



Marion Marlins Masters Swimming Club Inc

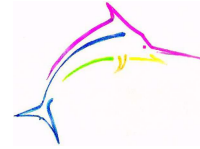
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2025 AGM

21 March 2026

Marion Outdoor Pool Centre
Cnr. Oaklands Rd & Hendrie St., Park Holme





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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 21 March 2026 in the Meeting Room at the Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre, Oaklands Rd & Hendrie St, Park Holme SA 5043 at 10:15 am

AGENDA

- 1. President's welcome**
- 2. Acceptance of 2024 AGM Minutes**
- 3. President's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Standing down of outgoing Committee members**
- 6. Election of Office bearers for 2026**
Committee positions that become vacant at the AGM are:
 - President**
 - Vice-President**
 - Treasurer**
 - Secretary**
 - Registrar/Membership Officer**
 - Club Captain(s)**
 - Coaching Co-ordinator**
 - Open-Water Swim Co-ordinator**
 - Social Co-ordinator**
 - Safety Officer**
 - General Committee member(s)**
- 7. Nomination of Life Members (if any)**
- 8. General Business arising and general discussion of Club activities for 2026**



Marion Marlins Masters Swimming Club Inc.

**MARION MARLINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15 March 2025 at Marion Outdoor Pool Centre**

Attended by: Marc Loader (President, chair), Dean Guse (Vice President), Ace Lewis (Treasurer), George Crowder (Secretary, minutes), Sandy Bennett, Robyn Brown (and Chris), Aimee Carter, Stephen Carthew, Judy Dangerfield, Maggie Evans, Tony Fowler, Paula Gianni, Ron Hardie, Garth Hayter, Maryanne Heffernan, Ruth Henty, Jane Horgan, Andrew Kay, Sarah Langsford, Lindsay Martin, Sarah Osman, Mike Perkins, Charlie Roberts, Gavin Rowell, Ben Warr, Ian Young.

Apologies: Sharyn Roach Anleu, Rob and Bernadette Buchanan, Roger Pearce, Mark Trenwith, Max Yates.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome

The President (Chair) welcomed attendees and observed that a quorum was present. He thanked the Marion Outdoor Pool Centre for providing the meeting room.

2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.
Moved: Judy Dangerfield Seconded: Gavin Rowell

3. President's report (Marc Loader)

The President's report was provided to attendees and reviewed by Marc. Highlights included:

- Strong overall performance by the Club.
- Excellent membership numbers: 128 in December; 105 at present.
- Competition: Runners-up in the OWS aggregate score; increased numbers competing; Relay meet was an especially popular event.
- Finances: good performance, helped by Scotch training deal with no lane hire fee, and by good surplus from our OWS event.
- Pools: venues are under pressure at present because of renovations at SAALC and North Adelaide, but most of the coming winter sessions are now locked in – only Saturday mornings to finalise (some combination of SAALC and Unley).

4. Treasurer's Report (Ace Lewis)

Ace presented the Treasurer's report for 2024, together with statements of profit and loss for 2023 and 2024, a balance sheet for 2024, a statement of assets, and the 2024 auditor's report. Highlights included:

- A good surplus for 2024 compared with previous years
- Institution of a simplified training ticket system
- Expenses on benefits for members, including social events and our OWS meet
- Losses on training sessions were offset by profits from our big events
- Small membership increase benefited MSSA more than the Club
- Increased support provided to coaches to help them cope with increased numbers at training sessions
- Life Member benefits: compensation for membership fees

5. Standing down of outgoing Committee members

The outgoing Committee stood down. Notes: Vicki Day (Registrar) left the Committee in December 2024 (replaced by Garth Hayter). Meredith Ryan (Social) and Aimee Carter (Co-Club Captain) are standing down at this AGM. Marc thanked them for their service.

6. Election of officers

The following members were nominated and elected by show of hands as members of the Executive Committee and office bearers:

President: Marc Loader

Vice-President: Dean Guse

Treasurer: Ace Lewis

Secretary: George Crowder

Registrar: Garth Hayter

Safety Officer: Tony Fowler

Co-Club Captain: Gavin Rowell

Co-Club Captain: Sarah Osman

Coaching Co-ordinator: Mark Trenwith

OWS Co-ordinator: Ben Warr

Social co-ordinator: Sarah Langsford

General committee members: Ian Young, Maggie Evans, Lindsay Martin, Charlie Roberts

7. Nomination of Life Members

The meeting approved the nomination of Ron Hardie and Barb Pearce as life members.

8. General Business Arising

Stephen Carthew asked whether the club website had an adequate level of security. Garth and Gavin responded that the website has a level of security appropriate to a club of this nature.

Gavin gave notice of the Relay Meet scheduled for 18 May. A call for entries will be sent out by email and Facebook.

The meeting closed at 11.04.

MARION MARLINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2025

Summary

Your club has enjoyed another successful year, its 44th. The committee and volunteers worked hard to meet the fitness, training, competition, and social needs of our members. Key accomplishments in 2025 were as follows:

- Maintained a strong balance sheet that allowed the Committee to continue to minimise cost increases to members and subsidise some club activities (see Treasurer's report for further details)
- As of today, we have 105 members, compared to 105 at the same time last year. We have had 7 new members join us in 2026 so far. We are the largest club in SA.
- Negotiated favourable pool entry and lane hire fees at the Marion Outdoor Pool and Scotch College that will allow us to keep training ticket prices unchanged in 2025.
- Hosted a successful SA State Masters Open Water Swimming Championships in 2025 at Somerton SLSC (and the Somerton 2K Classic in 2026), raising significant funds for the club.
- Some outstanding results were achieved by individuals in pool and open water swim competitions, with some success as a club, particularly in open water events.
- Hosted a number of well-attended social functions, including a number of Pub Nights.

Committee:

A club like ours cannot function and continue to prosper without the efforts of its committee members, all of whom are volunteers. I personally would like to thank the Committee for their support and their work throughout the year; it has been another strong team effort. The Committee met 11 times in 2025 at Club Marion, where we maintain an affiliate membership.

In 2025 key positions on our Executive were filled by **Dean Guse** as Vice President, **Ace Lewis** as Treasurer, **George Crowder** as Secretary, **Garth Hayter** as Registrar, and **Tony Fowler** as Safety Officer.

Dean Guse joined the Committee in 2024 as Vice President. He has provided valuable assistance supporting me in my role as President and provided input to all important decisions affecting the club. Among other things, Dean has taken on the crucial task of leading our negotiations with the various pool training venues, and he organises the monthly Pub Night.

George Crowder joined the Committee as Secretary in 2023. He prepares the Minutes for our Committee meetings, monitors club correspondence, and passes on information received by the club about events etc. After completing a review of the club's Constitution in 2022, George updated our current (2022-25) Strategic Plan. **He** also edits the Newsletter, and co-ordinates the organisation of the AGM.

Ace Lewis has once again done a fantastic job managing the club's accounts. He also maintains and updates a spreadsheet that records attendance and costs (coaches and lane hire) for each training session and has been responsible for a number of initiatives adopted by the committee. I have valued his input on all important decisions affecting the club.

Garth Hayter rejoined the committee in 2024 as a general member after earlier years of service. In December 2024 he stepped into the breach as Registrar when **Vicki Day** had to leave, and has done a great deal of useful work responding to membership inquiries, keeping track of new members, fielding requests for feedback from MSSA and MSA, posting messages to members on Facebook, and helping George format the Newsletter for Mailchimp delivery. He has introduced an exceptionally popular innovation, a monthly calendar of upcoming events.

Tony Fowler joined the Committee in 2020 and continued in the Executive role of Safety Officer. He has ably assisted the Committee in this capacity and contributed to other club initiatives. Tony prepared and collated the results of the member's survey which was conducted in 2023.

Mark Trenwith took on the role of Coaching Coordinator in 2023 after serving as Vice President in 2022. He manages the coaching roster, liaises with the Branch Coaching Coordinator on training matters, and helps resolve member-related training issues. Mark completed his Masters Coaching accreditation in 2023 and helps with coaching duties when Stewart, Sandy or Aimee are away.

Ben Warr joined the Committee in late 2018, and for the last five years has taken on the very important role of Open Water Swim Coordinator. There are many tasks involved in the role, including event preparation and compliance work, liaising with Somerton SLSC, and organising and managing activities on the day. Ben has also assisted with other club activities including merchandise and social events.

Gavin Rowell and **Sarah Osman-Walton** shared the Club Captaincy role in 2025. Sarah joined the committee in 2025 after Aimee stepped down to concentrate on coaching. Sarah was instrumental in encouraging members to enter the relay meet in 2025, when the Marlins had a record number of members participate and, as a result, took out first place. Gavin has handled most of the pre-meet promotions on social media and the difficult task of organising relay entries on Swim Central. In addition, he has been our Webmaster.

Sarah Langsford joined the Committee in 2025 and has been very busy during the past year as the club's Social Coordinator. She has organised all our social events: Pub Nights, the Xmas Party, Annual Dinner, Welcome to MOP Brekkie, and the upcoming Grill'd Bingo Night.

Ian Young was elected as a general member of the committee in 2024 after six years' service as President (along with multiple other acting roles). His presence on the committee has thus given continuity to our operations, and his depth of knowledge and eye for detail have been invaluable to us. In particular, Ian's experience of dealing with our various training venues has enabled us to be better placed in that respect than we would otherwise be.

Lindsay Martin was elected as a general member of the committee in 2025. She took the lead in the design and distribution of the new Marion Marlin merchandise now worn by members.

Maggie Evans was elected as a general member of the committee in 2025. Maggie assisted Lindsay with the design and delivery of the new merchandise.

Charlie Roberts was elected as a general member of the committee in 2025. In addition to assisting with the new merchandise, Charlie helped the coaches purchase training aids to be used throughout the year.

I should also acknowledge the important work of our non-committee officers:

Maryanne Heffernan took on the role of Club Recorder following Heather Carbone's retirement at the 2022 AGM. Maryanne has been preparing regular updates of the club records for our website.

Mike Perkins assumed the role of Member Protection Officer in July 2022. This is an essential role mandated by the Branch, and thankfully one that in 2025 did not require any intervention on his part!

Meredith Taylor took on the role of Club Historian in 2020, and late last year completed the huge task of preparing a comprehensive history report of our first club's first 25 years. I thank her for all the hard work she has done sourcing and compiling information for the report.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank all our members for their efforts.

Membership:

At YE 2025 we had **124** financial members, down from 128 at YE 2024, making us the largest club in SA. As of today, we have 105 members, compared to 105 members at the same time last year. We had 9 new members join us in 2025.

Although it's important that we attract new members, it's equally important that we work hard to retain existing members and maintain or improve on our current retention rate of 75-80%. Disappointingly, 31 of our 2025 members (or 25%) have not renewed (as yet) in 2026.

Although our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan does not set a membership target, we need to maintain a strong membership base. This will ensure that training session attendance is sufficient to balance the costs of lane hire and coaching and ensure that we can continue to offer five training sessions per week.

Coaching and Training:

Training sessions will always be our main club activity and in 2025 we continued to host five sessions per week at the Marion Outdoor Pool Centre (Summer), and Scotch College, Unley Pool, and SAALC (Winter). Training session attendance was strong throughout the year, with an overall increase compared with 2024. The weekday morning sessions continued to be the most popular, with record attendance on a number of days. Members from other clubs continue to enjoy training with us.

With increased popularity in 2025, the Monday morning sessions were split into two one-hour sessions in December to help alleviate lane pressure and improve overall experience for all swimmers.

New payment procedures were introduced by MOP for the current season. This required payment of both an entry fee to the Centre and a swim ticket for the club. We were able to negotiate very favourable rates with MOP for our members, which allowed the total cost per session to remain unchanged in 2024-25. Given the club's strong Balance Sheet, no increase in training fees is anticipated at this time and further initiatives may be considered on return to our Winter training venues in early May.

As a club we are fortunate to have excellent coaches guide our swim program! **Stewart Galliford**, our senior coach, coached two sessions per week for most of 2025, while **Sandy Bennett** coached the popular Monday and Thursday morning session, and **Aimee Carter** took on the role of coach for the Saturday morning session. Stewart took a well-earned three-month break in 2025. **Aimee Carter** filled in while Stewart was away. Thank you, Aimee, for filling in for Stewart while he was on leave. The coaches have a well-established "Chat Group" to discuss any rostering issues, which ensures that there is always a coach on deck. We are also very fortunate to have **Mark Trenwith** and **Mark Morelli** as back up coaches when Stewart, Sandy and Aimee are unavailable. **Yours truly** is currently completing the Masters Coaching accreditation, and once that is completed I will be a another back-up member of the coaching team.

We are very pleased that Stewart, Aimee and Sandy have committed to coaching the club for the foreseeable future. However, it is in the club's best interests that we continue to encourage our members to become qualified coaches. Financial support is available to any member who wishes to complete the training and accreditation program.

Open Water Swimming continues to grow nationally. For those new to ocean swimming, **Sandy Bennett** has prepared a brief report, "Introduction to Open Water Swimming", which is available on our website.

Open Water Swim:

Our club has organised an open water swim in various formats and at a number of different venues since 1981. For the last fourteen years we have been proud to host the SA State Masters Open Water Swim Championships, one of the premier events in the Channel Nine Open Water Swim Series. Attendance at our 2025 event was a healthy 163, up from 161 in 2024. Attendance was 125 entered and 110 registered at our recent 2026 Somerton 2K Classic event. Our OWS is our main fund-raising activity, and the 2025 and 2026 events raised \$3,327 and \$2,903 respectively. While numbers were lower in 2026 due to the Algae Bloom, the profit remained relatively stable due to removal of the cost of the Trailer Levy by MSSA and a discount from Somerton SLSC. Somerton SLSC is proving to be an excellent venue, and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the years ahead.

This year a team comprising of **yours truly, Dean Guse, Garth Hayter, George Crowder, Tony Fowler, Ace Lewis and Ben Warr** formed a subcommittee that planned and organised the Somerton 2K Classic. Many thanks to everyone on the subcommittee for the huge effort that contributed to the successful running of the event. Special thanks go to **Ben Warr**, our Open Water Swim Coordinator. As always, a big team effort is required, so thanks also to **Mark Trenwith** for taking the lead on beach set-up and positioning and acting as the race referee, to **Tony Fowler** for the pre-race briefing and acting as the safety officer, and to **Wayne Carruthers** who left his sick bed to serve as

starter. Once again **Mike Perkins** (Chief Registrar and Timekeeper) did a superb job managing the very difficult task of timing and preparation of the results. Thanks to **Dean Guse** for securing a large number of restaurant vouchers from sponsors, and to **Ian Young** for his assistance securing the trophies. And of course, thanks to our sponsors!

Finally, thanks to the team of 20 Marlins who turned up on the day to assist. Greatly appreciated.

Competition:

In pool and open water swim competitions our members achieved some excellent results both individually and for the club. We finished in a strong 2nd place in the 2025 Winter Interclub Pool Series, one position higher than in 2024. Hopefully, we can challenge Atlantis for the title this year! We weren't so successful in the 2024-25 Summer Pool Series, where we were in a disappointing 7th place (7th in 2023-24), as only a limited number of members competed.

In open water swim competition, we won the Team Trophy for Aggregate Points at the 2025 State Masters Championships for the fourteenth consecutive year. Our excellent performance at the State Championships is based on the strong participation of our members, with 35 registering for the event in 2025. With the Jetty to Jetty being cancelled due to the algae bloom earlier this year, the Marj Muller T(1st), Team Trophy (Average Points per Swimmer) was not awarded and was held over till the next Jetty to Jetty.

Our Club Captains and coaches have been working hard to encourage participation in pool events, and have assisted those unfamiliar with certain aspects of competition such as starts and turns. It was great to see 36 (up from 23 in 2024) Marlins representing the club at the Relay Meet in May, including first-timers and new members. The club will continue to encourage participation by paying the entry fees at the relay meet and for first-timers at all meets.

Although the focus has been on participation, some of our members enjoyed outstanding success in the pool in 2025. A State record was set by **Ace Lewis** (1 event). State records were also set by the Male (160-199) 4 x 25m, 4 x 50m and 4 x 100m freestyle relay team of **John Brouwers, Ace Lewis, Gavin Rowell and Ben Warr**, by the Male (280-319) 4 x 100m freestyle relay team of **Ian Young, Ron Hardie, George Crowder and David Incher**, and by the Female (240-279) 4 x 100m freestyle relay team of **Natalie Rickers, Bernadette Buchanan, Judy Vowles and Deborah Wareing**.

Many of our members achieved overall top three placings in the Winter Interclub and the Summer Pool Series. Interclub achievers were **Rachel Nitschke** (3rd), **Sarah Osman-Walton** (3rd), **Natalie Rickers** (2nd), **Maggie Evans** (3rd), **Deborah Wareing** (1st), **Judy Vowles** (1st), **Barbara Pearce** (1st), **John Brouwers** (3rd), **Ben Warr** (1st), **Ace Lewis** (1st), **Gavin Rowell** (2nd), **George Crowder** (1st), **Ian Young** (2nd), **David Incher** (1st). Medallists in the 2023-24 Summer Pool Series included **Barb Pearce** (1st), **Ian Young** (2nd) and **Stephen Carthew** (1st).

Ace Lewis competed at the World Aquatics (FINA) Masters Swimming Championships in Singapore, in July-August. He achieved three top-10 results at the championships in a very large and competitive age group, with personal bests in all five of his events.

Stephen Carthew received the Josie Sansom Cup and the 2024 Male Swimmer of the Year award at the MSA Branch Presentation Dinner in April 2025. **Ben Warr, Ian Young and Barbara Pearce** all

achieved National Top 10 recognition in 2025. **Roger Pearce** was awarded the Golden Goggles award for services to the club.

More of our members enjoy competing in the ocean rather than in the pool. Participation in the 2024-25 Channel Nine Open Water Swim Series was excellent, and the club finished in 1st position for the Aggregate Points Trophy. **Charlie Roberts, Lyndsay Martin, Roger Pearce, Dean Guse, Gavin Rowell, Judy Vowles, Stephen Carthew and Andrew Smith** completed all events in the Series and received embroidered towels for this achievement. At the 2025 Masters State Championships there was one overall medallist and many age group medallists amongst our members. **Ace Lewis** (3rd overall 1km and 1st age group) **Sarah Osman-Walton** (1st), **Sandy Bennett** (2nd) **Maggie Evans** (3rd), **Gavin Rowell** (1st), **Maryanne Heffernon** (1st), **Luke Mosley** (2nd), **George Crowder** (2nd), **Robyn Brown** (2nd), **Judy Vowles** (3rd), **Tony Fowler** (2nd) and **Barbara Pearce** (1st). In the 3km **Mattea Palombo** (1st), **Jen Mulligan** (3rd), **Meredith Ryan** (3rd), **Dean Guse** (2nd), **Charlie Roberts** (3rd), **Deb Wareing** (2nd), **Stephen Carthew** (3rd) had age-group podium finishes. **Barbara Pearce** received a Golden Marlin trophy for completing her 20th swim.

The 2024 Pan Pacific Masters Games were held on the Gold Coast in November 2024. Three Marlins attended the Games in **Barbara Pearce** (3 Gold, 6 Silver), **Ace Lewis** (1 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze) and **Ben Warr** (1 Gold).

Apart from swimming competitions, many of our members competed and excelled in related sports, using our club training sessions in their preparation. Masters Surf Life Saving events were popular with **Robyn Brown, Deb Wareing, Wayne Carruthers, Ben Warr,** and **Tony Fowler**, who competed at the recent 2025 State Championships. More recently **Marc Loader, Lindsay Martin and Charlie Roberts** were part of a four-person relay team and **Dean Guse and Gero Von Vogt** were soloists who swam in the iconic 2025 Rottneest Channel OWS. **Paula Gianni** recently completed the 3.6km Busselton Jetty Classic.

In addition, many of our members enjoy ocean swimming on a casual (non-competitive) basis with the "Brighton Blue Ringers", "Broadway Swimmers" and "Grange Jettiers".

Fundraising:

Given the club's strong financial position, we did not hold any fundraising events in 2025. However, fundraising events like Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Grill'd Bingo or Quiz Night and Open Days at the Marion Outdoor Pool may still be considered in future because they are good opportunities to promote the club and attract new members.

Social:

A number of social events were held by the club during the year and were well attended by members and their partners. Many of our Marlins joined in the annual Solstice Swim at Grange Jetty on 23 June, with coffee and brekkie at Coastal Café after to warm the body and soul. Marlins and partners enjoyed the club's Annual Dinner at the Brighton SLSC on 13 September. Our annual "Welcome Back to Marion Outdoor Pool" brekkie was held on 1 November, and our Xmas Party on 18 December, both at the Marion Outdoor Pool. Marion Marlins introduced the new institution of Pub Night, which is held after training on the last Thursday of each month.

As is the custom, our coaches handed out prizes to some well-deserving club members at the Xmas party. Four awards were given out on the night: **Sandy's** award was to **Greg Hutchins** and **Judy Dangerfield**. **Aimee's** award went to **Max Yates**, and **Stewart's** award went to **Roger Pearce**. Congratulations to Greg, Judy, Max and Roger.

Special thanks to **Sarah Langsford**, **Ace Lewis**, and **Ben Warr** for organizing the food and drinks for the event.

On a less formal basis, our weekday morning swimmers enjoy coffee after training at Café Finniss and Strappers Café, while a number of our Saturday morning group enjoy breakfast at Jetty Rd, Brighton (currently ETC Café).

The Year Ahead:

Our Strategic Plan was updated for the period 2022-25. The following are considered to be the key opportunities and challenges for the club in the year ahead:

- **Values:** Continue to maintain an inclusive training and social program to encourage and support member participation and provide a courteous and welcoming environment.
- **Finance:** Maintain the club's strong financial position and consider more options for returning excess funds to members by providing additional benefits, training and competition incentives. Convert the accounting system over from Cashflow Manager to Xero.
- **Membership:** Maintain a strong membership base by attracting new members with a wide range of abilities and improving our member retention rate.
- **Coaching:** Encourage and support more members to gain (and renew) their coaching accreditation using the online system. One new coach to come online in the coming months.
- **Committee:** Encourage members to take up Executive or General Committee positions at the club, and Technical or Board positions with the Branch. Ensure that position descriptions are up to date and understood, and facilitate handovers in key roles.
- **Competition:** Actively encourage and support members to compete, within a wide range of abilities, in pool and open water swim events, and in the process help to develop a strong team spirit.
- **Merchandise:** Gauge demand and consider designing and ordering more club gear so members can more easily identify with their club at competitions.
- **Open Water Swim:** Build on our success at Somerton SLSC by improving delivery, promotion and sponsorship, and by considering other initiatives to improve attendance.
- **Social:** Plan and partly fund more social events for members.
- **Stakeholder Relationships:** Maintain and build relationships with other stakeholders, including the Branch, other Masters Swim clubs, Aquatic Facilities, Somerton SLSC, Club Marion, State and local government and their agencies (Department of Sport & Recreation), and sponsors. Create positive awareness in the local community of the Club's activities through marketing, promotion, and other initiatives.

Marc Loader

President, Marion Marlins

March 2026

MARION MARLINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC

TREASURER’S REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2025

Executive Summary:

	2025	2024	2023
Account Balances 31/12	\$46,359.61	\$46,416.95	\$42,308.94
Outstandings (CC) 31/12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Position:	\$46,359.61	\$46,416.95	\$42,308.94
Income	\$42,333.63	\$44,917.64	\$46,949.06
Expenses	\$42,390.97	\$40,803.88	\$48,438.25
Surplus/Shortfall:	-\$57.34	\$4,113.76	-\$1,489.19

- The Club posted a **Net Shortfall** for Calendar year 2025 of **\$57.34** (2024 \$4,113.76 surplus)
- **Balance of Accounts** (audited) as of 31 December 2025 was **\$46,359.61** (2024 \$46,416.95)
- **Term Deposit: \$30,000:** invested at 3.70%pa, to mature at 11/04/2026
- Reported Income was slightly down, and expenses slightly up, resulting in effectively breakeven.
 - *Notes on Income compared to prior year:*
 - Swim tickets sales quite similar
 - \$3000 grant received for coaching support
 - OWS higher in 2024 due to timing of entries sales / 2025 no sales for 2026 swim
 - *Notes on Expenses compared to prior year:*
 - Coaching and Lane Hire again the largest costs were quite similar to prior year
 - OWS expenses appear similar however total costs were a lot higher for the 2025 swim
 - Social Functions and member benefits were similar
 - More was invested in coaching via courses, equipment and materials
- **Fund-Raising:** Raised a total of **\$2,896.81** (2024 \$3,972.49)
 - SA State Championships OWS Jan 2025: \$2,896.81 (Jan 2024 \$3,972.49)
 - No Bunnings or Marion Outdoor Pool BBQs
- **Grants:** \$3000 was received under the Active Club Grant program

The neutral result was a good outcome given the general cost-of-living pressures, and significant pool / lane hire availability challenges throughout the year. Most months resulted in a ‘training loss’ where tickets collected did not cover the training costs. However, ticket prices were not increased, retaining benefit to members along with multiple social events.

Thank you also to Robert Ferguson, who has again kindly completed an audit of our Accounts. I present this report with our Profit and Loss statement for the Club records.

*Ace Lewis
Marion Marlins Masters Treasurer, March 2026*

Benefits to members in 2025:

- Training tickets simple structure maintained, with successful negotiations with multiple pools
- Minimal membership fee increase, most of which goes outside of the Club
- Small OWS entry fee increase (still one of the cheapest), and early bird offered again
- Multiple breakfasts (inc AGM), dinners, drinks etc
- Free meet entries for first timers and full interclub relay meet entry fee
- Subsidised Merchandise; eg T-Shirts
- Increased qualified coaching roster to support increased membership and training attendance
- Life membership benefits offered

Recommendations and considerations proposed for 2026:

- Actively monitor lane hire situation and any associated ticket price/structural requirements
- Continue increased Member and Committee benefits eg Dinners, Social Activities
- Review new grant opportunities

Benefits to members in 2024:

- *Training tickets simplified/reduced, with successful negotiations with multiple pools*
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- *Small OWS entry fee increase (still one of the cheapest), and early bird offered again*
- *Multiple breakfasts (inc AGM), dinners, drinks etc*
- *Free meet entries for first timers and full interclub relay meet entry fee*
- *Subsidised Merchandise; T-Shirts, Caps etc*
- *Increased qualified coaching roster to support increased membership and training attendance*
- *Life membership benefits offered*

Recommendations and considerations proposed for 2025:

- *Actively monitor lane hire situation and any associated ticket price/structural requirements*
No increase/change
- *Continue increased Member and Committee benefits eg Dinners, Social Activities*
Multiple activities held and new ideas executed and in planning
- *Review new grant opportunities*
New \$3k grant received and utilised in 2025, subsequent grant applied for pending outcome
- *Continue to advocate for improvements to Swim Central that help with event management and Masters swimmer useability*
Some changes to relays entry and other minor items

Balance Sheet (Movement) (Cash)

Marion Marlins

ABN: 18 343 162 097

Report Period: 1/01/2025 - 31/12/2025

Account(s) in this report: ANZ Current account, ANZ Investment account, ANZ VISA account

Column	Code	DR	CR
GST Output Tax	892	0.00	
T/fers from other Accounts	969		3901.12
GST Input Tax	891	0.00	
T/fers to other Accounts	969	2668.27	
Cash at Bank (ANZ Current account)	680	2022.97	
Cash at Bank (ANZ Investment account)	680	1447.04	
Cash at Bank (ANZ VISA account)	680	152.70	
Cash on Hand (ANZ Current account)	640		2294.50
Cash on Hand (ANZ Investment account)	640	0.00	
Cash on Hand (ANZ VISA account)	640		152.70
Net Change		57.34	

Please Note: This report advises the movement in each of the accounts (columns) listed and does not include opening balances. When Invoice Manager Balances are included Opening and Closing Balances are reported separately.

Profit and Loss

Marion Marlins Masters Swimming Club Inc For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Clothing Sales	-	305
Grants	3,000	2,000
Interest Income	1,447	1,352
Membership Fees	2,798	2,681
OWS Income	3,957	6,802
Social Function Income	150	305
Training Fees	30,982	31,473
Total Trading Income	42,334	44,918
Gross Profit	42,334	44,918
Operating Expenses		
AGM Fees	101	103
Bank Fees	75	75
Clothing Expense	595	746
Coaching	17,567	16,294
Committee Expenses	1,059	1,436
Computer Expense	889	982
Interclub Payments	1,260	575
Lane Hire	14,635	14,488
Memberships Payments	125	150
OWS Expenses	3,303	3,322
Printing & Stationery	890	548
Social Function Expenses	1,892	2,085
Total Operating Expenses	42,391	40,804
Net Profit	(57)	4,114



Robert Ferguson
Masters Swimming SA
443 Morphett Road,
Oaklands Park SA 5046.

Independent Audit Report for 2025

To the members of: Marion Masters Swimming Club Inc.

Report on the financial report

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets and Liabilities and notes applicable to both for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Marion Masters Committee's responsibility for the financial report

Marion's committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation, free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, of the financial report and the information contained therein, and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. To accomplish this, the committee has such internal controls as it determines necessary.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to Marion's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the branch's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. I believe that the audit evidence that I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

In the audit I have complied with the independence obligations imposed by the auditing and ethical standards.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the payments and receipts of Marion Masters Swimming Club Inc. for the year ended 31st December 2025 and the assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ferguson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert Ferguson. C.P.A.
Masters Swimming S.A.
Dated: 23rd February 2026

"Fitness, Friendship and Fun"

Profit and Loss (Cash)

Marion Marlins

ABN: 18 343 162 097

Report Period: 1/01/2025 - 31/12/2025

Account(s) in this report: ANZ Current account, ANZ Investment account, ANZ VISA account

Income	\$	\$
Bank interest	1447.04	
Grants/sponsorship	3000.00	
Membership fees	2797.59	
OWS income	3957.00	
Social function income	150.00	
Training fees / Multi swim tix	30982.00	
Total Income		42333.63
Expenses	\$	\$
AGM costs	100.80	
Bank Charges	75.00	
Clothing purchases	594.99	
Coaching payments	17567.00	
Committee expenses	1059.28	
Computer expenses	889.00	
Interclub payments	1260.00	
Lane hire /pool entry	14635.00	
Membership payments	125.00	
OWS expenses	3303.43	
Postage & Stationery	708.68	
Printing and Stationery	181.00	
Social function costs	1123.99	
Social functions - costs	767.80	
Total Expenses		42390.97
Net Profit (Loss)		(57.34)

BALANCE SUMMARY

Balances	31st December 2025	31st December 2024
ANZ Business One	\$0.00	\$0.00
ANZ Business Extra	\$6,178.47	\$9,974.77
ANZ Term Deposit	\$30,000.00	\$31,232.85
ANZ Business Online saver	\$10,181.14	\$10,139.58
Lane Fees Payable	\$0.00	-\$4,930.25
Closing Balance	\$46,359.61	\$46,416.95
Equity Increase / (decrease)	-\$57.34	

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