

# RECORDS GO AT SENIOR SWIM MEET

SENIOR swimmers smashed national and world records at Beatty Park aquatic centre yesterday on the second day of the seventh national carnival and club championship of the Australian Union of Senior Swimmers International.

Four hundred and sixty-four swimmers, representing 42 clubs from all mainland states of Australia, plus visiting swimmers from New Zealand, the United Kingdom and West Germany are taking part in the three-day carnival which ends this morning.

The carnival was officially opened yesterday morning by the Premier of Western Australia, Sir Charles Court.

Ernie Williams (70) of AUSSI Claremont (WA) led the way by breaking the world record for his age group when he swam the 400m freestyle in 6min 23.42sec.

Later in the programme Ernie set a national record in the 100m backstroke, taking more than 12 seconds off the previous record with a swim of 1min 43.57sec.

Ernie's Claremont teammate, 60-year-old Judith Drake-Brockman, won her 50m backstroke event in 45.35sec, which also established a new world record.

United Kingdom swimmer Vivienne Cherriman also broke the world record for the 400m freestyle in the 70-74 years age group, with the time of 7min 54.99sec, which slashed 22 seconds off the previous world record.

Ex-Olympic gold medallist, Lyn McKenzie of the Osborne Park (WA) club excelled in the butterfly events, setting two national records for 25-29 years age group, with times of 1min 10.04sec for 100m and 31sec for 50m.

Another former Australian butterfly representative, Peter Smith, also of Osborne Park, set two national records for his age group when he won the 100m in 1min 04.69sec and the 50m in 28.14sec.

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Helen Rees of the Canberra club performed well in the 35-39 years age group, setting two national records — 5min 45.96sec for the 400m freestyle and 1min 29.09sec for the 100m butterfly.

Frank Griffiths (Ettalong, NSW) competing in the 70-74 years age group, set an inaugural national record of 2min 11.77sec for the 100m

butterfly, and broke the existing national record for 50m breaststroke with the time of 52.52sec.

Victorian Geoff Jones of the Power Points club also swam well to set national records in the 35-39 years age group with times of 1min 10.08sec for 100m backstroke and 31.88sec for the 50m backstroke.

Osborne Park's 25 years and over relay teams won both the 200m men's medley relay and the 200m men's freestyle relay, setting new national records in both events.

The team, consisting of Robert Verboon, Jim Bolger, Peter Smith and Alex McKenzie, swam the time of 2min 05.28sec for the medley, while Robert Verboon, Peter Smith,

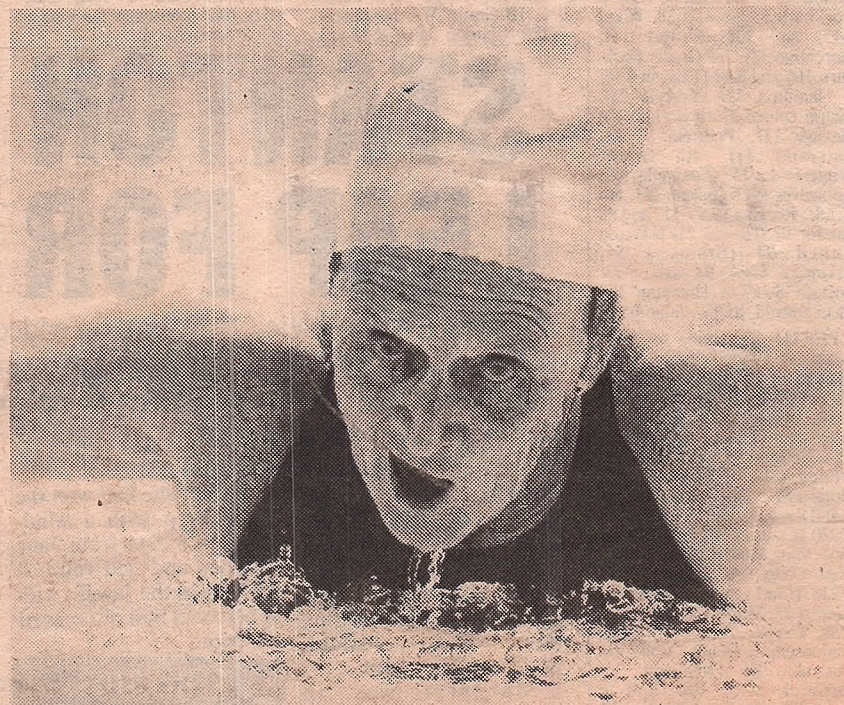
Alan Edwards and Alex McKenzie clocked 1min 49.14sec for the freestyle relay.

The competition for the champion club trophy has developed into a close struggle between the two WA clubs Osborne Park and Melville.

At the completion of the first six events, Osborne Park held a slender four-point lead.

The Adelaide Masters' club, last year's national champions, appear to have good prospects of winning the Melville trophy for the visiting club scoring most points.

They are lying third overall and are a clear 20 points ahead of their nearest rivals, North Lodge, of Dandenong Victoria.



VIVIENNE Cherriman shows her record-breaking style at Beatty Park yesterday