



A look at the Masters Swimming Tamarian 2023 Summer Championships

A smaller than traditional number of Masters Swimming Tasmania members competed at their 39th Summer Championships. Their numbers, and the competition was bolstered by a high-quality contingent of Victorian members.

The outstanding swim, with the highest individual World Aquatics (W-A) point score of 995 at the meet, was by Jennie Bucknell of the Victorian Powerpoints Masters Swimming Club (MSC) club. The swim was just ten one hundredths of a second off the current world record. **Jennie smashed the Australian Women 100m freestyle event¹ in the 55–59 year age group taking 1.21 seconds off the Australian record in a swim of 1:02.12.** Jennie had set the previous record just one week earlier. Jennie also broke the Australian 200m freestyle record, previously held by Jenny Whiteley.

Four Australian records were broken by Rod Laurie - 200m and 400 m Individual Medley and the 200m and 50m Butterfly events. [\[Table 2\]](#)

The Tasmanian Swimmers of the meet were Amanda Duggan, representing the Hobart Dolphins MSC and Maciej Slugocki from the Tomatoes MSC who also recorded, the highest World Aquatics points averaged over five swims.

Table 3 – Average World Aquatic Points Per Event – Top Ten

Athlete	Club	World Aquatics points
Maciej Slugocki	TTS	680
Amanda Duggan	THB	678
Brent Walker	TAC	674
Timothy Belstead	TVA	647
Gabrielle Osborne	TAC	635
Christine Brown	TLC	626
Philip Tyrell	TAC	597
Kathryn Osborn	THB	561
James Belstead	THV	560
Penny Lucas	TAC	558

¹ A full set of Australian, Tasmanian, and Victorian record is set out in Tables at the end of this news item.
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A total of 27 Tasmanian Records were broken during the championships [Table 1]. **The top record breaker of the meet was Brent Waker** with new marks in the 50m, 100m and 200m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke events.

A total of **8 Victorian individual records were broken**. Rod Laurie topped the Victorian list [Table 4] with 5 records, followed by Jennie Bucknell with 2 and Rosa Montague with 1.

The top ten Tasmanian swims were shared by Amanda Duggan with three, Christine Brown, Brent Walker and Maciej Slugocki with 2 each and Gabrielle Osborne with 1. **The average W-A points for these top ten swims were 735 with only one athlete, Amanda Duggan, scoring over 800 W-A points** with her 200m freestyle time of 2:31.73

Table 5 - Top Ten Individual swims by Tasmanian Masters Athletes

Name	Age Group	Event	Time	World Aquatics Points
Amanda Duggan	60-64	200m Freestyle - Female	2:31.73	803
Christine Brown	65-69	400m Freestyle - Female	5:23.62	776
Maciej Slugocki	70-74	400m Freestyle - Male	5:33.87	752
Amanda Duggan	60-64	400m Freestyle - Female	5:23.62	747
Maciej Slugocki	70-74	200m Freestyle - Male	2:39.02	732
Gabrielle Osborne	50-54	50m Freestyle - Female	30.10	729
Brent Walker	50-54	50m Backstroke - Female	31.84	723
Amanda Duggan	60-64	100m Freestyle -Female	1:11.88	700
Christine Brown	65-69	200m Freestyle -Female	2:44.08	694
Brent Walker	50-54	100m Freestyle - Male	1:01.25	691
Average WA Points				735

In comparison, the Average W-A points of the top ten swims by Victorian athletes was 876, significantly ahead of the Tasmanians.

The Hobart Dolphins MSC were crowned the Champion club at the meet. Hobart Dolphins' club members strongly supported the championship meet and deservedly won the trophy.

The best indicator of the quality of performances at the championships however are the W-A points which are calculated for every World Aquatics event result. **mywaterworld.life** has done an analysis of the standards of swimming across the clubs that competed at the Tasmanian Summer Championships using W-A point scores as the basis of comparison. A minimum number of 5 athletes competing per club was the threshold for consideration.



The highest average points per swim were gained by members of the Hobart Aquatic Centre MSC – 487 points overall, 483 for the females and 497 for the males. [Tables 6, 7 and 8]. In second place in both the overall and female categories was the Devonport MSC.

Requiring a participation of at least five athletes means that three clubs were excluded from the comparison. Had not this threshold been in place, the overall table would have been topped by the Tomatoes MSC with an average of 618 W-A points with the Van Diemens MSC (the virtual club) with 582 points.

Tables 6, 7 and 8

Average World Aquatics points per swim by Club and Gender

All athletes		Female		Male	
Club	Average W-A Points	Club	Average W-A Points	Club	Average W-A Points
TAC	487	TAC	483	TAC	497
TDP	381	TDP	381	THV	413
THV	342	THB	325	TTL	336
THB	322	TLC	296	THB	315
TTL	315	THV	276	TLC	286
TLC	293	TTL	267	Average all Clubs	
Average all Clubs	351	Average all Clubs	345		360

And finally, we turn to examine the standard from the stroke and event perspectives.

The lack of depth in results is driven by the small numbers of athletes participating in a large number of events (50m,100m and 200m in all strokes plus two medleys and a 400 freestyle, all across two genders and 8 or so age groups). **Over 120 of the individual events contested had only one athlete participating and only two in another 40-plus events.** The two most hotly contested events with 6 athletes participating were the Women's 60-64, 50 Freestyle and the Men's 70-74, 100 Freestyle. In a further 5 events there were 5 athletes competing.

The distance scoring the highest average W-A points was 400m covering both Individual Medley and Freestyle while the stroke was Butterfly with 401 points.

Not even in one event did the average W-A points exceed 500. The highest average was in the 100m Men's Butterfly where the average W-A point score was 495. [[Table 11](#)]



Tables referred to in this News item.

Table 1 – Masters Swimming Tasmania Records Broken

Name	Age Group	Distance and Stroke	Time
Amanda Duggan	60-64	50m - Freestyle	33.07
Amanda Duggan	60-64	100m - Freestyle	1:11.88
Amanda Duggan	60-64	200m - Freestyle	2:31.73.
Amanda Duggan	60-64	400m - Freestyle	5:23.62
Christine Brown	65-69	100m - Freestyle	1:16.88
Christine Brown	65-69	400m - Freestyle	5:40.45
Christine Brown	65-69	50m - Backstroke	41.75
Kathryn Osborn	60-64	50m - Breaststroke	43.9
Nina Edwards	35-39	400m - Butterfly	7:12.50
Victoria Wilson	18-24	400m Backstroke	8:36.78
Christine Brown	65-69	200m - Freestyle	2:44.08
Andrew Brocklesby	60-64	50m - Butterfly	33.69
Brent Walker	50-54	100m - Freestyle	1:01.25
Brent Walker	50-54	50m - Backstroke	31.84
Brent Walker	50-54	100m - Backstroke	1:10.68
Brent Walker	50-54	50m - Butterfly	29.37
Brent Walker	50-54	100m - Butterfly	1:07.47
Costan Magnussen	40-44	200m - Butterfly	2:35.31
Costan Magnussen	40-44	400m - Butterfly	6:05.65
James Belstead	25-29	100m - Breaststroke	1:14.95
James Belstead	25-29	200m - Breaststroke	2:43.67
James Belstead	25-29	200m - Individual Medley	2:30.13
James Belstead	25-29	400m - Individual Medley	5:20.99
Maciej Slugocki	70-74	100m - Freestyle	1:12.63
Maciej Slugocki	70-74	400m - Freestyle	5:33.87
Timothy Belstead	25-29	50m - Freestyle	25.98
Timothy Belstead	25-29	100m - Freestyle	57.37



Table 2 – Masters Swimming Australia Records Broken

Name	Age Group	Distance and Stroke	Time
Rod Laurie	65-69	200m - Butterfly	2:51.56
Rod Laurie	65-69	400m - Individual Medley	6:02.46
Rod Laurie	65-69	50m - Butterfly	30.61
Rod Laurie	65-69	200m - Individual Medley	2:47.74
Jennie Bucknell	55-59	100m - Freestyle	1:02.12
Jennie Bucknell	55-59	200m - Freestyle	2:22.10

Table 3 – Average W-Points per swim – top ten Athletes [in body of news item]

Table 4 – Masters Swimming Victoria Records Broken

Name	Age Group	Distance and Stroke	Time
Jennie Bucknell	55-59	100m - Freestyle	1:02.12
Jennie Bucknell	55-59	200m - Freestyle	2:22.10
Rosa Montague	75-79	400m - Freestyle	6:44.41
Rod Laurie	65-69	400m - Freestyle	5:20.
Rod Laurie	65-69	200m - Butterfly	2:51.56
Rod Laurie	65-69	400m - Individual Medley	6:02.46
Rod Laurie	65-69	50m - Butterfly	30.61
Rod Laurie	65-69	200m - Individual Medley	2:47.74

Table 5 - Top Ten Individual swims by Tasmanian Masters Athletes [in body of news item]

Tables 6, 7 and 8 - Average World Aquatics points per swim by Club and Gender[in body of news item]

Table 9 – Top five W-A Point Scoring Distances

Event distance	Average W-A Points
400	402
200	382
50	353
100	353

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Table 10 – Top five W-A Point Scoring Strokes

Stroke	Average W-A Points
Butterfly	401
Individual Medley	396
Freestyle	395
Breaststroke	362
Backstroke	297

Table 11 – Top five W-A Point Scoring Events

Event	Average W-A Points
100m Butterfly - LC Male	495
200m Freestyle - LC Male	455
50m Butterfly - LC Male	453
200m Individual Medley - LC Male	450
400m Individual Medley - LC Male	447

Table 12 – Average W-A Points by Age-Group

Age-Group	Average W-A Points
25-29	589
55-59	483
30-34	442
50-54	434
60-64	396
70-74	351
65-69	340
35-39	317
40-44	311
45-49	309
75-79	238
18-24	221
85-89	193
Overall Average	365

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