



Marathon Swimming Australia, Honor Organization, Australia, 2023



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Marathon Swimming Australia was formerly called the Australian Long Distance Swimming Federation (ALDSF). It was founded in Hobart, Tasmania in 1973 and is the longest serving national open water swimming body in Oceania.

In launching this first national organisation, Marathon Swimming Australia paved the way for the sport in Australia. It brought marathon swimming to life by founding marathon swimming accreditation in the country and providing recognition for our sport. The Derwent River Big Swim was the first of the events held by Marathon Swimming Australia in 1973. This swim remains the national blue-ribbon event and is recognised as the principle solo unassisted swim in Australia.

Through Marathon Swimming Australia, Australia became affiliated with the major international marathon swimming organisations (no longer in operation) the International Long Distance Swimming Federation and the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation. Marathon Swimming Australia introduced the first ever Australian national championship marathon races and enabled a national team to compete on the international professional marathon swimming circuit.

The organization delivers and manages several key elements to advance the sport:

[Australian Long Swims database](#) – record of marathon swims

Australian Triple Crown of Marathon Swimming: 25km, Port to Pub, Western Australia; 24km, Palm Beach to Shelly Beach, New South Wales; and 34km, Derwent River Big Swim, Tasmania.

Australian Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

Event assistance

In 2020, Marathon Swimming Australia set up the prestigious Australian Triple Crown of Marathon Swimming.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

Honorees who completed the Australian Triple Crown of Marathon Swimming

Lynton Mortensen, Honor Swimmer, Australia, 2024