year the Company remained in a strong financial position to achieve its objectives in the coming years. It was then Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PATRONS

The President, Patrick Troy, reported that in conformity with the provisions of By Law 38.2 (b) the Board of Directors had invited Mr. John Devitt AM and Mr. Clifford Harris OAM to grant their patronage and both gentlemen had generously accepted the offer. Accordingly, Patrick then put to the meeting their names for endorsement.

Moved and Seconded that Mr. Clifford Harris OAM and John Devitt AM be endorsed as Vice-Patrons of Swimming NSW Ltd.

CARRIED

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Moved and Seconded that Ernst & Young be appointed Company Auditors for the 2012/13 financial year.

CARRIED

5. DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with provisions of the By Law 11 (I) the declaration of the poll was undertaken.

Commencing on the 4th May 2012 online voting memorandums were posted out periodically to 327 eligible members. The online voting period lasted for six weeks commencing on Monday 4th June 2012 and concluding on Monday 16th July 2012. By close of voting a total of 83 members had voted.

Of the 83 member votes received for Directors there were 0 that were deemed informal votes.

The following Directors were elected for a 2 year term:-

- Suzanne Bergersen
- Lynn Elliott
- Alan Thompson
- Gloria Wiegmann

Moved and seconded that that Poll, as declared, be endorsed.

CARRIED

Mark Heathcote extended a thank you to all the Member Associations who had voted in the elections and also to those individuals who had nominated for the Board this year.

6. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The recipients of the 2012 Service Excellence Awards were announced and presented by various Directors:-

- Michael Donnelly
- Leonardo Repeti
- Lesley Pike
- Joanna Wazny
- Patricia Roberts

The President expressed his thanks to the Presenters and congratulated the recipients.

7. MEETING CLOSURE

Patrick Troy then thanked everyone for their attendance and then closed the meeting at 10.48am.
