



14 WA Born Talents Amongst Aussie Stingers and Aussie Sharks

16 Western Australian Teams National Level Success

28 Bunbury Masters Tournament Success



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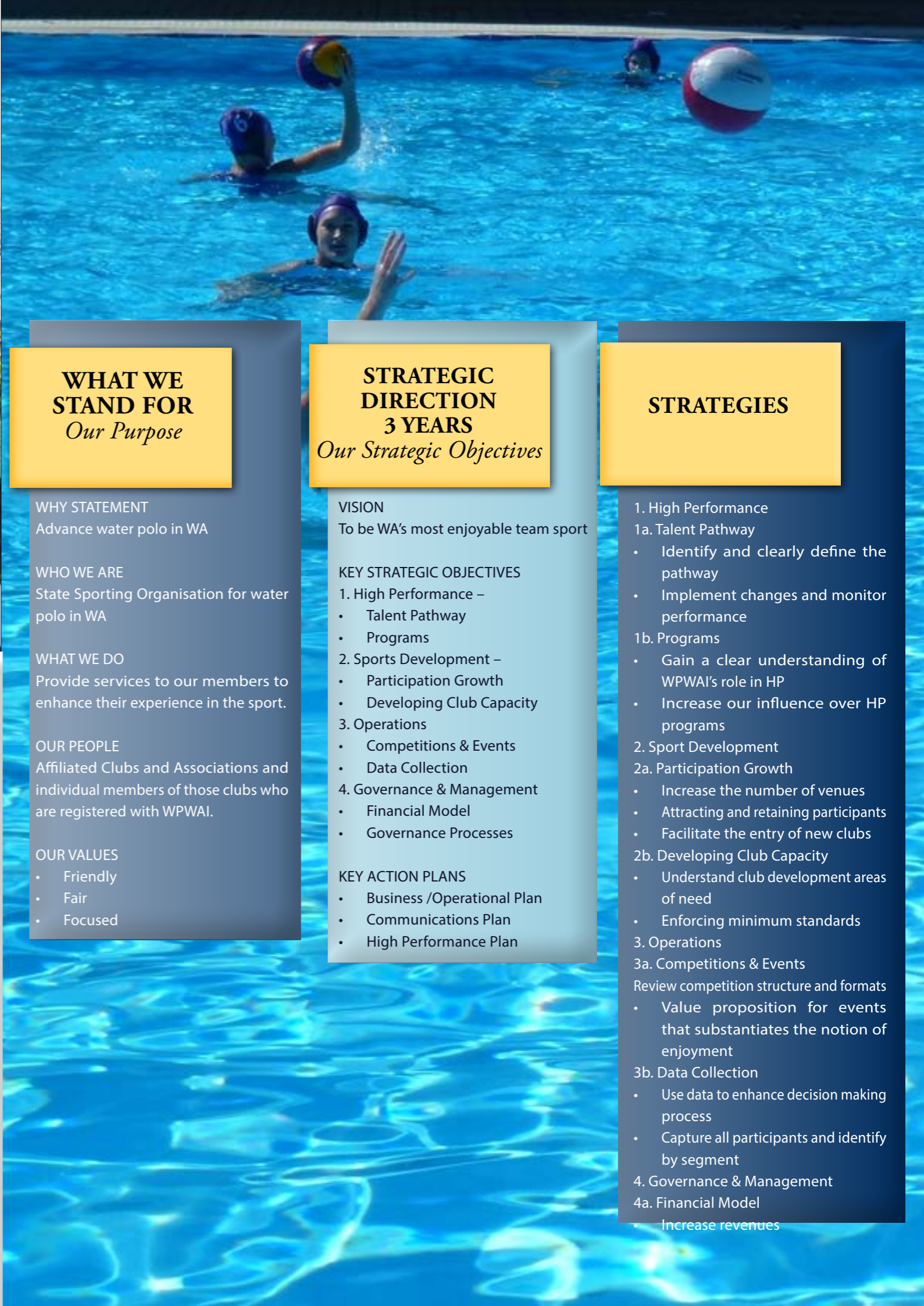



**Department of
Local Government, Sport
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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA









WHAT WE STAND FOR

Our Purpose

WHY STATEMENT
Advance water polo in WA

WHO WE ARE
State Sporting Organisation for water polo in WA

WHAT WE DO
Provide services to our members to enhance their experience in the sport.

OUR PEOPLE
Affiliated Clubs and Associations and individual members of those clubs who are registered with WPWAI.

OUR VALUES

- Friendly
- Fair
- Focused

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

3 YEARS

Our Strategic Objectives

VISION
To be WA's most enjoyable team sport

KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. High Performance –
 - Talent Pathway
 - Programs
2. Sports Development –
 - Participation Growth
 - Developing Club Capacity
3. Operations
 - Competitions & Events
 - Data Collection
4. Governance & Management
 - Financial Model
 - Governance Processes

KEY ACTION PLANS

- Business /Operational Plan
- Communications Plan
- High Performance Plan

STRATEGIES

1. High Performance
 - 1a. Talent Pathway
 - Identify and clearly define the pathway
 - Implement changes and monitor performance
 - 1b. Programs
 - Gain a clear understanding of WPWAI's role in HP
 - Increase our influence over HP programs
2. Sport Development
 - 2a. Participation Growth
 - Increase the number of venues
 - Attracting and retaining participants
 - Facilitate the entry of new clubs
 - 2b. Developing Club Capacity
 - Understand club development areas of need
 - Enforcing minimum standards
3. Operations
 - 3a. Competitions & Events
 - Review competition structure and formats
 - Value proposition for events that substantiates the notion of enjoyment
 - 3b. Data Collection
 - Use data to enhance decision making process
 - Capture all participants and identify by segment
4. Governance & Management
 - 4a. Financial Model
 - Increase revenues

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2016/17 MANAGEMENT

Board Members

Chair Person: Tom Hoad
 Deputy Chair Person: Brianna Mercer
 Director: Sean Rose
 Director : Fiona Pixley
 Director: David Liddle
 Director: Mark Oberman
 Director (Appointed): Lorraine Campbell
 Director: John Hedges
 Director (Appointed): Pippa McIntosh
 Director: John Prior (Resigned April 2017)

WPWAI Staff

General Manager: Ben Haywood
 Competition and Development Manager: Tibor Seress
 Communications Coordinator: Blanak Lesti (Part-time)
 Administration Assistant: Jennifer Jenaway (Part-time)

Life Members

WPWAI

1951 Mr W. Atherden *
 1954 Mr A.J. Smith *
 1957 Mr Jack Bradley *
 1963 Mr J.P. Walsh *
 1968 Mr Cliff C. Hill *
 1969 Mrs D.M. Nordahl M.B.E *
 1972 Mr Allan Charleston *
 1972 Mr O.D.T. De Ridder
 1972 Mr Tom H. Hoad
 1973 Mr Frank J. Sturgeon
 1976 Mr Stan R. Hammond*
 1985 Mr K. J. Christensen
 1986 Mr David C. Neesham O.A.
 1986 Mr Edward J. Neesham O.A.
 1993 Mr William Richardson *
 2000 Mr Cornelius Regan *
 2000 Mr Frank Widdicombe
 2001 Mr Harry Neesham
 2002 Mrs Betty Anderson

2007 Mr Russell McKinnon
 2012 Mr Phil Scales
 2016 Mr Gary Payne

* Deceased

WACWPA

2002 Mr Andy Halleen
 2003 Mr Gary Payne
 2004 Mr Scott Halleen
 2005 Mrs Tammie Read
 2006 Mr Craig Burrows
 2008 Mr Bob Butson
 2011 Mr David O'Connor

CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORT



The past year of water polo in WA has once again seen successful outcomes achieved in many of the games areas and the sport continues to grow. During the year WPWAI CEO Dale Ballantyne moved from his role to return to a role with the West Australian Football League. Dale has been a great advocate for water polo in the WA sporting community and has been responsible for substantial growth the sport has archived to date. The board wishes to thank Dale for his time and commitment to the sport and we wish him every success in his new role. With Dale moving on it enabled WPWAI

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June 2017. We look forward to seeing the exciting changes Ben will bring as he leads us in our next evolution.

All members of the Board of WPWAI take their roles extremely seriously and the amount of time it takes to be in an important governance role for the sport needs to be acknowledged.

The Board has progressed under the second year of the Chairman, Mr Tom Hoad, and has been extremely busy in the strategic areas of pathway access, facilities planning and diversity in participation at all levels of the sport.

The board has continued its work in reviewing its own performance and has put into place strategies which will enable the continued advancement in the role of the WPWAI Board and outline its importance in building for the future. The WPWAI Board continues to serve its members by having a holistic outlook and striving for best practice governance. Auspole Sports, continued to be a great supporter of water polo in WA in 2016-17, which allowed WPWAI to distribute hundreds of balls throughout the state to stimulate the amount of opportunity

for the sport. Terry Mulligan deserves a great deal of recognition and credit for his loyal and unwavering support. WPWAI continues to be an industry leader

in communications for its affiliates. The multi-site web strategy has started to reap rewards for affiliated clubs and associations take up the offer of the website. Going forward WPWAI will increase its social media presence, as we continue to promote the sport throughout WA.

Once again registered participants throughout WA grew in number during 2016-17 continuing the upward trend of recent seasons. The recognition for the growth is due to the hard work of a lot of volunteers and club members. 2016-2017 saw us reach the millstone of over 4000 participants taking part in Water Polo activities. Congratulations to everyone who has made this possible.

At a competition level, congratulations go to Fremantle Marlins who came 2nd in the National League. WPWAI clubs also tasted success at the National 18's Club Championships with Melville being successful against City Beach At a local level, City beach won the men's Premier League while Melville Marlins took out the women's division.

All the above could not be accomplished without the support at various times from staff, board and all stakeholders and partners who are involved with WPWAI. Without Competition and Development Manager, Tibor Seress; Communications Co-ordinator, Ryan Wilson and Blanka Lesti; Administration Assistant, Jen Jennaway WPWAI Bookkeeper, Chenelle Pappas; the gains we have made in the sport during the past year would not have been made. WPWAI has again received strong support from:

- Department of Sport and Recreation, and in particular our consultant Jacqui

Jashari

- Healthway, via the SunSmart message
- Venues West and the staff at HBF Stadium and HBF Arena
- Rob Thompson and the support staff at the WA Sports Federation
- Christian Renford and the staff at Water Polo Australia Limited.

Finally, it would be remiss of us not to mention the talented players representing Australia at the 2017 Fina World Championship, who hail from WA or who have spent some time in the state. Recognition goes to Lil Hedges, Jess Zimmerman and Zoe Arancini in the Stingers and Aaron younger, Andrew Ford, George Ford, Ed Slade, James Fannon, Tim Putt, Joe Keyes and Jarrod Gilchrist in the Sharks.

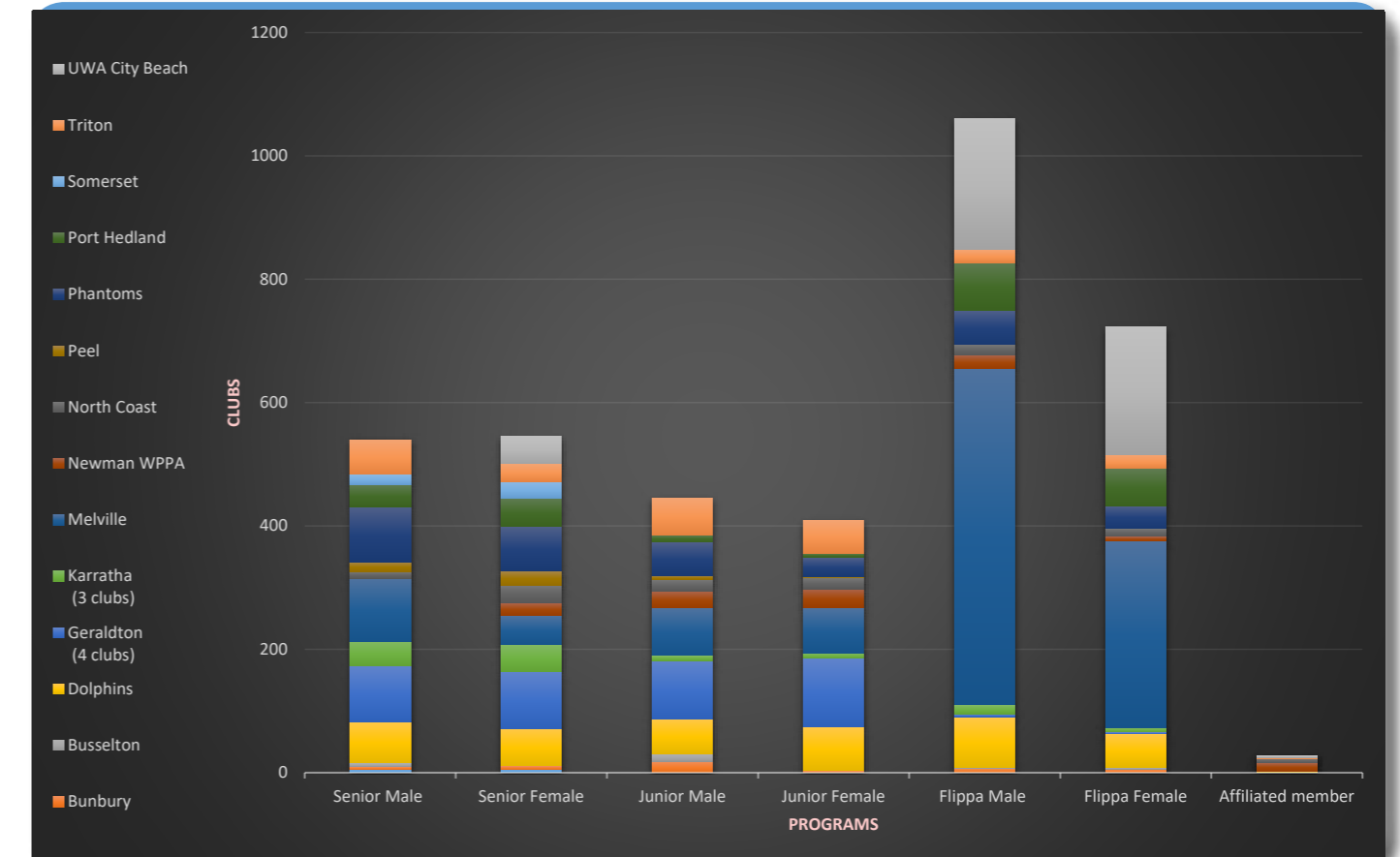
Benjamin Haywood
General Manager

Tom Hoad
Chairman WPWAI



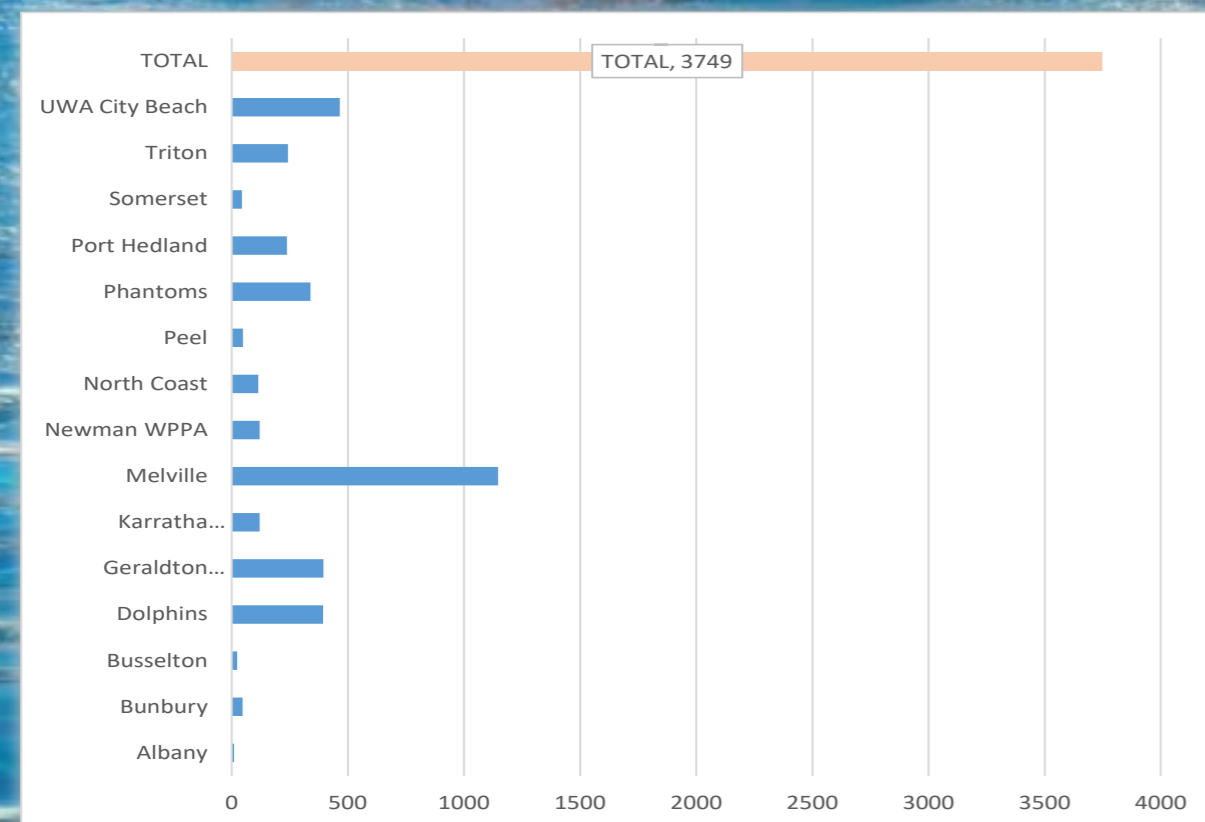
REGISTRATION STATISTICS

2016-17 Registered Club Members/Programs*



* as at June 2017

2016-17 Registered Club Members *



* as at June 2017

Board Participation

BOARD MEMBERS	ROLE/PORTFOLIO	JUL	AUG	AGM SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	FEB	MAR	APR	JUNE	TOTAL	%
Tom Hoad	Chairman (incoming)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	90.00%
Sean Rose	Director of Finance	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		7	70.00%
John Prior	Resigned March 2017	1		1	1							5	50.00%
Brieanna Mercer	Elected Deputy Chair (February 17)	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	7	70.00%
Mark Oberman	Appointed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	100.00%
Andrew Law	Resigned - December 2016			1		1	1					3	30.00%
Fiona Pixley	Appointed	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		8	80.00%
David Liddle	Appointed			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	80.00%
Pippa McIntosh	Appointed - March 2017									1	1	2	20.00%
Lorraine Campbell	Appointed - May 2016		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	90.00%
John Hedges	Appointed - June 2017										1	1	10.00%
Dale Ballantyne	CEO - Resigned February 2017	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				7	70.00%
Tibor Seress	Competition and Development			1								1	10.00%
Ben Haywood	General Manager										1	1	10.00%

MEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE

WAIS MENS REPORT (July 2016 – June 2017)

Head Coach: Paul Oberman

Assistant Coach: Andras Jo-Kovacs

Specialist Goalkeeping Coach: Lorenzo Cenci

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS (INCLUDING AWE CATEGORIES)

Podium Potential: Joel Swift, George Ford

Developing International: Edward Slade, James Fannon, Andrew Ford

Emerging International: Lach Pethick (finished May '17), Damian Williams, Tim Putt, Nicholas Elphick, Jack Marshall (finished Oct '16), Jacob Jones (finished Oct '16), Jed Thompson (finished April '17), John Hedges, Lachlan Vos, Christian Kyriakou, Matthew Oberman, Lewis Putt

IASP: Aaron Younger, Jordan Kremers-Taylor, Luke Pavillard

WAIS Train On Agreement: Tom Rigoll, Tom Powell, Tom Prior

KEY ATHLETE RESULTS

Number of athletes in Sharks, Olympic Games [August 2016– 3/13 - 9th place]

Number of athletes in Sharks, World League Finals [June 2017 – 6/13 - 7th place]

Number of athletes in Sharks, World League Intercontinental Tournament

[April 2017 – 5/13 - 1st place]

Number of athletes in World Youth Men's Championships

[August/September 2016 – 7/13 - 8th place]

NATIONAL TEAM REPRESENTATION

Olympic Games 2016: Aaron Younger, Joel Swift, George Ford (Joe Kayes, James Stanton-French)

World League Qualifying Tournament 2017: Edward Slade, Andrew Ford, James Fannon, Tim Putt, Luke Pavillard

World League Finals 2017: Aaron Younger, Edward

Slade, George Ford, Andrew Ford, James Fannon, Tim Putt (Jordan Kremers-Taylor toured but did not make the team to compete)

Australian Junior (20/U – B97+) Squad Tour July 2016: Lach Pethick (WAIS Train On – Tom Prior, Tom Rigoll, Tom Powell)

Australian Youth (18/U – B98+) & World Youth Championships: Damian Williams, Jack Marshall, Nicholas Elphick, Tim Putt, Jed Thompson, Lachlan Vos, Christian Kyriakou

WAIS/NSWIS Singapore Tour May 2017: Andrew Ford, Damian Williams, Nicholas Elphick, Tim Putt, Lachlan Vos, John Hedges

World University Games: Nick Hughes, Will Mackay

MAJOR TITLE WINNERS

European Champions League, Szolnok (1st place): Aaron Younger

Hungarian National League, Szolnok (1st place): Aaron Younger

France National League, Marseille (1st): Jordan Kremers-Taylor

World League Intercontinental Tournament (1st place, Australia): Edward Slade, Andrew Ford, James Fannon, Tim Putt, Luke Pavillard

Australian National 18/U Club Championships (1st, UWA): Lachlan Vos, Christian Kyriakou

Australian National 18/U Club Championships (Best Goalkeeper): John Hedges (Melville)



COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

Paul Oberman

Australian Men's Team Leader/Manager (Olympic Games 2016)

Australian Men's Team Assistant Coach (Olympic Games 2016)

World League Qualifying and Finals 2017)

Andras Jo-Kovacs

Australian B'00 Assistant Coach (NZ Pan Pac Tour 2016)

WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE

WAIS WOMENS REPORT (July 2016 – June 2017)

Coach: Georgina Kovacs-Muller

Specialist Coaches: Danielle Woodhouse (GK/Stability), Lorenzo Cenci (GK), Claudio Chiappari (WPWAI Underpinning/Relief Coach)

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Podium (Retired post RIO Olympics): Gemma Beadsworth, Glencora McGhie

Podium Ready: Zoe Arancini

Podium Potential: Lilian Hedges

Developing International: Jessica Zimmerman
Dayna Kelly O'Leary, Tess Hosking, Sofie Pontre, Sofia Chaves

Emerging International: Abbey Grosse, Genevieve Longman, Claire Durston, Madison Rigo, Jamie Oberman

ATHLETES ON TRAINING AGREEMENT

B98: Natasha Liddle (UWA City Beach), Neve Annett (UWA City Beach), Brydie Neesham (Melville)

B99: Annie Gleeson (UWA City Beach), Madison Rigo (UWA City Beach), Claire Durston (UWA City Beach)
Lydia Priestley (UWA City Beach), Sarah Leavy (Melville), Brooke Pensini (Melville), Zoe Ward (Triton)

B00: Rachel Lagdon (Dolphins), Heather Laird (Triton)

B01: Jamie Oberman (Triton), Claire Whitaker (Triton - June 2017), Lucinda Marsh (Melville - June 2017), Philippa Pedley (UWA City Beach - June 2017), Ella Fracaro (UWA City Beach - June 2017)

KEY ATHLETE RESULTS

Number of athletes in Stingers for RIO Olympic Games (August 2016) - 3/13 (6th)

Number of athletes in Youth National Team for World Championships (December 2016) - 2/11 (9th)

Number of athletes in Stingers for World League Qualifying Tournament (May 2017) - 2/13 (1st)

Number of athletes in Stingers for World League Finals (June 2017) – 4/13 (7th)

NATIONAL TEAM/SQUAD REPRESENTATION

RIO Olympic Games August 2016 - Gemma Beadsworth, Glencora McGhie, Zoe Arancini

Stingers Olympic Squad Members - Gemma Beadsworth, Glencora McGhie, Zoe Arancini, Lilian Hedges

World League Qualifying Tournament (Intercontinental Cup) May 2017 - Lilian Hedges, Dayna O'Leary

World League Finals June 2017 - Lilian Hedges, Jessica Zimmerman, Dayna O'Leary, Zoe Arancini (returned to Perth due to injury)

Youth World Championships (U18) December 2016 - Sofie Pontre, Sofia Chaves

Junior National (U20) & World University Games Squad - Tess Hosking, Dayna O'Leary, Abbey Grosse, Sofie Pontre, Sofia Chaves, Genevieve Longman

Born 1999 National Squad - Claire Durston, Madison Rigo, Sarah Leavy, Brooke Pensini, Zoe Ward, Lydia Priestley (Tour to follow in 2018)

Born 2000 National Squad - Jamie Oberman, Heather Laird, Rachel Lagdon (not selected on tour)

MAJOR TITLE WINNERS

World League Qualifying Tournament - US, May 2017 (Gold Medal) – Lilian Hedges, Dayna O'Leary

Australian National Water Polo League 2016/17 - [Fremantle Marlins] April 2017 (Silver Medal) - Zoe Arancini, Lilian Hedges, Sofie Pontre, Sofia Chaves, Sarah Leavy, Brooke Pensini, Brydie Neesham

Australian NWPL All Star Team - Zoe Arancini

European Club League – Final Four - Kirishi, April 2017 - Zoe Arancini (CN Mataro – Spanish)



COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

Georgina Kovacs-Muller

Junior National Team (U20) – Assistant Coach - World Championships in August 2017

AIS Performance Coach Program – two year program graduating October 2017

Toward Tokyo Camp, Canberra, May 2017 – Head Coach of Born 1999 Team (ongoing involvement in national junior & youth development)

AUSSIE SHARKS



The Australian senior men's water polo squad is selected from the Australia's Winning Edge (AWE) Athlete Categorisation List updated in April and October each year.

Athletes nominated in the Podium category targeted for the upcoming Olympic Games will be prioritised as per the WPA Selection Policy. Selected squad members form part of the Australian men's water polo team, the Aussie Sharks, a team which has experienced international success over many years.

The senior men's program is a decentralised camps based program supported by the state Institute's and academies of sport who deliver daily training and support in an environment required to prepare elite level water polo players for international competition.

The Aussie Sharks compete in a range of competitions in preparation for major events such as the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup and World League.

Coaches & Support Staff

National Head Coach:

Elvis Fatovic

National Assistant Coaches:

Paul Oberman and Dean Kontic

Team Performance Analyst:

Mat Harris

National Lead Physiologist:

Tom Donaldson

Men's National Operations Manager:

Michael Maclennan

National Domestic S&C Coach:

Stephen Smith

The 2017 Australian Men's Water Polo Squad

Ed Slade, Nic Brooks, George Ford, Joe Kayes, Nathan Power, Jarrod Gilchrist, Andrew Ford, Aaron Younger (Captain), Lachlan Hollis, James Fannon, Tim Putt, Lachlan Edwards, Anthony Hyranthos

AUSSIE STINGERS



The Australian senior women's water polo squad is selected from the Australia's Winning Edge (AWE) Athlete Categorisation List updated in April and October each year. Athletes nominated.

In the Podium category targeted for the upcoming Olympic Games will be prioritised as per the WPA Selection Policy. Selected squad members form part of the Australian women's water polo team, the Aussie Stingers, a team which has experienced international success over many years.

The women's water polo program is a decentralised camps based program in which female athletes train in their home daily training environment under the guidance of their relevant state sporting Institute's and academies and come together several times each year for training camps. Selected squad members form the Australian women's water polo team, the Aussie Stingers.

The Aussie Stingers compete in a range of competitions in preparation for major events such as the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup and World League. It is a world class program, highlighted by significant international success including gold at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and bronze at both the 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

Coaches & Support Staff

National Head Coach:

Sakis Kechagias

National Assistant Coach:

Predrag Mihailovic

Team Manager:

Lynne Morrison

Performance Analyst:

Tamara Kefford

National Sports Medicine Coordinator:

Miranda Wallis

National Women's Operations Manager

Bronwyn Smith

2017 Australian Women's Water Polo Squad

Lea Yanitsas, Amy Ridge, Hannah Buckling, Lena Mihailovic, Isobel Bishop, Keesja Gofers, Rowie Webster (Captain), Maddy Steere, Jess Zimmerman, Zoe Arancini, Morgan Baxter, Bronte Halligan, Lil Hedges

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

2016 16 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS BOYS
 28th September to 2nd October 2016 at Brisbane, QLD
 FINAL STANDINGS

2 - Championship Silver	UWA City Beach Bears
9 - Plate Winner	Melville Sharks
11	Triton
16	UWA City Beach Blues
24	Dolphins

2016 16 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS GIRLS
 28th September to 2nd October 2016 at Hobart, TAS
 FINAL STANDINGS

10	UWA City Beach Bears
11	Triton
17 - Bowl Winner	Melville Marlins
24	UWA City Beach Blues
25	Dolphins

2017 18 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS BOYS
 14th to 17th April 2017 at Perth, WA
 FINAL STANDINGS

1 - Champions - Gold Medal	Melville Sharks
2 - Championship Silver	UWA City Beach Torpdeoes
12	UWA City Beach Bears
13 - Shield Winner	Triton
17	Melville Saints

MVP: Cody Smith (Melville Sharks)
 Best Goalkeeper: John Hedges (Melville Sharks)

2017 18 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS GIRLS
 12th to 17th April 2017 at Perth, WA
 FINAL STANDINGS

5 - Plate Winner	UWA City Beach Torpedoes
7	Melville/North Coast Composite
11	Dolphins/ACT Composite
13	Triton

2017 14 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS BOYS
 12th to 17th April 2017 at Albury/Wodonga, NSW/Victoria
 FINAL STANDINGS

3 - Bronze Medal	UWA City Beach Bears
6	Melville Sharks
16	UWA City Beach Blues
23	Triton
26	Melville Saints

2017 14 & UNDER NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS GIRLS
 12th to 17th April 2017 at Gold Coast, Queensland
 FINAL STANDINGS

7	UWA City Beach Bears
17 - Bowl Winner	UWA City Beach Gold
22	Triton
27	Dolphins



WA STATE SCHOOLS TEAMS FINISH 4TH PLACE
 The National Schools Championships were held from May 21st - 26th in Noosa. Congratulations to the WA State Schools teams who finished 4th at the championships.

COMPETITION & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Polo in WA has had another successful season in 2016-17, further extending our sport with the increased number of teams participating in competitions.

Water Polo in WA has had another successful season in 2016-17, which again saw an increase in team numbers participating in our competitions.

The Premier League (Men's and Women's) was completed before Christmas in 2016, with representation of four men's clubs and five women's clubs. The Dolphins Water Polo Club provided a strong opposition for UWA City Beach and Melville, but these two top teams played against each other in the final as has been the case in previous years. UWA City Beach won their second consecutive Premier League title, as well as finishing 4th in the National League after losing a close contest to Cronulla Sharks.

The Women's competition had 5 teams with Melville, North Coast Phoenix, Triton, UWA City Beach and Dolphins competing. The Melville Marlins proved to be too strong and finished off with a comfortable final game against the younger but passionate UWA City Beach side. The Marlins from Fremantle have also been successful in the 2017 National League Finals where they claimed a silver medal, going down by one goal in the grand final match against the Sydney University.

“ Our Junior State League introduced the 14&U C division for the first time in Water Polo WA history. ”

In the second half of our season the Men's Challenge Cup was run by WPWAI with Dolphins, Triton, Phantoms and a Barbarians team. This competition provided a good opportunity for the participating club teams to continue to play higher quality senior games on Saturdays and help their younger athletes to be exposed and further developed in another game environment. Thank you to all the officials and clubs involved. Dolphins had a great year winning the cup and the Triton boys

were the most improved team throughout the competition. Our Junior State League introduced the 14&U C division for the very first time in Water Polo WA history. Only the boys had enough teams for this division. The junior competition again had an increase in teams in 2016-2017

At the conclusion of the Junior Grand Final Day, UWA City Beach won 5 gold medals (14's A boys and girls 16's A boys and girls and 18's girls). Melville won 2 gold (14's B and 18's boys), Dolphins also won 2 Gold (14's and 16's B boys). It was great to see North Coast Water Polo Club winning its first ever junior title in a very close contest against the Phantoms boys within our newly introduced 14&U C division. The Phantoms 16&U B division girls also managed to finish their season successfully by defeating the year by year improving Newman Nessies, bringing one gold this year to the club.

Just like in the last two years some of the age groups had to adjust to rule changes brought in by FINA and Water Polo Australia into our state which was challenging at times. Despite the inconsistency of rules and changes, the club teams were prepared to tackle these sudden alterations so we could close

another fruitful season in WA for water polo. On the National stage, our junior teams continued to be successful by winning medals and awards for their club and the state.

The 18&U National Club Championships was held in Perth at HBF Stadium in April,

we finished off with a WA derby in the Boys Grand Final. The Melville Sharks boys defeated the UWA City Beach Torpedoes boys 7-3 in a close contest. The MVP of the Tournament was Cody Smith from Melville Sharks and his team mate John Hedges got the award as the best goalkeeper of the National Championships. Our referee encouragement award went to Ben Vittino from WA. In the girls, UWA City Beach Torpedoes finished well in the Bowl Final defeating Sunshine Coast's team.

The 16&U National Championships was held in Queensland with the UWA City Beach Bears boys team missing out on the premiership by going down 7-9 against the Melbourne Collegian Lions. The Melville Sharks managed to win the Plate after their disappointment of not finishing within the top 8 sides. The 16's girls competed in Hobart and our best club team was the UWA City Beach Bears who was defeated in the Plate Final against the Cronulla Sharks. Triton finished their tournament with a win for the 11th position on the final ladder. We must also mention that the Melville girls were the Bowl winners on this tournament.

The 14&U National Championships was held in both Albury Wodonga (boys) and on the Gold Coast (girls) in April 2017. UWA City Beach boys claimed their bronze medal just missing out on playing in the grand final, while the Melville Marlins won their plate final with the UWA City Beach Gold girls team winning their game in the Bowl final.

In the 2016-17 Senior State League, WPWAI received close to 70 team nominations. During the 18 Wednesday nights, 31 games were run each week in 10 pools across 6 venues. Triton won 3 premierships, Dolphins and Melville 2 premierships and UWA City Beach 1. The Reserve League was won by Dolphins in the men and Triton in the women.

2016-17 also saw the introduction of new referees in the Junior and Senior competitions, which is promising for the future. Many of our referees stepped up and helped out in

Term 4 and Term 1 PSA and IGSSA competitions. Our referee coordinators did a great job despite the fact that on some weeks they had a very busy schedule with just enough referees.

I'd like to acknowledge the work that our outgoing CEO Dale Ballantyne has done in his role over his 5-6 years at Water Polo Western Australia Inc. Thanks to his passion, dedication, experience and fantastic work ethic, our sport has grown in many areas and become stronger in governance in particular. I also really enjoyed working with Dale. His tireless work and great personality has given a lot to our Water Polo community. Thank you, Dale, we wish you good luck in Australian Football.

I would also like to thank the Board of Water Polo WA, WPWAI officials and all volunteers who have helped make our sport enjoyable and easier to manage. A big thank you goes to all of you who are developing our clubs and generously making time to get things better. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I am looking forward to continue to do so in the upcoming season. I extend my welcome to our newly appointed General Manager, Ben Haywood. Ben has already started to lead new initiatives. Let's make our sport the most enjoyable water sport in WA for 2017-18.

Tibor Seress

Competition & Development Manager



STATE LEAGUE RESULTS – SENIORS

2016-17 PREMIER LEAGUE MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Melville Sharks	8	3	0	59	0	2	35	79.55
2	UWA City Beach Bears	7	4	0	23	1	0	30	68.18
3	Pressed Earth - Dolphins	5	7	0	-31	0	0	27	56.25
4	Triton	3	9	0	-41	1	0	19	39.58

GRAND FINAL

UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 10 DEFEATED MELVILLE SHARKS 8

2016-17 PREMIER LEAGUE WOMEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Melville Marlins	11	1	0	137	0	0	45	93.75
2	UWA City Beach	8	4	0	24	0	0	36	75
3	Triton	6	6	0	-20	0	1	30	62.5
4	Phil Johnson Plumbing and Gas North Coast Phoenix	5	7	0	-15	0	0	27	56.25
5	Lawleys Bakery - Dolphins	0	12	0	-121	1	0	10	20.83

GRAND FINAL

MELVILLE MARLINS 15 DEFEATED UWA CITY BEACH 2

2016 CHALLENGE CUP FOR MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Pressed Earth - Dolphins	7	1	0	44	1	2	27	84.38
2	Triton	3	4	1	-7	0	1	18	56.25
3	Phantoms	3	4	1	-9	1	0	16	50
4	Barbarians	2	6	0	-13	1	0	12	37.5

GRAND FINAL

PRESSED EARTH - DOLPHINS 5 DEFEATED TRITON 4



2016-17 RESERVE MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Phantoms Skulls	16	1	1	66	0	2	67	93.06
2	ITM Dolphins	10	6	2	20	3	0	44	61.11
3	UWA City Beach Mac Equity Bulls	7	9	2	-6	0	0	41	56.94
4	Triton	7	10	1	-27	0	0	40	55.56
5	UWA City Beach PCs	5	10	3	-3	0	1	36	50
6	Melville Sharks	4	13	1	-30	1	1	29	40.28

GRAND FINAL:
ITM DOLPHINS 8 DEFEATED TRITON 3

2016-17 RESERVE WOMEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Melville Pearls	12	2	1	62	0	0	52	86.67
2	North Coast Phoenix	12	3	1	87	0	3	53	82.81
3	Triton 1	10	4	1	39	1	0	44	73.33
4	UWA City Beach Bears	9	5	1	39	1	2	41	68.33
5	Triton 2	5	9	1	-7	1	0	29	48.33
6	Melville Marlins	2	13	1	-35	2	0	19	29.69
7	Dale Alcock Homes Dolphins	1	15	0	-155	1	1	17	26.56

GRAND FINAL:
TRITON 1 5 DEFEATED MELVILLE PEARLS 4

2016-17 DIVISION 1 MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Melville Saints	12	2	0	73	0	2	50	89.29
2	UWA City Beach Dugongs	11	3	2	36	1	2	49	76.56
3	UWA City Beach Oils	9	7	0	27	0	0	43	67.19
4	Melville Meerkats	7	5	3	29	0	0	39	65
5	Triton Gold	6	8	1	-32	3	0	28	46.67
6	Melville Gimps	1	10	2	-42	0	0	18	34.62
7	Phantoms White Knights	2	13	0	-66	1	1	19	31.67

GRAND FINAL:
MELVILLE SAINTS 7 DEFEATED UWA CITY BEACH DUGONGS 3

2016-17 DIVISION 1 WOMEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Phantoms Ghosts	14	3	1	69	0	0	61	84.72
2	Melville Mermaids	13	3	2	23	0	0	59	81.94
3	Dolphins Blue	9	8	1	27	0	0	46	63.89
4	Peel	8	9	1	-19	0	0	43	59.72
5	Focus Building Company North Coast Phoenix	6	11	1	-26	0	0	37	51.39
6	Dolphins White	1	17	0	-74	0	0	21	29.17

GRAND FINAL:
MELVILLE MERMAIDS 4 DEFEATED PHANTOMS GHOSTS 2

2016-17 DIVISION 2 WOMEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Dolphins Stirling Raiders	16	0	0	168	0	4	64	100
2	Somerset	12	3	1	49	0	0	53	82.81
3	Phantoms Heroes	12	4	0	34	0	0	52	81.25
4	Pink Pointers	11	4	1	41	1	0	48	75
5	Triton	8	8	0	36	1	1	38	59.38
6	Phantoms Bengalis	5	10	1	-51	0	0	32	50
7	UWA City Beach Sapphires	4	11	1	-45	0	0	29	45.31
8	Phantoms Devils	2	14	0	-72	1	0	20	31.25
9	Peel	0	16	0	-135	2	0	12	18.75

GRAND FINAL:
DOLPHINS STIRLING RAIDERS 10 DEFEATED SOMERSET 1



2016-17 DIVISION 3 MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Bears	16	1	0	82	0	1	65	95.59
2	Melville F Troop	11	3	2	39	0	1	51	79.69
3	UWA City Beach Dropbears	11	4	1	59	0	0	50	78.12
4	Dolphins	11	6	0	12	0	0	50	73.53
5	Triton	9	5	1	37	0	0	43	71.67
6	Scott Print Dolphins	8	7	2	21	0	1	43	63.24
7	UWA City Beach Growlers	6	10	1	-30	1	1	34	50
8	Phantoms Devils	4	11	1	-51	0	1	29	45.31
9	Peel	2	13	1	-41	0	1	23	35.94
10	UWA City Beach TBAs	2	13	1	-56	0	0	23	35.94
11	Melville Black Jox	4	11	2	-42	5	0	21	30.88

GRAND FINAL:
UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 4 DEFEATED MELVILLE F TROOP 3

2016-17 DIVISION 3 WOMEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	Triton	15	1	0	117	0	0	61	95.31
2	Melville Mystics	12	3	0	69	0	0	51	85
3	Phantoms Skulls	10	5	0	41	0	0	45	75
4	Newman Aqua Ducks	10	6	0	8	0	0	46	71.88
5	UWA City Beach Spirit Sisters	9	7	0	21	1	1	41	64.06
6	Newman Rays	4	11	1	-52	0	0	29	45.31
7	Somerset	4	11	1	-55	0	1	29	45.31
8	UWA City Beach Sisters	2	12	2	-51	0	0	24	37.5
9	Phantoms Dianas	2	12	2	-88	1	0	22	34.38

GRAND FINAL:
TRITON 5 DEFEATED MELVILLE MYSTICS 3



2016-17 DIVISION 4 MEN

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	Phantoms Heroes	16	0	2	89	0	0	68	94.44
2	Triton	11	3	4	39	0	0	55	76.39
3	Somerset	11	5	2	49	0	1	53	73.61
4	North Coast Phoenix	11	5	2	32	0	0	53	73.61
5	Phantoms Skulls	11	6	1	22	0	1	52	72.22
6	Phantoms Guardians	10	8	0	24	0	0	48	66.67
7	Melville Sharks	9	7	2	0	0	0	47	65.28
8	UWA City Beach Bears	6	10	2	-12	0	0	38	52.78
9	Dolphins	5	9	4	-19	1	0	35	48.61
10	Phantoms Ghosts	3	14	1	-81	0	0	28	38.89
11	UWA City Beach Masters	3	14	1	-47	3	1	22	30.56
12	Phantoms Devils	1	16	1	-76	0	1	22	30.56

GRAND FINAL:
TRITON 7 DEFEATED NORTH COAST PHOENIX 3



2016-17 MASTERS 50+

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA/CB 50+	4	0	1	9	0	0	18	90
2	Triton	4	2	0	-1	0	0	18	75
3	Composite Team (Budapest 2017)	2	2	0	3	0	0	10	62.5
4	Budapest 55+	3	3	2	1	0	0	19	59.38
5	Melville Sharks	2	4	1	-4	0	0	14	50
6	Perth Cockatoos (60+ Budapest)	0	4	0	-8	0	0	4	25

GRAND FINAL:
CITY BEACH WHITE BEARS 12 DEFEATED CITY BEACH BLACK BEARS 6

2016-17 MASTERS 60+

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Grizzly Bears	8	1	0	30	0	0	33	91.67
2	Dolphins	5	1	1	16	0	0	23	82.14
3	Pink Pointers	8	3	1	15	0	0	37	77.08
4	Melville Grey Sharks	3	7	0	-13	0	0	19	47.5
5	Triton	3	9	0	-21	0	0	21	43.75
6	Perth Cockatoos 65+	1	7	0	-27	0	0	11	34.38

GRAND FINAL:
CITY BEACH GRIZZLY BEARS 6 DEFEATED DOLPHINS 3

AWARDS - SENIORS

PREMIER LEAGUE - MEN

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER OF THE SEASON
Brett McGhie – Triton

TOM HOAD AWARD - GRAND FINAL MVP
Florian Naroska – UWA City Beach Bears

CHALLENGE CUP - MEN
FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER OF THE SEASON
Harry Paterson – Pressed Earth - Dolphins

RESERVE MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Harry Paterson - ITM Dolphins

DIVISION 1 MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Charlie Liggins - UWA City Beach Oils

DIVISION 3
MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
THOMAS STEWART - UWA CITY BEACH DROPBEARS

DIVISION 4
MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Peter Allen - North Coast Phoenix

MASTERS 50+
MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Anthony McDonald - Triton

PREMIER LEAGUE - WOMEN

FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER OF THE SEASON
Jessica Reynolds - Phil Johnson Plumbing and Gas North Coast Phoenix

ANDY MELONCELLI AWARD - GRAND FINAL MVP
Zoe Arancini - Melville Marlins

RESERVE WOMEN
FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Kelly Parks - Melville Pearls

DIVISION 1
WOMEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Debbie Mercer - Peel

DIVISION 2
WOMEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
DONNA HART - SOMERSET

DIVISION 3
WOMEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Faye Feizaks - Melville Mystics

MASTERS 60+
MEN FAIREST AND BEST PLAYER
Fiona Pixley - Pink Pointers

WPWAI MASTERS REPORT

The 2016/17 Masters competition was again well supported and the overall player numbers were up on the previous year. There were 50+ and 60+ competitions again with an additional Perth Cockatoos composite team in the 50+ and 60+ divisions. These teams were entered for the additional players travelling to the FINA World Masters Championships in Budapest in August 2017. In the true Master's spirit, the teams were mixed to ensure a game took place every week.

Overall the season was a little disappointing and more work needs to be done to ensure the Masters keeps growing and stays a part of WPWAI competitions. With this in mind a meeting was held at the CB club room facilitated by Leigh Farnell. The object of the meeting was to have a representative from all Masters' clubs get together to work out ways to expand the Masters competition. The meeting selected Colin

Wedd, Terry Mulligan and Mike Stacey as co-ordinators and this is still a WIP at this stage. The Masters will be seeking to engage with WPWAI to help grow the Masters comp.

Eight teams from the Masters are travelling to Budapest for the FINA World Masters; three mens teams from CB/UWA, four from the Perth Cockatoos and a women's team from the famous Pink Pointers. We wish all the teams' good luck and hope they can bring back some medals.

Also four Perth Masters teams travelled to Bunbury in June to play in the 1st State Masters/Bunbury Old Boys tournament which was very successful and played in the true Masters spirit. The Perth Cockatoos 65+ team beat the PC 70+ team in the final of division 1 and the CB 55+ won the 2nd division.

Gary Payne
WPWAI Life Member



STATE LEAGUE – JUNIORS

2016-17 14 & UNDER A JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Blues	9	3	0	80	0	0	39	81.25
2	UWA City Beach Bears	9	3	0	72	0	0	39	81.25
3	Melville Sharks	9	3	0	71	0	0	39	81.25
4	Melville Saints	3	9	0	-59	0	0	21	43.75
5	Phantoms Skulls	0	12	0	-164	0	0	12	25

GRAND FINAL:
UWA CITY BEACH BLUES 8 DEFEATED UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 6

2016-17 14 & UNDER A JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Bears	13	0	2	121	0	0	56	93.33
2	Melville Marlins	10	3	2	52	0	1	47	78.33
3	UWA City Beach Gold	10	4	1	52	0	0	46	76.67
4	Triton	9	5	1	18	0	1	43	71.67
5	Dolphins	7	8	0	-1	0	0	36	60
6	Melville Mermaids	5	10	0	-65	0	0	30	50
7	UWA City Beach Blues	3	12	0	-70	0	0	24	40
8	Phantoms Skulls	0	15	0	-97	2	0	11	18.33

GRAND FINAL:
CUWA CITY BEACH GOLD 3 DEFEATED UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 2



2016-17 14 & UNDER B JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	Lawley's Dolphins	13	2	0	125	1	0	52	86.67
2	Newman Orcas	12	2	1	91	0	0	52	86.67
3	UWA City Beach Gold	10	3	2	96	0	0	47	78.33
4	Triton	10	5	0	16	0	0	45	75
5	Melville Stingrays	9	5	1	16	0	1	43	71.67
6	Newman Eels	4	10	1	-57	0	0	28	46.67
7	UWA City Beach Greens	4	11	0	-38	0	0	27	45
8	From C Div - UWA City Beach Cubs	3	9	0	-56	0	0	21	43.75
9	Dolphins Blue	3	11	1	-80	0	3	25	41.67
10	Wesley Dolphins	3	12	0	-92	2	0	20	33.33

GRAND FINAL:
LAWLEY'S DOLPHINS 3 DEFEATED NEWMAN ORCAS 0

2016-17 14 & UNDER B JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	Melville Mackerels	14	0	0	163	0	1	56	100
2	North Coast WPC	10	3	0	57	0	0	43	82.69
3	Newman Waves	10	3	1	39	0	1	45	80.36
4	Newman Pearls	9	5	0	71	0	0	41	73.21
5	UWA City Beach Cubs	5	6	1	-9	0	2	28	58.33
6	Dolphins	5	8	0	-39	3	1	22	42.31
7	UWA City Beach Greens	1	11	0	-77	0	0	15	31.25
8	Phantoms Devils	2	11	0	-61	2	1	15	28.85
9	Triton	2	11	0	-109	2	1	15	28.85

GRAND FINAL:
MELVILLE MACKERELS 3 DEFEATED NORTH COAST WPC 2

2016-17 14 & UNDER C JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	North Coast Phoenix	7	3	2	24	0	0	35	72.92
2	Phantoms Ghosts	6	4	2	-6	1	0	30	62.5
3	Triton Bull Sharks	3	4	2	-1	0	0	20	55.56
4	Triton Tiger Sharks	4	6	2	-11	0	1	26	54.17
5	Dolphins C Boys	3	9	0	-38	0	0	21	43.75

GRAND FINAL:
NORTH COAST PHOENIX 5 DEFEATED PHANTOMS GHOSTS 4

2016-17 14 & UNDER C JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Greens	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	50
2	UWA City Beach Cubs	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	50
3	Phantoms Ghosts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GRAND FINAL:
NORTH COAST PHOENIX 5 DEFEATED PHANTOMS GHOSTS 4

2016-17 16 & UNDER A JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Blues	12	1	0	101	0	0	49	94.23
2	Triton	10	3	0	56	0	0	43	82.69
3	UWA City Beach Bears	8	4	0	25	0	0	36	75
4	Melville Sharks	8	6	0	41	0	0	38	67.86
5	UWA City Beach Greens	3	10	1	-81	0	0	24	42.86
6	Melville Saints	3	10	0	-59	0	0	22	42.31
7	UWA City Beach Gold	2	10	1	-52	0	0	20	38.46

GRAND FINAL:
UWA CITY BEACH BLUES 8 DEFEATED TRITON 2

2016-17 16 & UNDER A JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	% POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Bears	12	1	1	89	0	0	51	91.07
2	Triton	12	3	0	78	0	0	51	85
3	Melville Marlins	10	4	1	59	0	0	46	76.67
4	UWA City Beach Blues	6	9	0	-25	0	0	33	55
5	Melville Mermaids	2	12	0	-95	0	0	20	35.71
6	Dolphins	1	14	0	-106	0	0	18	30

GRAND FINAL:
UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 6 DEFEATED TRITON 4



2016-17 16 & UNDER B JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Dolphins	14	1	0	102	0	0	57	95
2	Triton	7	4	1	25	0	0	34	70.83
3	UWA City Beach Whites	9	5	2	43	0	0	45	70.31
4	Newman Fighting Fish	9	6	1	28	0	0	44	68.75
5	Bunbury Barracudas	5	6	0	-3	0	0	26	59.09
6	Triton 2	3	5	2	-10	0	0	21	52.5
7	Phantoms Devils	4	11	0	-42	0	0	27	45
8	North Coast Phoenix	1	14	0	-143	0	0	18	30

GRAND FINAL:
DOLPHINS 8 DEFEATED TRITON 3

2016-17 16 & UNDER B JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Phantoms Devils	10	2	0	87	0	1	42	87.5
2	UWA City Beach Gold	9	3	0	82	0	0	39	81.25
3	Newman Nessies	8	4	0	43	0	0	36	75
4	Triton	2	11	0	-117	0	0	19	36.54
5	North Coast Phoenix	1	11	0	-112	1	0	13	27.08

GRAND FINAL:
PHANTOMS DEVILS 6 DEFEATED NEWMAN NESSIES 2

2016-17 18 & UNDER JUNIOR BOYS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	Melville Saints	10	4	1	35	0	0	46	76.67
2	Melville Sharks	10	4	1	35	2	0	42	70
3	UWA City Beach Bears	7	7	1	10	0	1	37	61.67
4	UWA City Beach Blues	7	8	0	4	0	1	36	60
5	Triton	7	8	0	-19	0	0	36	60
6	UWA City Beach Greens	2	12	1	-55	0	0	22	36.67

GRAND FINAL:
MELVILLE SHARKS W DEFEATED MELVILLE SAINTS 5

2016-17 18 & UNDER JUNIOR GIRLS

POS	TEAM	W	L	D	GD	FA	FF	PTS	%POINTS
1	UWA City Beach Bears	12	0	0	94	0	2	48	100
2	Melville Marlins	7	3	2	29	1	0	33	68.75
3	Triton	6	5	1	48	0	0	31	64.58
4	Dolphins Blue	3	9	0	-56	1	1	19	39.58
5	UWA City Beach Cubs	0	11	1	-100	1	0	11	22.92

GRAND FINAL:
UWA CITY BEACH BEARS 8 DEFEATED MELVILLE MARLINS 3

FAIREST AND BEST - JUNIORS -

14&U B Girls Fairest and Best player
Newman Pearls Amelia Johns

14&U A Girls Fairest and Best player
Triton Emma Putt

16&U B Girls Fairest and Best player
Phantoms Devils Charlie Simpson

16&U A Girls Fairest and Best player
Triton Claire Whitaker

18&U Girls Fairest and Best player
UWA City Beach Bears Madison Rigo

14&U C Boys Fairest and Best player
Phantoms Ghosts Declan Brown

14&U B Boys Fairest and Best player
Newman Orcas Mitchell Harris

14&U A Boys Fairest and Best player
Melville Sharks Craig Pittson

16&U B Boys Fairest and Best player
Newman Fighting Fish Nathan Bartlett

16&U A Boys Fairest and Best player
Triton Kalani Ireland

18&U Boys Fairest and Best player
Triton Matthew Oberman



2017 WA TOYOTA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – GERALDTON



GRAND FINAL SCORES

Both Geraldton's A sides were grand finalists in the men's and women's division in what was a massive weekend of highly competitive water polo at the Geraldton Aquarena. In the women's grand final, Geraldton's A side faced first time grand finalists Karratha and disposed of them early increasing the score line at every break and finishing with a comfortable 12 point victory and a final score line of 20-8.

There were nine individual goal scorers for Geraldton with Geraldton's Eliesha Brown racking up six goals and winning MVP for the game. Karratha's Belinda Brooks fought hard for her side and was named MVP for the entire tournament. The men's game proved to be a much more competitive affair with Geraldton's A side fighting to stay one goal ahead of Bunbury right until the final minute of the game. Spectators

were on the edge of their seats as scores were level 10 all with only five minutes on the clock in the final quarter.

Bunbury refused to give up matching Geraldton 11 all with just three minutes remaining. Geraldton Veteran, Mick Rock, managed to slot the ball past the Bunbury keeper to put his side ahead by 1 goal with just over 1 minute remaining in the game. Referees for the game were quoted as saying that the men's grand final was one of the best games they've seen in more than 20 years. Bunbury goalkeeper Jack Deschamp was awarded MVP for the grand final and took out the honours of the entire tournament as well.

In the play offs for the bronze medals, Bunbury took home the bronze in the women's division and last years winners, Karratha, took the honours in the men's.

GRAND FINALS MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Jack Deschamp
Eliesha Browne

TOURNAMENT MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Jack Deschamp
Belinda Brooks

HIGHEST GOAL SCORERS

Justin Angove (Men's Division)
Caitlin Read (Women's Division)

WOMEN'S ALL STARS

Eliesha Browne, Alisha Gilbert, Caitlin Walker, Abbey Benham, Narene Lawley, Emma Hancox, Kate Kalajzich, Belinda Brooks, Anouska Angove, Laura Hill, Caitlin Read, Deb Mercer, Alice Rotheram

MEN'S ALL STARS

Zac Cross, Joel Cross, Mick Rock, Rhys Knight, Justin Angove, Jack Deschamp, Jarrod English, Corey Smith, Brad Horsman, Daniel Lacey, Daniel Prout, Marko Draksimovic, Tim Bailey

LIFE MEMBER

Bunbury's Natasha O'Neill was awarded life membership to Water Polo WA Country for her outstanding contribution to country water polo spanning over 17 years. Tash has been a board member, official, player, coach, manager, publicity and marketing officer, club member, event coordinator and above all an enthusiastic and committed ambassador for the great sport of water polo.

NATIONAL WATER POLO LEAGUE RESULTS

2016/17 National Water Polo League Men 10th January to 9th April 2017 - various locations around Australia

TEAM	POSITION	STATE
UNSW Wests Magpies	Gold Medal	NSW
Sydney University Lions	Silver Medal	NSW
ACU Cronulla Sharks	Bronze Medal	NSW
UWA Torpedoes	4	WA
Brisbane Barracudas	5	QLD
Drummoyne Devils	6	NSW
Fremantle Mariners	7	WA
UTS Balmain Tigers	8	NSW
Queensland Breakers	9	QLD
Hunter Hurricanes	10	NSW
FYFE Adelaide Jets	11	SA
WPA Barbarians	12	VIC

2016/17 National Water Polo League Women 10th January to 9th April 2017 - various locations around Australia

TEAM	POSITION	STATE
Sydney University Lions	Gold Medal	NSW
Fremantle Marlins	Silver Medal	WA
Brisbane Barracudas	Bronze Medal	QLD
Queensland Breakers	4	QLD
ACU Cronulla Sharks	5	NSW
UTS Balmain Tigers	6	NSW
UNSW Wests Killer Whales	7	NSW
Drummoyne Devils	8	NSW
UWA Torpedoes	9	WA
Hunter Hurricanes	10	NSW
WPA Barbarians	11	VIC
FYFE Adelaide Jets	12	SA



REFEREES' COMMISSION REPORT

JUNIOR COMPETITION

The referees for the junior competition were coordinated by Liz Burman and Sasha Kovalenko. They did a fantastic job in allocating, mentoring and of course getting to use their whistle, I wish to say thank you to both of them it is a difficult job with the sheer number of games and variety of skill levels both in the teams that play and the referee's available. A large number of people help referee on Monday night from our FINA referees to our new referees I want to thank each and every one of them for their work over the season. In general I feel the Monday night competition works well for both teams and training new referee's, the largest problem facing us at the moment is lack of numbers which means our more experienced referees are whistling a lot more games where they may be better suited to mentoring new/Junior referees. There also needs to be more education for players/coaches/parents in respecting the role of the referee and also that of the mentor who occasionally have to step in and guide a new referee. The Gary Payne Trophy for the best junior referee went to Harry Foley, well done and keep up the hard work.

SENIOR COMPETITION

I would like to start by saying thank you to the senior players that picked up a whistle this season; it was fantastic to have your experience on the side of the pool. In general Wednesday night is still refereed by a dedicated few, which also means the overwhelming majority of games only had one referee. We are the only association that has this situation of one referee per game and must change for the betterment of our sport. Sheer lack of numbers combined with referee abuse continues to make scheduling and whistling Wednesday night a difficult task. We all need to work together to keep Wednesday night's fun and social for all involved. This means stricter punishment to people that overstep the bounds, Clubs actively engaging in their members about what is correct behaviour and players having some understanding of the role of the referee. Overall it was not a great season to whistle on a Wednesday night with a number of serious

incidents. We will be looking towards some major changes in the future to place 2 referees on every game on Wednesday night, which will give players a better game and referees the support they need.

PREMIER LEAGUE/ CHALLENGE CUP

These competitions were very late getting organised this year, and as such it was difficult to plan for the start of the season. In most cases it became who was available to referee, who were generally unavailable late in the season due to National League duties. We continue to work with our referee's and delegates to provide consistency across games/competition. There is one thing that stands out over the season, we lack numbers to choose from and the people that make themselves available generally referee all the other competitions. This has the flow on effect of limited time for review/training of the referee/delegate.

REPRESENTATION

FINA Panel: Adam Richardson, Mark Ridgwell

International Duties:

University Games 2017 – Adam Richardson

Born 2000 Women's and Born 2002 Men's National tour – Mark Ridgwell

FINA World Masters 2017 – Gabor Boros

National League Panel: Adam Richardson, Gabor Boros, Mark Ridgwell, Sasha Kovalenko

Under 18's Nationals representatives: Adam Richardson, Mark Ridgwell, Sasha Kovalenko, Fiona Haigh, Ben Vittino, Manon Gebaur, Liz Burman, Mark Balenzuela, Gavin McMahon, Gary Payne, Rosie Rotheram

Under 16's Nationals: Harry Foley, Fiona Haigh, Gene Langdon, Gavin McMahon, Nicholas McMahon (Debut), Gabor Boros, Gary Payne

Under 14's Nationals: Gene Langdon (Debut), Georgia Williams (Debut), Harry Foley (Debut), Ryan Stone (Debut)

Mark Ridgwell

Chairperson Referee's Commission



AWARDS

WPWAI OLYMPIANS

1956	Melbourne	Allan Charleston	1988	Seoul	Richard Pengelley
1960	Rome	Allan Charleston Tom Hoad			Troy Stockwell Andrew Taylor Glenn Townsend Tom Hoad - Coach
1964	Tokyo	Stanley Hammond Tom Hoad Leslie Nunn Graeme Samuel William McAtee	1992	Barcelona	Troy Stockwell Glenn Townsend
1968	**Mexico City	Tom Hoad David Neesham Graeme Samuel William McAtee	2000	Sydney	Bridgette Gusterson - Gold Medallist Kate Hooper - Gold Medallist Danielle Woodhouse - Gold Medallist Gary Roberts - Assistant Coach Women Andrei Kovalenko Tim Neesham
**Water Polo team did not compete - not approved by the ASU, AOF or IOC					
1972	Munich	Tom Hoad David Neesham Leslie Nunn	2004	Athens	Belinda Brooks Emma Knox Kelly Heuchan Tim Neesham James Stanton
1976	Montreal	Edmond Brooks David Neesham Paul Williams Tom Hoad - Coach	2008	Beijing	Gemma Beadsworth Emma Knox Jamie Beadsworth Tim Neesham James Stanton
1980	Moscow	Martin Callaghan David Neesham Andrew Stewart Tom Hoad - Coach	2012	London	Jamie Beadsworth Tim Clelend Aaron Younger Gemma Beadsworth Glencora Ralph
1984	Los Angeles	Martin Callaghan Richard Pengelley Glenn Townsend Tom Hoad - Coach			



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