



Thank you to everyone that was involved, swimmers, helpers/volunteers, officials, or in some cases all 3! The committee really appreciates your efforts on the day.

A big thank you to all the Masters Swimming WA Officials that helped to run the Carnival and make it the success that it was. It wasn't easy given the ~170 swimmers that were participating but they/we managed to have all of the swims (including relays) concluded by 12:30pm. Thanks to our own club members who were also there as MSWA Officials, Pam Walker, Doug McLean, and Gordon and Noela Medcalf.

Thanks to all our other helpers/volunteers who did a great job. I always hesitate to name names for fear of missing out people, but I'll give it a go anyway! :) We had 2 of our newer members that were thrown into tasks that they had not done before, and were extremely busy all day, Sarah Evans on checkstarting, and Jacqui Muir doing announcements. Jacqui, the job's yours again next year if you want, you were great and seemed to "like the mike"! :)

Some other busy areas were the recording table, where Rhonda and Natalie, with help from Sandra Mutch (MSWA Director of recording), were kept busy all morning. Peter Clark and Maree Hoban also did a great job at the Marshalling table again, and later were ably helped by Carlene, who got everyone sorted out in the marshalling area. Thanks guys. An early minor hiccup to do with drinks for the officials was sorted out by Jacki Smith. I'd also like to thank Lorna Clark and Beryl Allen who were not swimming but still came and helped out with timekeeping and "Runner" duties. And speaking of timekeeping, thanks to everyone who did their bit there, even helping out other club's lanes in addition to our own 2.

The post carnival lunch was much appreciated by all the swimmers so thanks to everyone that supplied sandwiches, cakes, and other foods. Thanks to Kris Lund for organising this, along with her merry band of helpers out the back, Cath Deveraux included.

The other clubs were also very impressed with our raffle prizes. A big thanks to Eddie Smith for taking on this duty, and many thanks to all those that donated gifts and/or money. Again Jacki S helped out Eddie the night before getting the lovely baskets and other prizes wrapped and ready to go. Also thanks to Eddie's other (better?) half Les that was there helping (like most Thursday club nights) timekeeping

and selling raffle tickets.

Finally Peter M and Ivan who were running around all day, putting out spot fires, and helping out whenever needed. Hang on, someone else. Nearly forgot Sean O'Shaughnessy! :) Thanks Sean for having the pool all setup ready to go the night before, and for being First Aid Officer as well.

Well done to all our relay swimmers, hope you had some fun, even those doing fly! :) Speaking of which, that John Musty character will be getting lane 5 club nights for the rest of the year after he and Ian J decided it would be better for me to do fly rather than free in my relay! :) :)

Apologies for not mentioning everyone, particularly those who went above and beyond the call of duty. The club really does appreciate everything that was done by all our swimmers/officials/helpers/volunteers and I hope you'll all be involved again next year.

Meanwhile, keep an eye on upcoming BACC's that Melville is invited to and come along and enjoy the fun of competing in a friendly environment. Mandurah is next on June 19, and then later in the year Fremantle on Oct 23.

Thanks.

Cheers

Greg

The State OWS

Another beautiful morning for an open water swim, when will this endless summer finish? Not before the Jurien Bay swim I hope!

We had 7 Marlins competing in the Dale Alcock State Masters OWS this year. Rhona M, Greg H, Kym L, Anne H, Ivan M, Pam W, and Jacqui Tan. At least Jacqui was supposed to swim, but unfortunately was recovering from the flu and didn't crawl out of bed until 10:00am. Don't worry Jacqui, we looked after all the bacon and egg rolls you had ordered for your family! :) And Peter M obviously enjoyed his "swimsuit checking" that much at the Coogee J2J that he officiated in this role again. :)

The race itself went well for most people. A couple of wave starts meant it wasn't too crowded, light winds meant it was nice and calm, and the stingers stayed away again. However, after we all came in with PB's and times 4-5 minutes faster than nominated it was estimated that the course was a few hundred meters short of 2km! Going to be hard to beat that time next year!

Rhonda and Kym were 2nd in their age groups and Pam 3rd in hers. Well done.



It was another well run Masters OWS and we had an enjoyable time sitting around afterwards having breakfast and tea/coffee, even if we didn't win a spot prize amongst us. :(

Rhonda M 26:57

Greg H 29:56

Kym Low 30:16

Anne H 31:00

Ivan M 33:50

Pam W 34:46

This could be your space.....
Remember, don't be embarrassed.... for club bathers and caps see Rhonda!



Good luck to all the Jurien swimmers!
And....Happy Easter!



An *Obituary* printed in the London Times - Interesting and sadly rather true.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion..

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers:
I Know My Rights
I Want It Now
Someone Else Is To Blame
I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing



Birthdays for March (belated good wishes) and for April Happy Birthday!



To all these people Best wishes!

Margia Munoz

Carl Celedin

Laurie Hunt

Patrick McHugh

Pam McHugh

Peter Hau

And Sean O'Shaughnessy