

A.U.S.S.I. ANNUAL REPORT

by Gary Stutsel — National Secretary

In the 4½ years since AUSSI was constituted by a group of 8 men on 22/9/75, membership has grown to 1280 (605 females/675 males), whilst entries in the National Swim have increased from 95 in 1976 to over 300 in 1979 and 1980.

These increases have brought many changes, some like stricter entry rules for the National Swim have received a mixed reception, whilst others like the change from individual to club membership have aided AUSSI growth and at the same time been most welcome.

Even welcome changes have brought mixed blessings. The club system has resulted in many members being unaware of what is happening in AUSSI at State and National levels.

To combat this ignorance the National Body decided to introduce our quarterly magazine "AUSSI ADULT SWIMMING". "A.A.S." format has been designed to serve several functions, namely:

- to inform members of all activities
- to publish items on exercise, training programmes, techniques and diet
- to act as a forum for the exchange of opinions and ideas.

National Committee had perceived that lack of communication at all levels was one of the most important problems confronting AUSSI. The establishment of "A.A.S." was endorsed at the Annual Conference in Adelaide on Friday 7/3/80 when the State Delegates voted to include an automatic subscription to "A.A.S." as part of every member's registration for 1981.

Other important decisions made at the Adelaide Conference were:

1. that Rule changes were not to be made without first consulting all State Branches.
2. that a National Office be established to handle
 - i) enquiries for information
 - ii) preparation and distribution of "A.A.S."
 - iii) preparation and distribution of circulars, awards etc.
3. that all AUSSI Awards are now to be controlled by the National Body.
4. that date and venue of National Swim were to be decided two years in advance to enable members to plan holidays and finances accordingly.

As shown in this edition of "A.A.S." the 1980 National Swim was a great success and a credit to AUSSI-SA, the SA Amateur Swimming Association, and the ability of the two bodies to work together.

Whilst having to concentrate on the 1980 National Swim the SA Branch has achieved significant growth (in both numbers of clubs and of members), which can be partly attributed to the influence of the National Swim, but mainly to the Branch's adherence to "Fitness and Fun".

Spectacular growth was achieved by the WA Branch due to the enthusiasm of the members, the clearly defined objectives of the Branch, and the hard work of the Committee, particularly the Secretary. Another factor was the attendance of delegates from each club at the monthly Committee Meetings.

NSW and Victoria have suffered from a lack of this frequent interaction between clubs and their Branch Committees, and are finding their growth is somewhat slower. In spite of this there exists a great spirit within many of the clubs.

Queensland Branch has now recovered from its spate of new secretaries and is ready to surge ahead. Interest has been shown in many country centres but

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unfortunately the Branch is handicapped by AUSSI's two great problems:

1. the vast distances between major population centres, and
2. the lack of individuals prepared to take a lead in forming new clubs.

We believe that the Club Guide and Coaching Manual which is finally almost ready will enable anyone with the interest to establish a new club.

The Coaching section ideas were evolved and tested in the preparation and conduct of the National Education Seminar held in Sydney in September, 1979. The Seminar, which aroused much interest in ABC radio, was attended by representatives from each State Branch. Following the exchange of ideas and information it took us 6 months to finally decide how much detail we needed to go into so that the format would be informative and yet remain readable.

When this book is available to clubs it is planned that all State Branches will hold State Seminars (1980) to discuss the use of the book with club officials.

As a third step, a National Coaching Accreditation Scheme will be introduced in 1981. The purpose of this scheme is to set a standard of qualification for club coaches which will be recognised Australia-wide.

Through these moves, but only if they are fully sup-

ported by members, clubs and State Branches, we will all be able to say that AUSSI is an organisation which can and is contributing to the fitness and health of Australians. To support this statement we will have a balanced program graded from beginners to the most advanced. We will then be in a position to expand on our present philosophy of "the user pays" by seeking finance from Government and private sources.

Assistance has been received from City Mutual Insurances, the Amateur Swimming Union of Australia and the state A.S.A.'s, that has enabled us to stretch our meagre resources to the full, and, as with the ASU-City Mutual Awards, removed the need for us to provide incentives other than those we already had.

Also of great assistance has been the voluntary work of so many people, that this report cannot possibly name them all. I have singled out Margaret Wilson and Steve Byles, our Top 10 Recorders, as I know from experience that compiling the National Top 10 is the most time-consuming and tedious single task in AUSSI.

Finally on a happy note. All this "free help" plus Mary Connolly's ability to curb my desires to spend money have left AUSSI with a balance on hand at the end of the financial period. Surely a promising start to the year ahead.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1st January to 31st December, 1979

INCOME

5th National Swim Entries	1,735.00
Gate Receipts	37.50
Supper Fees	1,145.00
State Branch Affiliations	
WA, SA, Vic, Tas, NSW, 2 Qld	70.00
Member Registrations	1,275.00
Sales T Shirts	267.00
Track Suits	227.00
Patches	294.00
Car Stickers	77.00
800m Awards	82.00
Donations Hanimex	100.00
Anon	27.00
Grants City Mutual	500.00
NSW Sport & Rec	250.00
USA Entries and Bonds	1,934.35
Air Freight Payment	35.00
Seminar	263.00
Awards City Mutual	20.00
Payments to cover costs	
Seminar Air Travel	576.48
Photos	14.00
Bank Charges	1.50
Freight and Postage	5.80
Photo Copies of National Times	9.00
NSW Registration fees payment included in cheque payable to AUSSI National	24.00
Refund of duplicated petty cash payment to National Secretary	103.53
Fur Toys and Pins (US Tour)	7.50

TOTAL \$9,080.66

EXPENDITURE

5th National Swim Lunches	1,262.00
Pool	306.00
Hall	150.00
Medals, Trophies, Patches	285.61
Batteries, Starting Caps	27.90
Cafe Bar Hire (Pool)	30.00
Purchases Patches	361.00
Typewriter	99.00
Notice Boards	20.74
Filing Cabinet/Dividers	58.50
6th National Swim Advance	300.00
Printing	89.04
Postage	30.15
Education and Coaching	167.67
Publicity Photos	95.48
Petty Cash	99.19
Seminar Hire Venue	75.00
Lunches	150.00
Air Travel/Accommodation	717.54
Publicity	72.75
Printing/Post	41.59
Quarterly Magazine Post	5.00
Telephone	17.02
Stationery	24.51
USA Tour Entries/Post	941.52
Refund bonds	950.00
Publicity	48.50
Donation Heart Foundation	6.00
Bank Charges	29.50
Postage	298.07
Telephone	241.16
Printing	469.85
Advance on Petty Cash	50.00
Subscriptions to Magazines	125.31
Rail	4.30
Packing	5.85
Registration Payment NSW	24.00
Sports Australia Seminar	80.00
Reference Book	6.75
City Mutual Awards	20.00
Name Tags	12.00
Award Patch	1.00

TOTAL \$7,942.92
Less Credit 10.68
\$7,932.24

Excess of Income over Expenditure \$1,148.42

BALANCE SHEET

Surplus for Year 1978.....	340.55
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Cash at CBC Sydney/Bondi Inc.	1,488.97

Assets	
Typewriter	99.00
Filing Cabinet	58.50
Notice Board.....	<u>20.74</u>
Total Assets	\$1,667.21

AUDIT CERTIFICATE — 21st February, 1980

I have examined the Books of Account and the Vouchers for the Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International for the year ended 31st December, 1979 and have obtained all the information and explanations required.

In my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of AUSSI according to the best of my knowledge and information given to me.

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The National Swim *Adelaide, 1980*

6th National Swim and Australian Club Championships

Adelaide Swim Centre, North Adelaide — 7th, 8th, 9th March, 1980

310 Swimmers (137 women and 173 men) lined up before the starter in Adelaide, nine more than the 1979 swim in Sydney. The number of swims was also very similar with an average of 4½ out of the maximum of 6 as compared with 5 out of 7 in 1979. Total swims were 1402.

This was the first National Swim to use electronic timing which led to the uninitiated swimmers being confused because their unofficial hand-held times were generally faster than the official electronic times.

The small number of disqualifications was gratifying, but was it due to the club coaches getting through to the swimmers or the swimmers being more careful in their choice of events?

The new events, the men's and women's freestyle and medley relays were well received, as shown by the number of entries. Several of these relays were keenly contested with only tenths of seconds separating the place-getters. North Lodge (100 pts), Adelaide Masters (70 pts) and Ettalong (64 pts) took the lion's share of the placings, but the outstanding swim was by Powerpoints (Victoria) in the 35 plus men's 4x50m medley relay. Their 2.09.14 would have won the men's 45 plus freestyle relay.

Outstanding individual swimmers were:

Women

K. Heenan (Adelaide Masters) 5 national records.
B. Wilson (North Lodge-Vic) 4 national records.
L. Potter (Adelaide Masters) 3 national records.

Men

G. Bush (Atlantis-SA) 3 national records.
B. Harris (Ettalong-NSW) 3 national records.

In all 47 National individual records were set, with the women doing much better than the men (28 records to the men's 19). Other record breakers were:—

Women

B. Barrie (2), D. Nicol (2), B. Jones (2), H. Rees, B. Dillon, F. Gould, J. Sansom, B. Callaghan, B. Grace, E. Watson, S. Moiler, M. Bishop, and E. Sargent one each.

Men

R. Patterson (2), M. Maloney (2), J. Campbell (2), K. Vickery (2), R. Campion, G. James, H. Turner, C. Bond and G. Edwards one each.

It hasn't been possible to rate the results for world rankings as the 1979 World Top 5 has not yet been received.

Holding the 400m on the Friday evening meant there was more time available on Saturday for mixing with swimmers from other states and many members were seen taking advantage of this.

After the Sunday session finished, competitors and officials adjourned to the nearby Estonian Hall where they were greeted by two bunny girls. Several ladies were heard to comment that they found Rod Ross the wine waiter far more to their taste.

Host for the afternoon was Hugh Hamilton of Adelaide Masters, and after everyone had wine and dined and started to feel relaxed, Hugh introduced Tom Harriman, the Secretary of the South Australian Amateur Swimming Association. In a very warm mood, Tom congratulated everyone on the success of the Meet and then presented the trophies to the top scoring clubs (details follow).

Following this the trophies for the clubs scoring the most aggregate points in each age group's relays were presented by representatives of the donor states.

Hugh then introduced newly re-elected National President of AUSSI Peter Jackson. After a short speech Peter presented the individual medals with the assistance of Vicki Murphy (South Australia) and Gary Stutsel (National Secretary). The medals were presented to the three swimmers in each age group who scored the most points in the maximum of 6 out of a total of 10 events. Medals were gold for 1st, silver for 2nd, and bronze for 3rd. Points were allocated 4 for fastest time, 3 for 2nd fastest, 2 for 3rd fastest and 1 for every other swimmer to finish a race without being disqualified. Double points were allocated for relays.

Top Scoring Club was Adelaide Masters with 475 points (Founders Trophy). Runners-up and winners of Visitors' Trophy were North Lodge with 451½ pts. Other clubs in order were:

3. Ettalong	NSW	294	17. Aitkenvale	Qld	39
4. Powerpoints	Vic	166½	18. Osborne Park	WA	38
5. Melville	WA	150	19. Ballarat	Vic	37
6. Atlantis	SA	143	20. Tea Tree Gulley	SA	35
7. Canberra	ACT	134	21. Narooma	NSW	31
8. Lane Cove	NSW	114	22. Carine	WA	30½
9. Coogee/Randwick	NSW	99	23. Hills	NSW	26
10. Manly	NSW	97	24. New Zealand Masters		23
11. Central District	SA	92	25. Blacktown	NSW	22
12. Hunter	NSW	91	26. Pt Macquarie	NSW	20
13. Cronulla/Sutherland	NSW	76	27. Maida Vale	WA	17
14. Tamworth	NSW	60	28. Nelson Bay	NSW	16
15. Inglewood	WA	54	29. St. George	NSW	11
16. Woollahra	NSW	44	30. Trisports	Qld	9
			31. Paradise	Qld	2

Relay Trophies winners were:—

- 25 North Lodge (32 pts) followed by Adelaide (26) and Canberra (20).
- 35+ Adelaide (28 pts), followed by North Lodge (24) and Powerpoints (16).
- 45+ North Lodge (28 pts), followed by Ettalong (24) and Hunter (14)
- 55+ North Lodge (18 pts), followed by Ettalong (12) and Melville 12)
- 65+ Manly (8 pts) sole contestants.

Individual Medal Winners

were as follows with Vera Fernance, oldest competitor in the Meet, receiving a standing ovation from all present.

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MEDAL WINNERS

MALE				FEMALE			
Age	Award	Name	Club		Name	Club	
25-29	1.	G. Bush	Atlantis	24	K. Heenan	Adelaide	24
	2.	P. Williams	Adelaide	20	D. Cruiksbank	North Lodge	20
	3.	R. Bayley	North Lodge	14	K. Hughes	Lane Cove	17
30-34	1.	M. Ringuet	Aitkenvale	20	L. Potter	Adelaide	24
	2.	C. Vaccari	North Lodge	18½	G. Stark	Canberra	21
	3.	R. Paterson	North Lodge	15	H. Rees	Canberra	16
35-39	1.	H. Turner	Lane Cove	20	V. Murphy	Adelaide	19
	2.	R. Campion	P. Points	19	C. Ellis	North Lodge	14
	3.	R. Pelling	P. Points	16	R. Sargent	Melville	13
40-44	1.	P. Jackson	Coogee/Rand	20	M. Wilson	Tamworth	23
	2.	C. Bell	Aitkenvale	19	F. Gould	Hunter	20
	3.	K. Woods	P. Points	14	D. Ross	Adelaide	15
45-49	1.	J. Williams	Tamworth	24	B. Wilson	North Lodge	24
	2.	R. Ross	Adelaide	20	K. Kroon	Ettalong	21
	3.	J. Watkins	Lane Cove	12	M. Connelly	Coogee/Rand	15
50-54	1.	J. Campbell	Coogee/Rand	23	J. Sansom	Adelaide	24
	2.	G. Schueller	Adelaide	18	P. Adams	Hills	13
	3.	D. Redpath	Adelaide	17	M. McKinnon	C.D. Seals	10
55-59					G. Spoonley	New Zealand	10
	1.	K. Vickery	Ettalong	24	B. Callaghan	Manly	23
	2.	R. McCabe	North Lodge	19½	E. Watson	Cron./Suth.	22
60-64	3.	R. Miller	Carine	13½	B. Grace	Narooma	17
	1.	R. Harris	Ettalong	23	S. Moiler	Inglewood	20
	2.	T. Winstanley	Nelson B.	14	B. Barrie	Woollahra	20
65-69	3.	T. Lamers	Melville	13	A. Eifler	New Zealand	17
	1.	C. Bond	Ettalong	21	D. Nicol	Manly	16
	2.	T. Neville	North Lodge	15			
70-74	3.	H. Cilento	Adelaide	10			
	1.	B. McLintock	Manly	21	M. Bishop	Melville	20
	2.	H. Steinkamp	North Lodge	20	B. Jones	Inglewood	10
75-79		F. Griffiths (equal 2nd)	Pt. Macquarie	20	E. Sargent (equal 2nd)	Manly	10
	1.	F. Wilson	Ettalong	22			
	2.	G. Edwards	Melville	21			
80-84	1.				V. Fernance	B. Beavers	8