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2023 pool racing for Tasmanian masters swimmers started at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre on Saturday 14 January.

The first competitive opportunity and first Joint Sanctioned Meet¹ of 2023 was held at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre in Hobart on Saturday, 14 January 2023. The event was the Swimming Tasmania Long Course Qualifying Trail.

Six masters members, representing four clubs (Hobart Aquatic Centre - TAC, Talays – TTL, Tomatoes - TTS and the Van Diemens - TVA) took the opportunity to compete. (The full results of this meet are at the end of this news story.)

Masters swimmers are currently undertaking heavy and intensive training loads in preparation for the Tasmanian Summer Championships so times were very creditable and it was fantastic to see such great personal results and the three records.

Three Masters Swimming Tasmania records were provisionally broken, two by Brent Walker (TAC) from the Hobart Aquatic Centre Masters Swimming Club (TAC) in the 400m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke events. The third record broken was by Maciej Slugocki (TTS) from the Tomatoes Swimming (TTS) club in the 100m backstroke.

New Masters Swimming Tasmania Records²

Name	Event	Age Group	Club	Time
Brent Walker	400 Freestyle	50-54	TAC	4:52.93
Brent Walker	100 Backstroke	50-54	TAC	1:11.56
Maciej Slugocki	100 Backstroke	70-74	TTS	1:32.59

Race meets such as this one, provide Tasmanian masters with great opportunities to monitor their progress towards their season objectives, test their racing skills including starts and turns and pacing.

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¹ A Joint Sanctioned meet is a swimming meet conducted by either Swimming Tasmania or Masters Swimming Tasmania at which members of either organisations can compete under their own club banners and have their results officially recognized by the parent organisation.

² Provisional

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The top swim of the meet was by Gabrielle Osborne in the 50 m Breaststroke with 672 FINA³ points for the event. The top men's swim was by Brent Walker with 667 points which he gained in the 400 m Freestyle. Both Gabrielle and Brent recorded two of the top three results.

Top three swims of the meet

Name	Event	Age Group	Club	Time	Gender	FINA Points
Gabrielle Osborne	50 Breaststroke	50-54	TAC	39.02	F	672
Gabrielle Osborne	50 Butterfly	50-54	TAC	33.76	F	665
Penny Lucas	100 Freestyle	60-64	TAC	1:14.56	F	627
Brent Walker	400 Freestyle	50-54	TAC	4:52.93	M	667
Brent Walker	100 Backstroke	50-54	TAC	1:11.56	M	637
James Belstead	100 Freestyle	20-24	TVA	59:00	M	625

Full results from the Swimming Tasmania Long Course Qualifying Trial – 14/01/2023

Name	Event	Age Group	Club	Time	Gender
Brent Walker	400 Freestyle	50-54	TAC	4:52.93	M
Brent Walker	100 Backstroke	50-54	TAC	1:11.56	M
Diane Perndt	50 Butterfly	65-69	TTL	38.94	F
Diane Perndt	100 Freestyle	65-69	TTL	1:24.16	F
Diane Perndt	50 Freestyle	65-69	TTL	36.13	F
Gabrielle Osborne	50 Breaststroke	50-54	TAC	39.02	F
Gabrielle Osborne	50 Butterfly	50-54	TAC	33.76	F
James Belstead	100 Freestyle	20-24	TVA	59:00	M
James Belstead	200 Individual Medley	20-24	TVA	2:32.31	M
Maciej Slugocki	100 Backstroke	70-74	TTS	1:32.59	M
Maciej Slugocki	50 Freestyle	70-74	TTS	34.61	M
Maciej Slugocki	100 Freestyle	70-74	TTS	1:15.24	M
Penny Lucas	100 Freestyle	60-64	TAC	1:14.56	F
Penny Lucas	50 Freestyle	60-64	TAC	34.35	F

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³ FINA Points based on World Records at 31 October 2022.