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Fame at finish line

We're excited about medal tally and 2014

ITHACA Caloundra City Life Saving Club, the smallest club on the Coast, affiliated with the Royal Life Saving Society and patrolling Bulcock Beach are delighted with their results in the Masters Pool events in the World Life Saving Championships in Adelaide (Rescue 2012).

The club entered 10 members into the competition, swimming a variety of individual and team events over the three-day beach and pool competition.

Day one of competition at the pool and the first medal was achieved.

Margaret Marsh won a bronze medal in the women's over 65s 100m obstacles.

Day two at the pool saw the medal tally increase.

Paul Barry and Robbie Schwartz won a silver medal in the men's over 40s line throw

Jeannie Baxter-Reid and Sue Baxter-Winch won silver medals in the women's over 45s line throw.

Tony Barry and Ted Longley won gold medal in the men's over 60s line throw.

The club was lucky to gain some sponsorship - Kentz Engineering sponsored team members' shirts and towels and the club caps were sponsored by Vici.



ON SCHEDULE FOR FRANCE: Jeannie Baxter-Reid and Sue Baxter-Winch take out the silver in the over 45s line throw. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Club president Paula Koda said "Our club may be small but our older members have done us proud".

"They have trained hard over a long period and participated in a large variety of the pool events," she said.

To bring home seven medals from the World Championships is a great achievement for a small club such as ours".

Medallist Margaret Marsh said "It was my first time ever swimming at such a prestigious international event," bronze.

"I was delighted just to be participating but also very nervous.

"I'm thrilled to come home

with a bronze medal in such a strong field."

Tony Barry said he knew how easy it is to be disqualified in the line throw event but managed to pull through.

"People panic if they can't get the line out on the first throw, so I was determined to stay cool, and focus on a good first throw," he said.

"It was a strategy that worked. As one of the oldest competitors in the pool championships (70) I feel very proud to have won gold for our club."

Team manager Lynda Barry said the team is revved up for the next World Championships in Montpellier, France in 2014.