



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Presented By  
**Warringah Aquatic  
Swim Club Inc**



# Head Coach Report

## OVERVIEW

2023/24 was without a doubt one of the best years in Warringah's illustrious history of swimming achievement. Warringah swimmers were selected for many NSW State squads, National Team representation and domestically the famous pink cap and the Warringah name was always at the fore of Area, Metropolitan, State and National events. Numerous achievements are listed in this report but it is by no means a comprehensive list. There were too many excellent results and great individual performances to note them all here and thus, this report only highlights some of the key achievements and developments.

I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating the coaching team who made these remarkable achievement's possible through their dedication, devotion and hard work. Please take the time to acknowledge Cameron Gledhill, Lachlan Van Tempest and Sandi Edwards as you read through this report.

## COACHING

As always, the progress has been directly related to the efforts of an excellent coaching team. As part of the coaching team Sandi, demonstrated her qualities by leading the younger age group swimmers to excellent Area, Metropolitan, State and National results. It was with great sadness that we had to bid Sandi farewell in June this year after she decided to follow other endeavours. We wish her all the best in what the future may hold.

As assistant to the Head Coach Lachlan, (Lachy) played an integral role in developing swimmers both in and out of the water to great success over the year at all levels of competition. Lachy also stepped up as the interim head coach after Cameron stepped down to accept a National Age Head Coach role with St Peters Western Swim Club. As always Lach demonstrated passion and an amazing work ethic to keep the program running smoothly whilst maintaining great results. We also wish Lachy all the very best in the future as he follows his long willing dream of being a head coach, which he has been given this opportunity with the St George Swimming Club. Cameron Gledhill, Head Coach was an instrumental leader during his time at Warringah and facilitated an amazing group of young men and women to achieve some remarkable results across various meets at the highest levels of swimming.

As well as the professional coaching staff, we are very fortunate to have the support of a great volunteer board/committee who work tirelessly to help, improve and benefit the swimmers both in and out of the pool. The work that the committee do cannot be underestimated and we should all be immensely grateful for the amount of time and work they give to both the Club and the Swimmers.

My sincere thank you to these coaches and committee members for laying a great foundation for me as the new Head Coach to confidently build upon and continue to make everyone proud to be a part of the mighty Warringah Swimming Club.

# Head Coach Report Continued



## COMPETITIONS

Many of the major competition results will be summarised below and as you will see; the results have been first class! Warringah has literally dominated many competitions, local and National. Countless personal best times, medals and awards have been won at all levels.

The 2023/24 season continued the Club's great form, and again ranks as one of the best years ever in the Club's history. One of the highest achieving Club's at SMNE, Metropolitan, State and National Age championships culminating in a fifth place at the 2023 National Age Championship point score was definitely the highlight of the year for the coaching staff as I am sure it would have been the same for swimmers and club members.

The Club was also very prevalent on the international scene, with both swimmer, Samuel Higgs, and coach, Cameron Gledhill gaining selection onto the 2023 Junior Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

Also to join the international brigade was younger brother Luke Higgs who was selected onto the Australian Junior Worlds Open Water Team which will compete in Italy later this year.

It is no wonder that the Club has such a significant profile throughout the country at present with such amazing results as mentioned and with the results listed below.

# Head Coach Report Continued

Throughout the year the Club ran 3 highly successful 'home' meets: three one-day events which catered for all levels of swimmer. These were very well received by those who attended and generated significant revenue for the Club. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped bring these meets about, and particularly to Ariel Darley who organised, structured and everything else in between to see that these meets would be a great success. Thank you also to the Northern Beaches Council for accommodating the time and pool space to run these meets.



Whilst many of the main achievements are listed below, it is also important to give specific mention to our younger and less experienced members. Our young 'Racing' and 'Development' level swimmers have continued to be active in numerous Local, School and Area meets. Although they don't usually hit the headlines just yet, these swimmers are the stars of the future and their development is just as important as those at the top of the Club!

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed for the 'pink army' of Warringah Aquatic SC in the past year.

# Summary of Results

Meet	Date	Swimmers	Records	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Point Score	NSW State Team Selection	Australian Team Selection
National Age	07-15/04/23	38		14	7	8	5	8	1
National Open	17-20/04/23	4		NA	NA	NA	NA		
SMNE SC	3-4/06/23	84		21	24	15	2		
Australian Trials	13-18/06/23	7		NA	NA	NA	NA		
Metropolitan SC	14-16/07/23	48		13	11	13	4		
Junior Metropolitan	25-26/11/23	18		1	3	1	23		
Senior State SC	01-03/09/23	53		13	7	15	3		
Junioe State SC	9-19/09/23	11		8	4	1	11		
National Open SC		14				4	9		
NSW Open Water	17-18/12/23	6		1		1	13		
NSW Senior State	10-16/12/23	62		24	15	9	4		
Senior Metropolitan	24-25/02/24	59	2	10	11	18	3		
NSW State Open	15-17/03/24	35				4	16		
NSW Junior State	23-24/03/24	15		1	2	2	27		

# Head Coach Report Continued

## SUMMARY:

Warringah in 2024 remains a highly successful, forward thinking and progressive swimming club. We are athlete centred, coach led, performance focused and administratively supported. We retain a long-term focus on the development of our swimmers and the coaching and training services we provide to our members are difficult to match anywhere in the country. There are many other programs with much larger club membership numbers than Warringah but we will continue to punch above our weight and outperform these clubs and teams in the pool. The coaching staff and I are united in wanting this to continue for as long as possible.

In summing up this overview of the past year, I would like to express my sincere thanks and acknowledgement of the excellent work and contribution of the Executive Officers and Management Committee over the past year for helping to make Warringah one of the best clubs in the Nation.

In particular, President Brad Higgs and Secretary Ariel Darley have been instrumental in the work that they put in to this club. I am extremely grateful for both the amount of time they (and all other volunteers) put into the Club, as well as the personal support they have continued to give to me in this role over the past 6 months. As mentioned above, "A great foundation has been laid for myself and our new coaching staff of Cameron Reynolds and Frank Preston, to continue to nurture, grow, and develop ALL swimmers to the very best of their potential. We embrace the challenge ahead of us to continue the upward trajectory of this wonderful club and will work tirelessly in our endeavours to make this club number one on the National scene.

Thank you very much to all of you.

Angelo Basalo, Head Coach



# President's Report

It is with pleasure that I present my Report, highlighting another successful year for our club. The club has continued to thrive thanks to the hard work of our coaches, NS Swim School, the Committee, and naturally, the dedication and talent of our swimmers.

## The Year in Review

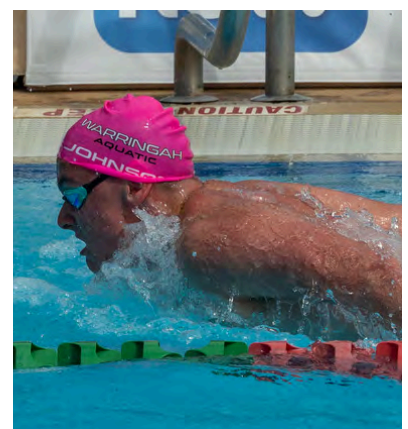
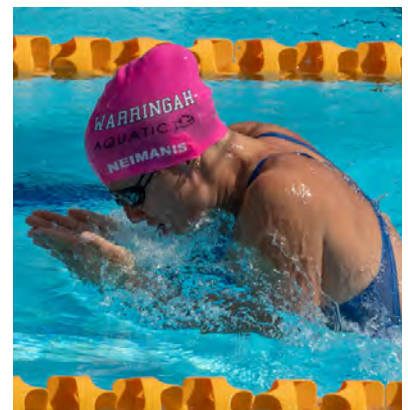
The year began with the 2023 Age Nationals on the Gold Coast, where we had a record 38 Piranhas compete. Our swimmers earned an impressive 29 medals and ranked 5th in the country.

In June, eight of our athletes competed in Melbourne for the Australian World Trials. This event provided an incredible experience for our swimmers to compete at such a high level with many talented swimmers from across Australia. Our performances remained strong, finishing 3rd at the NSW SC Senior State Age in August 2023 and 11th at the NSW SC Junior State Age in September 2023.

The 2023-2024 Summer LC season kicked off with the Warringah LC Qualifying meet in October, where over 400 athletes from 15 clubs joined in the fun at our home pool, the WAC. It was a fun day with lots of prizes and numerous personal bests.

The season progressed to the SMNE long course, with 75 of our swimmers competing against nearly 600 swimmers from 13 clubs in the SMNE Area, keeping our coaches on their toes. Warringah finished 2nd in the medal tally with 21 gold, 18 silver, and 23 bronze medals, and 2nd in the point score behind the larger Knox Pymble team.

The week-long Senior State Age Championships in December saw 62 of our swimmers compete in 450 individual events and 23 relays in a heats and finals extravaganza. Our Piranhas came away with 24 gold, 15 silver, and 9 bronze medals, resulting in an overall 3rd place finish in the medal count and 4th place in the point score, with many personal bests and national times earned.



# President's Report continued

In January 2024, six of our toughest athletes and Coach Lachy traveled to Busselton, WA, to compete in the Australian Open Water Championships. Congratulations to Luke Higgs, who took first place honours in the 7.5k and 5k events, earning a spot on the Australian Junior team for the Junior World Championships in Italy later this year.

At the NSW State Open in March, 35 of our athletes competed in 110 individual events against the best from around Australia, almost like an Olympic Trials event. Their combined point scores totalled 207, placing Warringah in 16th place, our best position at an open level.

Our committee worked tirelessly throughout the year to run three swimming meets and club nights, which help fund the club's activities, particularly thanks to Ariel Darley. The support of these events is crucial for the club's financial viability and our ability to deliver services to our members. Thank you also to the Northern Beaches Council for providing time and pool space for these meets, and to our sponsor, IGA Allambie Heights, for supporting the meets with food for our officials.

Our members performed admirably across various water disciplines, including:

- Water Polo: Several members achieved representative status.
- Surf Life Saving: Many members competed, with several crowned as national champions at "the Aussies" 2023.

## **The Strength of a Club is its People and Culture**

While our achievements in the pool are a result of hard training, the real strength of the Club is our people. We constantly receive feedback from other clubs about our team spirit and sportsmanship.

This year brought changes, as coaches moved on, which is a natural part of every sport. We were fortunate to have Cam, Lachie, and Sandi doing such a great job over the past few years. We are equally lucky to have Angelo, Cam (new Cam), and Frank to replace them. Angelo has already shown his skill, experience, and expertise as our head coach, and we anticipate great things to come.

Swimming is a tough sport, and we must always support our teammates in their pursuits. It is our teamwork at Warringah Aquatic that determines our performance as a club and as individuals.

Our club's culture continues to foster growth, and at the close of the financial year, we had 214 members (prior year 263 members) with 141 competitive swimmers (prior year 163 competitive swimmers). We are a place where swimmers want to train, compete, and be part of our Piranha community.



# President's Report continued

## The Future

Angelo and the Club will continue to focus on retaining the Piranhas in the Open competitor arena and competing at national and international levels. The establishment of an open program is just the beginning.

The committee and coaching staff have a plan that focuses on:

- The club's vision: To be the performance program for Northern Beaches.
- Protecting our culture: As a community club where every member matters and feels valued.
- Retaining our national age swimmers: Transitioning them to Open swimming to be competitive at national and international levels across all age groups.
- Supporting member wellbeing: Physically and mentally, in and out of the pool.
- Providing a welcoming environment: For swimmers of all levels to swim, stay fit, and compete at their desired level.



## Thanks

Firstly, thank you to the swimmers and parents. We are fortunate to have such a great community, which makes running the club so enjoyable. Thanks also to the parents who spend countless hours as technical officials or timekeepers.

The club would not operate without our fantastic coaches. I would like to personally thank Cam, Lachie, Sandi, Angelo, Cam (new Cam), Frank, and Narelle, along with Julia and Lauren for providing strength and conditioning. These coaches are the key to the club's success.

Thank you to our coaching provider, NS Swim School, and its support of coaches and swimmers. Narelle and her team continue to demonstrate their commitment to the club's objective of being a leading swim club both statewide and nationally.

I am also grateful for the time and effort donated by the Committee members: Clay, Gill, Jo, Mandy, Nikki, Ryan, Aden, and Ian. They are constantly working behind the scenes to make things happen.



# President's Report continued

A big thank you to Ariel Darley, whose time and effort are priceless. She is the backbone of the club, being the team manager at meets, running our club carnivals, and handling everything else behind the scenes.

Finally, our club is very thankful for our sponsors:

- Adam Berry from IGA at Allambie Heights
- Julia Higgs from North Head Fitness & JVIA
- Simon & Wendy Kasprovicz from Okanui
- The Northern Beaches Council, which provides us with access to the WAC for our meets

Please support these businesses whenever possible. We are truly grateful for their generosity.



## Your Help is Needed

As the club continues to grow, the need for more parent and senior member support becomes necessary. Please don't be a stranger and reach out to a committee member if you want to be involved. Achieving future success will require everyone's help, and it is very rewarding to be part of this great club.

We look forward to seeing you!

GO PIRANHAS!!

Brad Higgs, President

# Treasurer's Report

First, I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their support and the unpaid hours each commits to this club. I would also like to thank all members who contributed their time to running our Meets. It is these events which are a major contributor to our income (other than membership) and crucial to the club's success and financial status.

As at 31st March 2024 the club has cash at Bank of \$31,433.75 (Transaction Account). PayPal Account as at 31st March 2024 held \$15,771.54. Total cash holdings equal \$47,205.29. No liabilities were recorded as at the same date.

Current inventory was valued at \$13,025.87 listed as part of Current Assets. Inventory has increased with purchasing of new clothing stock "on hand" to meet member requirements.

Currently WASC has committed for the next twelve months to pay Head Coach Angelo Basalo a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month.



Discussions in relation to Lachlan and Sandi's replacements will be addressed by the Executive and funds made available if required.

This coaching retainer is currently the only future liability that WASC has going forward and WASC will continue funding opportunities for members deemed financially viable by the Executive Committee.

I am pleased to report after key income and expense items are taken into account, the final position as at 31st March 2024 was a Net profit of \$17,130.09\*

Clay Melbourn, Treasurer

*\*To be read in conjunction with the Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet reports presented on the following pages.*

# Balance Sheet

## Warringah Aquatic Swim Club Inc As at 31 March 2024

31 MAR 2024

### Assets

#### Bank

AUD PayPal	15,771.54
Warringah Aquatic Swim Club	31,433.75
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>47,205.29</b>

#### Current Assets

WASC Inventory	13,025.87
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>13,025.87</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Club Equipment	31,132.29
Computer Equipment	2,356.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation Club Equipment	(2,217.11)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(2,165.60)
Trademark	1,360.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>30,465.58</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>90,696.74</b>
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### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Rounding	0.20
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0.20</b>

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.20</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>90,696.54</b>
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### Equity

Current Year Earnings	17,130.09
Members Capital	39,751.65
Retained Earnings	33,814.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>90,696.54</b>

# Profit and Loss

## Warringah Aquatic Swim Club Inc For the year ended 31 March 2024

2024

### Trading Income

Camp Registrations	15,454.78
Carnival Income - Race Entries	33,815.78
Interest Income	4.10
Membership Income	18,999.27
Merchandise Sales	15,353.55
WASA Income - Entries	25.00
WASA Registration Fees received	1,540.00
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>85,192.48</b>

### Cost of Sales

Carnival Expenses - Catering & Supplies	128.43
Carnival Expenses - Pool/Timing Hire	404.64
Carnival Expenses - Trophies, Prizes, Ribbons	767.50
Squad Expenses - Accommodation/Flights	17,435.00
Squad Expenses - Camps/Activities	4,591.42
Squad Expenses - Catering & supplies	45.27
Squad Expenses - Clothing & caps	10,189.41
Squad Expenses - Coaches, Physios, Speakers	23,391.00
Squad Expenses - Entry fees, venue hire	1,704.80
Squad Expenses - Transport	3,254.34
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>61,911.81</b>

### Gross Profit

23,280.67

### Operating Expenses

Affiliation Fees	348.73
Donations	12.20
General Expenses	(319.91)
Legal expenses	54.24
Race Entry Expenses (relays etc)	4,670.80
Social Function costs	46.87
Subscriptions	556.50
Swimmer Development Squad Expenses	379.65
Trophie Costs	401.50
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>6,150.58</b>

### Net Profit

17,130.09

# Registrar's Report

During the 2023-2024 season, we experienced a small decrease in membership, with our numbers decreasing by 49, bringing our total membership to 214.

At 31 March 2024, our club had 141 full swimmers, 55 dry members, 10 club only swimmers, and 8 life members.

Full swimming memberships split into the following age categories:

- 18-26yrs: 9
- 15-17yrs: 48
- 13-14yrs: 38
- 8-12yrs: 46

Our largest membership category is the 15-17 yrs group, consisting of 48 swimmers, comparing to last year being 47 swimmers.

We've seen a minor decrease in numbers in:

- 8-12 yrs by 8 swimmers,
- 13-14 yrs by 9 swimmers,
- 16-26 yrs by 7 swimmers.

Our Club has continued to support our swimmers and maintain a high standard of training and participation in National, State and Area events.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers for the unwavering support and dedication. The efforts that go in to ensuring the success and smooth functioning of our Club are a direct result of your hard work and enthusiasm, so thank you!

As we move forward, we are dedicated to revitalising our membership and continuing to promote competitive swimming and personal excellence. We look forward to another successful year with renewed efforts and achievements.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the Warringah Aquatic Swim Club.

Gill Cuthbert, Registrar

