

**SWIMMING NEW SOUTH WALES LTD.
SINCE 1896**



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PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS

Ron Jordan OAM Helen Wood OAM Patrick Troy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Graham Towle (President)	Patrick Troy	Suzanne Bergersen	David Goff
John Bladon	Helen Deas	Janelle Barnett	Mark Heathcote (CEO)

AREA DELEGATES

AREA	DELEGATE	AREA	DELEGATE
ACT	Vikki Jacobsen	Coast & Valley	Russell Waugh
North Coast	Ann Pilkie	Metro North East	Judy Tier
Metro North West	Sarah Maguire	Metro South East	David Kennedy
Metro South West	Richard Galea		

CLUB DELEGATES

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Ballina Indoor	Anthony Johnson	Bankstown Sports	Neil Rogers
Barker Aquatic	Jeff Thompson	Canberra	John Skene OAM
Carlile	Dennis Gorrick	Cherrybrook Carlile	Joanne O'Malley
East Maitland Olympic	Judith Duma	Kempsey	Margaret Jopling
McCredie Park Aquatics	Dennis Browning	Menai	Simon Watkins
Merrylands	Peter Johnston	Parkes	Barbara Weaver
Parramatta City	Graham Taylor	Peakhurst	John Owen
Revesby Workers	Phil Wilkie	Ryde-Carlile	Dianne Seary
Sans Souci Sea Devils	Philip Speet	SOPAC Swim Club	Michael Ashwood
Sydney University	Michelle Mott	Twin Towns Services	Helen Green
Woodenbong	Jennie Riley		

VISITORS

Lyn Connell

Jo Wazny

Jarrod Anthony

Pam Weste

Anna De Battista

Maree Pavlovec

APOLOGIES

Lynn Elliott

Tek Samuel OAM

Cliff Harris OAM

Mark Payne

1. WELCOME

At 10.04am the President, Graham Towle, declared the 50th Annual General Meeting open. Graham then noted the apologies for the meeting; Life Members, Tek Samuel OAM and Cliff Harris OAM and Swimming NSW Directors Lynn Elliott and Mark Payne.

Graham then made mention of those members who had passed during the year: David Holloway – Auburn Swimming Club and Maniah Betham – Ripples St Mary's Swimming Club.

Graham requested a silent remembrance to those members.

BUSINESS

2. MINUTES

2.1 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 26th July 2014 be taken as read.

CARRIED

2.2 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 26th July 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

3. ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 The President presented the 118th Annual Report for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Graham Towle spoke to his written report, highlighting that 2014/15 had been another successful year for Swimming NSW, with the Company working well towards many of its strategic objectives and also achieving many of its operational objectives.

Graham spoke to each of the three pillars of the SNSW Strategic Plan and the progress that had been made against each of these. Firstly Graham reported on progress made under the Participation objective, highlighting the increase in membership that the Company had achieved.

Graham also congratulated the work of the Company's Development Officers in supporting Clubs to achieve these results. Graham then reported on the results of the Indigenous and Multi Class Participation programs. Graham also highlighted some of the new Participation programs that Swimming Australia was looking to implement in the coming year.

Graham then reported the results of Swimming NSW's Performance programs, outlining the various Development Programs that were offered to a wide variety of athletes across NSW. Graham also noted the excellent swimming events that had been run throughout the year and the fantastic support that the Technical Officials had provided these events.

Graham then reported on the Company's successes in the final pillar of Partnerships. Graham highlighted the various organisations that Swimming NSW had great working relationships with that had assisted the Company throughout the year in achieving its objectives, specifically ascta NSW, Swimming NSW Aquatic Management and Swimming Australia. Graham also highlighted the new partnerships that had been formed in 2014/15.

Finally, Graham thanked the fantastic contributions of the Swimming NSW staff who had been well led throughout the year by their CEO, Mark Heathcote. Graham also took the opportunity to thank the Company's sponsors as well as his fellow Directors and all members for their contributions throughout the year.

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

- Progress made against the objectives in the new Swimming NSW Strategic Plan
- The membership increase that was achieved this year of 2.2%
- The improved performance of NSW athletes at both the National Age and Open Championships
- Continued success of the Company's showcase events
- The review of the Company's Standing Committees
- Thanked the members of these Committees for their fantastic contributions
- The continued success of the Indigenous Participation Programs
- The successful implementation of the new Area Development Programs
- The continued support of Swimming NSW Aquatic Management
- The continued focus to provide an increased level of service to our grass roots swimmers through the Development Officer network
- Continued assistance to volunteers to reduce the barriers to them participating in Swimming NSW meets
- Acknowledged appreciation for Company Sponsors; Speedo, Accor, Office of Communities NSW – Sport & Recreation and the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services
- Outlined the year end membership figures and the Board's increased focus on this important area
- Congratulated Pamela Guyer OAM on received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and Patrick Troy on receiving Life Membership of Swimming Australia
- Congratulated Winners and Finalists in the 2014 NSW Sports Federation Awards and recipients of the 2014 Swimmer of the Year Awards
- Congratulated the NSW swimmers, coaches and managers who represented Australia at the 2014 Commonwealth Games & Pan Pacific Championships as well as the recent IPC World Championships held in Glasgow
- Wished the NSW athletes competing at the FINA World Championships in Kazan all the best for the competition
- Gave special thanks to Graham Towle, 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.

It was duly Moved and seconded that the 118th Annual Report be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 be received.

CARRIED

The CEO presented the Financial Statements, highlighting the following:

- A Group Operating profit of \$50,056
- Consolidated Entity with accumulated funds totaling \$2,048,766
- Cash & Cash Equivalents for the Consolidated Entity were \$1,145,363 with \$773,363 in investments, totaling \$2,385,563
- Revenue increased 4.8%, Net Profit increased just under \$6,000 and Net Assets grew by 2.5%

The main reasons for the final result being;

- Increased Swim Meet Revenue of \$6,000 due to increased entries and attendances
- A saving of \$60,000 due to the costs of the APT system not being passed on by SAL as full functionality of the system was not yet achieved
- A saving of \$16,000 on Office Equipment Rental & Supplies due to the renegotiation of existing contracts
- A saving of \$8,000 on Depreciation expense across the course of the year
- A saving of \$25,000 on Insurance Premiums due to the excellent brokerage offered by JLT Sport

Mark reported that the Board remains conscious that to ensure the continued financial strength of the Company that they must endeavour to record a small budget surplus each year and it is for this reason that the Company had again budgeted for this outcome for 2015/16.

In summary, Mark highlighted that the final result for the year allowed the Company to remain 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

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

Graham Towle reported that there were two (2) Notices of Motion for meeting to consider that had been proposed by the Swimming NSW Board. All relevant paperwork relating to each motion had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded that Clause 23.2 (b) be deleted from the Constitution. Graham Towle explained the rationale behind the deletion was due to the Clause now being redundant.

The Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded that Clause 30.7 (a) be amended to delete the words “technical, training, competition, development and” and add the word ‘risk’.

Graham Towle explained the rationale behind the amendment and the addition. The delegates present raised questions of clarification and a delegate spoke for against the motion. Mark Heathcote then gave the Swimming NSW right of reply and the Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

5. ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PATRONS

Graham Towle reported that in conformity with the provisions of By Law 38.2 (b) the Board of Directors had invited Mr. Forbes Carlile MBE to grant his patronage and Forbes had generously accepted this offer. Accordingly, Graham then put to the meeting his name for endorsement.

Moved and Seconded that Mr. Forbes Carlile MBE be endorsed as Vice-Patron of Swimming NSW Ltd.

CARRIED

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Moved and Seconded that Ernst & Young be appointed Company Auditors for the 2015/16 financial year.

CARRIED

7. DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS

Mark Heathcote reported that in accordance with provisions of the By Law 11, he had called for nominations for the three (3) vacant Director positions three months prior to the AGM.

Following the closing date of these nominations, only two nominations had been received. Therefore the following Directors were duly elected for a three (3) year term:-

- Janelle Barnett
- Mark Payne

Mark Heathcote reported that this now left a Casual Vacancy on the Board which the Board would fill within three months of the AGM.

Graham Towle then took this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to Helen Deas for her time as a Director of Swimming NSW and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.

8. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The recipients of the 2015 Service Excellence Awards were announced and presented by various Directors:-

- Jennifer Riley
- Alan Forsyth

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

9. MEETING CLOSURE

Graham Towle then thanked everyone for their attendance and then closed the meeting at 10.48am.
