

**AUSSI  
MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA**



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**ANNUAL REPORT**

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**AUSSI  
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**LIFE MEMBER**

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Californian housewife Sandy Neilson-Bell . . .  
her masters championships 100m victory at Chandler was faster than her gold-winning time  
at the Munich Olympics.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1988 will be remembered in AUSSI's history as the year in which we hosted the World Masters Swim. However, there were a number of other historical events which made 1988 a very important year for AUSSI's future development.

Council decisions at the meeting in Brisbane in October have redesigned the total management structure which will launch us into a new phase of growth. The Council as we have known it for nine years has now been dispensed with in favour of a Board with each Member having a disciplined responsibility to carry throughout the year, and the nerve centre will now be a Secretariat operated by a professional Executive Director.

Council also agreed to commission UNISYS to develop a computer software system for the three tiers of Club, Branch and National administrations. UNISYS, a very valued supporter of AUSSI have offered their service at a very reduced rate in the form of a sponsorship.

Our new structure will enable growth in membership and activities which could not be practically managed under our previous voluntary structure.

Our financial management this year should be questioned - we had less income and more expenditure than in the previous year. Significantly, we did not receive much in sponsorship funds and the Council Meetings cost more. This we felt we were in a position to afford, to enable the available voluntary efforts to be directed into planning for the future and to maximise support for the World Swim. The World Swim itself of course was a financial investment, the surplus funds being assigned to a trust account for a decision in the future as to the best way to use it for the betterment of AUSSI.

The World Masters Swim was a magnificent event and is a credit to the Organising Committee under the leadership of Graeme McDougall and Rhonda Searle. I would like to also acknowledge that it would not have eventuated without firstly Gary Stutzel's negotiations to have the Swim awarded to Australia and then Glenys McDonald's persistence and tactics to keep it here. It is a great feeling to know that it has happened and that it was a huge success.



Ivan Wingate - National President

There was no "National Swim" as we know it this year because of the World Swim, so we had instead a "Postal Nationals". The concept was for regions all around Australia to hold a meet at about the same time, using the same swim programme with the results being merged by the N.S.W. Branch. It presented an opportunity for every AUSSI to enter the "Nationals" and for the first time, medals were awarded for each individual event. 1691 entered for consideration in the results, which was fewer than we expected, but it created a lot of interest around the Country therefore doing much for the unity of AUSSI so I feel we ought to do it again in some similar way in the near future.

I have now completed four years as your President and am not standing for re-election. I trust that I have had some effect on the structure, as did my predecessor, but I believe that the Organisation will be better served with a change. A new President will bring in new enthusiasm, ideas and a style different from mine.

I trust that I maintained impartiality in the Council, even when I could see resolutions going against my personal wishes. I have endeavoured to uphold the objectives and the AUSSI name - both of which created some challenges. There are numerous

pressures to deny "...adults, regardless of age or ability" to participate. These pressures are both within AUSSI and from outside. We must fight to continue to manage our own affairs. I now know of two other Masters organisations which have had outsiders change their sports' rules, particularly those who control the purse strings. This is most evident in the multiple sport festivals and we have been quite active to ensure that Masters Swimming is conducted to our philosophies.

Protecting our name is also quite an experience. The media have a great deal of difficulty in leaving the "E" off the end, or want to expand the acronym (which we have not used for eight years) and insist on calling us veterans. As our profile grows, this will become easier but I would like all Members to help too. The media also still persist with "who's the oldest or who has won the most medals?" The media, I believe are supposed to publish news, and I fail to see that being old or a champion winning more

medals is news. There are hundreds of human interest stories within AUSSI which are news, and as we all have our own level of excellence, when reached the media should know about it. I thought that the World Masters Swim motto "We're not just a bunch of old crocs" really summed up the image we need to present to others.

I thank you for allowing me to have served as your President for four years. I have always seen myself as a servant to the Organisation, the Council and Executive, and to not detract from the credit due to the real workers in our various committees. I sincerely thank the members of the four Executives I have worked with for the way in which they gave me total support. It has been rewarding for me in my own personal growth and I trust I can continue to serve AUSSI from the experience. I wish the new President much success and enjoyment.

IVAN H. WINGATE  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1988



GLENYS McDONALD  
NATIONAL SECRETARY.

It is with some nostalgia that I sum up our year's activities. It has been a year of monumental challenges and successes; and for me personally, it has been the culmination of my four years as National Secretary and my twelve years involvement with AUSSI at a National Council level.

It has been a year of adjustment for the National Office, with its transfer to country W.A., and my thanks to National Treasurer Chris Potter for taking over the burden of storing the AUSSI stock for me, and the local company, Western Biotechnology, who allowed me access to their fax facilities.

### ACHIEVEMENT

Obviously our major resources and energies were channelled into supporting the work of the World Swim 88 Inc. committee, who were preparing for the conduct of the 11 FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships.

Our major tasks included:

- Implementation of the Level 1 Masters Coaching Course in most States, and the encouragement of attendance at Officials courses.
- Investigation and implementation of a comprehensive Insurance package to fully safeguard our members, administrators and coaches.

- The review and/or production of -
  - a) National Top Ten Times
  - b) National Long and Short Course Records
  - c) New Club Guide
  - d) Coaching Manual
  - e) Coaching Video
- Task Force review of National structure and finances, and the implementation of an Executive Director position and a National Board of Directors.
- The establishment of Long Distance Swim Rules.
- The finalisation of our two year Computer planning and review with the acceptance of Unisys programming sponsorship and assistance.
- Increasing AUSSI's profile within Government and sporting Associations within Australia.
- Supporting research in the following areas -
  - a) Blood lactate responses in male swimmers following maximal exercise.
  - b) Death during exercise.
- My thanks also to Kay Cox, W.A.



Coaching Director, whose work in teaching adults to swim and adult coaching, has resulted in -

- a) the continuation of the W.A. Dept. for Sport over 55 Learn to Swim Programme.
- b) the establishment of an Austswim Learn to Swim Adult Extension Course.
- c) the Level 1 Masters Coaching Course acceptance.

- My thanks to Judy Ford for her painstaking and diligent review of the Aerobic Trophy and Pointscore system.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership plateaued in 1988, which can be expected following our rising graph of the past thirteen years. However it was disappointing in the year we hosted the World Swim. Perhaps having no National Swim in 1988 contributed to this level.

1985	4,209
1986	4,748
1987	5,119
1988	5,050

During 1988 we lost three wonderful AUSSI members who were all good friends and admired members. Harry Fowler; 'Foz' Foster and Des 'Marshal' McCormick will be sadly missed by us all.

## SPONSORSHIP AND FINANCES

This area suffered Nationally because all efforts and contacts were channeled into the World Masters Swim, and revenue normally supplied to National from the National Swim and Club Championships was not forthcoming. This swim was cancelled for 1988 and replaced with a National Postal competition, to allow members full support of the 11 FINA/MSI World Masters Swimming Championships. However, one sponsor **UNISYS** continued to support our activities throughout Australia and culminated their services to us with a sponsorship offer which has finally ensured a compatible program system for all levels of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia.

**The Australian Sports Commission** provided us with a grant of \$60,000 to assist with the conduct of the World Swim. This grant was used solely for this purpose and this left AUSSI National without any grant funds for administration, coaching, and getting attendees to international meetings so Australian Masters Swimmers could be represented.

I met with staff at the Australian Sports Commission in Canberra in November whilst attending a National Fitness & Lifestyle Seminar as a guest of the Government. I encourage the future Executive Director to continue personal contact and lobbying of the Government of the day, so that AUSSI Masters Swimming receives some financial support for the work they are doing.

Our thanks must go to the Australian Sports Commission for our grant, and I am sure the 3,800 entries and the success of the meet more than exonerated their support of us.

## INTERNATIONAL SCENE

There are some areas of concern on the international swimming scene for masters swimmers which may have possible ramifications for us in Australia.

Masters Swimming International was found by masters swimmers around the world to ensure -

- a) a voice for masters (to that date there was none, nor any interest).
- b) to conduct a World Championship Swim.
- c) to establish universally accepted World records.

Currently M.S.I. member countries represent 60,000 Registered swimmers. Australia is one of those countries.

F.I.N.A. the world governing body of swimming has been structured to direct aquatic disciplines, catering for technical rules, Olympic competition etc. European clubs affiliated with FINA do have some registered masters swimmers, but these amount to approximately 1,500 members.

There have been problems since F.I.N.A. introduced Masters into their constitution. Some of these relate to 'power', but most relate to trying to fit Masters Swimmers and their phenomenal numbers, into the same structures set up for amateur swimming. Mr. Gary Stutsel, President of Masters Swimming International reported on these problems at the M.S.I. General Meeting held in Australia in October 1988.

The two delegates at that meeting were your National President and myself, and we had the satisfaction of contributing constructively in the adoption of the new constitution, the resolution of the 1992 World Swim venue, and many other matters.

- Mr. Peter Gillett was appointed World Recorder.



- Mr. Gary Stutsel was re-elected President of M.S.I.
- Mrs. Maureen Rose was appointed Secretary to Mr. Stutsel.
- Mrs. Glenys McDonald was nominated for the F.I.N.A. Masters Committee.



- Mr. Graham McDougal was appointed to the Championship Committee.

I hope that measures taken by M.S.I. resolve any difficulties remaining for the future direction of Masters. What we must ensure however, is that the 60,000 swimmers affiliated with M.S.I. have their views heard in any decisions F.I.N.A. makes.

The Pasadena Agreement between M.S.I. and F.I.N.A. promised much, let us all hope that its spirit lives on.

## AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING INCORPORATED

The above problems have obviously created difficulties between A.S.I. and AUSSI within Australia, and it is to the credit of our National Executive members and especially Mr. Peter Bowen Pain, recently retired President of A.S.I., and Mr. Craig McLatchey, Executive Director, that we evolved a relationship of mutual respect and assistance. However, it was an embarrassment to both our Associations that after nearly four years planning by AUSSI for the hosting of the World Masters Championships, that A.S.I. received communication from F.I.N.A. for the first time eight weeks prior to the event, that they were the responsible Association for the conduct of the Swim.

It is my hope that the new Board of AUSSI will work together with A.S.I. in seeking the involvement of the best united voice for aquatic swimmers in this country, both young and old, and I hope both Associations are prepared to compromise and co-operate to achieve those ends.

### PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

I would like to conclude this, my last report, with a few personal thoughts. I hope you will indulge me if some of my comments appear controversial, but I hope they can be used for the basis of your future discussions.

1. Australian Swimming Administration  
I would like to see AUSSI continue to lobby for our autonomy and voice as a National Sports Association. We have much to contribute to sport in Australia and the health and well being of our adult members.

The Australian Swimming Inc. as it is presently structured does not give us this autonomy or voice if we affiliate with them as currently constituted. We are presently affiliated as a kindred association, and we can choose to disaffiliate at any time.

Other countries have resolved problems such as this by having an umbrella aquatic association where each discipline, i.e. swimming, diving, water polo, masters, coaching, even long distance swimming, can be heard, their needs assessed, their autonomy preserved, and duplication minimised. I hope aquatic sport in Australia is open enough to proceed along these lines.

### 2. Coaching within AUSSI

I have seen AUSSI grow from a few hundred swimmers to its present number. We have come a long way from our first

basic coaching courses to the involvement of an accredited Masters course. However, whilst most of our funds have to be channelled for Administration and the chance of each Branch to be heard, i.e. Council or Board meetings, we have precious little funds left for coaching. We must have a Coaching Panel, who are able to meet regularly and have a suitable format for imparting their knowledge to members.

### 3. Task Force Recommendations

In April 1989 AUSSI will change to a Board of Directors and a paid Executive Director. None of us like change very much, but I hope that the introduction of the new system will be smooth. Over the past nine years I have attended Council meetings both as a delegate for a Branch and as a member of the National Executive. I have also worked in a paid sports administrators position for the W.A. Branch. There are many pitfalls in the employment of a salaried officer and I hope that AUSSI does not fall into the common traps.

- Be realistic about what you expect of your Executive Director.
- Give him/her your support in managing AUSSI's affairs.
- Don't be surprised if the person makes some decisions, after all that's what you pay for.
- Don't become involved in petty accountability for every trip made, meeting attended, funds or hours spent. I can assure you there are no 'junkets' in AUSSI only hard work. Look at the end result.
- To Board members I would say. Put your Branch's views with all full information, and then in the final analysis vote for what is best for AUSSI on the whole.

### CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all the people I have worked with in AUSSI at club, Branch and National level since 1977. I cherish so many friendships and I have a lifetime of memories. Although my involvement will be restricted with my isolation in the country, I hope I will remain a productive AUSSI member. I would like to take this opportunity to record in print my thanks and appreciation to my husband Vic, who has been the cornerstone of my life, and my best support in AUSSI.

GLENYS McDONALD  
NATIONAL SECRETARY



## NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT 1988



It is with pleasure that I report to you on the financial status of AUSSI at the end of 1988. This year has been one of consolidation for me not only as the Treasurer but also as a member of the Executive. I would like to single out several areas requiring further explanation:-

### 1. NATIONAL COUNCIL

The cost of our conferences increased in 1988 due to Council agreement to be represented in Brisbane for the 1988 World Swim. This was a "one-off" expense and the above budget costings were reported to the conference in Brisbane during October 1988. Conferences represented 44% of our income for the year ended 31/12/88, a significant amount.

### 2. INSURANCE

The provision of adequate insurance bearing in mind the cost to each member has been negotiated with the insurance exchange of Australia. We now have negotiated, public liability of \$5 million, group personal accident with a principal sum of \$30,000 and coach's indemnity.

The year ahead holds many challenges with the restructuring of the Executive and the Council meetings.

This is my last year as the National Treasurer due to work changes and I would like to thank those who have supported me:- Ivan, Glenys, Anita and Carol, fellow members of the National Executive and Mr. John Symonds our Auditor and Adviser and my wife Wendy.

CHRIS POTTER  
HON. NATIONAL TREASURER

**Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Inc.)**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.88**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Membership Fees . . . . .	51,742.00	50,361.00
Sponsorship/Grants . . . . .	50.00	3,070.00
Interest . . . . .	3,110.30	2,996.50
Swim Meets . . . . .	78.43	8,449.97
Sales of Stock . . . . .	3,196.25	835.44
Sale of Photocopier . . . . .	<u>1,178.00</u>	
	<u>59,354.98</u>	<u>65,712.91</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries, Wages, Honorariums . . . . .	2,424.78	3,257.90
Printing and Stationery . . . . .	3,657.91	2,874.87
Newsletter . . . . .	1,053.85	2,786.60
Postage and Freight . . . . .	2,276.07	1,569.75
Phone . . . . .	5,252.26	3,764.05
Conferences and Meetings . . . . .	26,014.18	19,780.93
Insurance . . . . .	11,664.00	4,723.72
Coaching/Technical . . . . .	761.26	2,264.00
Affiliations and Subscriptions . . . . .	845.53	282.00
Computer Services . . . . .	1,681.66	1,266.40
Recording . . . . .	4,380.12	4,221.42
Sponsorship and Grants . . . . .	517.50	1,285.00
Bank Charges . . . . .	112.41	81.07
Advertising and Promotion . . . . .	2,076.00	—
Other Administration Expenses . . . . .	319.66	704.11
Depreciation . . . . .	801.00	1,339.00
Purchase of Stock . . . . .	2,165.75	—
Write Off of Stock . . . . .	<u>5,875.96</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>71,879.90</u>	<u>50,200.82</u>
 <b>DEFICIENCY FOR THE YEAR . . . . .</b>	<u><u>12,524.92</u></u>	<u>Surplus 15,512.09</u>

**Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Inc.)**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1988**

<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
Balance B/Fwd . . . . .	54,211.68	38,699.59
Less Deficit for the Year . . . . .	<u>12,524.92</u> (Surplus)	<u>15,512.09</u>
	<u>\$41,686.76</u>	<u>\$54,211.68</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
FIXED ASSETS (NOTE 1) . . . . .	<u>\$5,859.37</u>	<u>\$3,760.37</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock . . . . .	—	5,875.96
Prepayments . . . . .	2,147.80	16,504.00
Debtors . . . . .	196.95	1,364.66
Cash on Deposit . . . . .	26,003.63	33,257.71
Cash at Bank . . . . .	19,366.92	1,704.92
Cash on Hand . . . . .	<u>400.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	<u>48,115.30</u>	<u>59,507.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$53,974.67</u>	<u>\$63,267.62</u>
LESS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors . . . . .	143.91	9,055.94
Members Prepayments 1989 . . . . .	<u>12,144.00</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>\$41,686.76</u>	<u>\$54,211.68</u>
(NOTE 1) – FIXED ASSETS		
Trophies . . . . .	1,034.00	1,034.00
Furniture and Equipment . . . . .	5,626.37	5,360.37
LESS Dep'n . . . . .	<u>801.00</u>	<u>2,634.00</u>
	<u>\$5,859.37</u>	<u>\$3,760.37</u>

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have audited the books and records of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 1988 and I am of the opinion that the attached income and expenditure account and balance sheet have been prepared so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st December, 1988 and of the transactions of the Association for the year ended on that date.

J. H. SYMONDS, A.C.I.S.

Honorary Auditor  
31 Sharpie Crescent,  
Grange  
S. Australia

# NATIONAL FITNESS & COACHING DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Probably the biggest step forward for AUSSI has been the implementation of the Level 1M coaching accreditation scheme in the past 12 months. Set up by Kay Cox it has become well established by most states. Some teething problems are occurring and it is my hope that the course will not be static, but will continually evolve and improve with the needs of our members.

With this in mind a Coaching Accreditation Panel will be established to reassess the program, make recommendations, and perhaps to look at a Level 2 course.

Our coaches now have their own insurance policy to give them peace of mind and well deserved protection. I urge all clubs and accredited coaches to take up this opportunity.

The Australian Masters Coaches Newsletter has been kicked off with the production of two free issues to all interested members. Feedback has been all positive, but success can only be ascertained by the number of people who are prepared to part with \$6.00 for four issues per year. I hope to

keep the content relevant to both coaches and swimmers alike.

Our AUSSI Video which is in post production has been delayed by the death of Bob Foster. Peter Jackson has agreed to help add some additional footage to what has already been shot.

The coaching manual is nearer to completion and we plan to produce the book on a "user pays" basis. This will help offset costs and allow us to improve the quality of printing.

Possibly the highlight of the year for one was the World Masters Games and the chance to meet and learn from some of the World's leading Masters Coaches. All gave their time free of charge in five days of seminar while attendances could have been better, enormous interest was generated. As much information will be disseminated via the Australian Masters Coaches Newsletter for the unfortunate people who missed out. Judy Meyer and I will be arranging something similar for the next World Games in Rio.

Another highlight was running a clinic at the A.I.S. in Canberra where I helped many swimmers improve and understand more about this great sport.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with such a wide diversity of people.

**ANITA KILLMIER**  
NATIONAL FITNESS & COACHING  
DIRECTOR



# PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

To All AUSSI Members

Public awareness of Masters Swimming has taken giant steps forward. Our organisation has gained recognition at many levels - Government, Government funded research groups, kindred sporting bodies, the coaching profession and sports medicine. Much of the credit for this recognition belongs to Glenys McDonald, who as National Secretary, never missed an opportunity to bring to the attention of these organisations, the aims and achievements of AUSSI Masters Swimming.

Public awareness has also increased mainly due to 'word of mouth' publicity rather than any media campaign. I can only reiterate the point I made in my Mid Year Conference Report - to increase membership and general public awareness, club P.R.O.'s need to build a relationship with their local media.

## THE MARKETING OF AUSSI TO POTENTIAL SPONSORS

What have we got to offer sponsors?

The answer must be 'purchasing power'. Our members are adults who have income so are able to purchase a sponsor's goods or services. They can and do travel so are attractive to those in the tourist industry. Excellent points for attracting sponsorship on a short term basis. However, long term major sponsorship is a different exercise altogether.

To gain a major sponsor, what are we going to offer? Access to our membership lists has always been a contentious issue as many members demand the right to privacy. Guaranteed use of a sponsor's goods or services is difficult as we as an organisation are not in a position to give guarantees on what adults will or will not use or buy.

There is also the question from whom do we seek sponsorship? Our constitutional by-laws forbid us from seeking sponsorship from tobacco companies. However, no such ban has been put on breweries. It could be argued that alcohol is as potentially dangerous as tobacco use. Consider also the situation where a



sponsor whose goods and services are 'acceptable', however, the company is owned by a tobacco company.

Consider also the situation where a company has gained access to AUSSI's membership yet the organisation gains no return. These and other issues need to be discussed and policies or guidelines set.

I also recommend that the task of gaining sponsorship be one of the duties for the new position of 'Executive Director'. Marketing an organisation the size of AUSSI is not a job to be done on a 'spare time' basis. Businesses expect a professional approach. We cannot expect any return unless we ourselves are professional.

## THE YEAR BOOK

Plans for the production of a Year Book are underway, the collecting and editing of material being secondary to the selling of advertising. It is difficult to sell advertising without a 'mock-up' and consideration will need to be given to this problem.

## REPORT FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER ON THE WORLD SWIM '88 PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

### PRE SWIM PLANNING

The lack of rapport between the National P.R.O. and the World Swim Organising Committee meant there was little, if any, co-operation in planning -

- 1) Publicity to clubs
- 2) Publicity to all local media - Australia wide
- 3) Assistance in gaining sponsorship

The above requirements were all met by the organising committee. However, had the breakdown between the Organising

Committee and National P.R.O. not occurred, co-operation could have resulted in:-

- A) Greater attendance by Australian swimmers.
- B) Possible better media coverage - although it must be remembered that the media rarely give pre-publicity, viewing such as advertising and therefore revenue. Also competing against an event such as the Olympic Games which were held just prior to the World Swim also made gaining pre-publicity difficult.

It should be noted that a number of clubs approached their local papers with stories of members attending the World Swim with great success.

- C) An easing of the burden of gaining sponsorship as the sole responsibility fell on the shoulders of the Organising Committee.

My own pre World Swim contribution fell into the 'too little, too late' area.

## **MEDIA LIAISON DURING THE WORLD SWIM**

1. Daily media releases were sent to all newspapers, T.V. and radio stations by fax. This proved to be a very helpful method of informing the media of what was offering each day and allowing them to choose their own story.

2. The pre-arrangement with S.B.S. television brought AUSSI to the attention of the ethnic community. However, there are no known results of increased membership in this area.

3. The Opening Ceremony received wide publicity in all media (print and electronic) in Brisbane and the far North Coast of N.S.W. and briefly on one Sydney T.V. news (Channel 9). I have no reports from other States. The reason for such good coverage lay with the presence of Brisbane's Lord Mayor, Sally-Ann Atkinson and Olympic Gold Medalist, Duncan Armstrong competing in the planned 'fun relay'.

4. I received no complaints regarding the facilities arranged for the media for the Opening Ceremony. However, on subsequent days when the media, press and electronic turned up asking for a specific person, they became a little frustrated by our lack of ability to 1) produce that person or 2) give them more than an approximate

time a certain event would be held. This was due to a lack of understanding by the media of how a 'Masters Swim' is conducted. The explanation although not always completely understood was accepted and I believe the efforts of Christine Walker, Pam Inglis and myself in rushing all over the Chandler Complex trying to secure the person or persons required was appreciated. I would like to think there was a better (and less exhausting) way to organise this area but I'm unable to provide an answer. The traditional type of press conference at the close of the day's events would not be practical.

## **THE WORLD SWIM NEWSLETTER**

Acceptance of the Newsletter was slow at first but gained in popularity as the swim progressed. Language (i.e. the number of folk who couldn't speak English) was a problem but the use of pictures helped overcome this to a degree.

The Newsletter is a great way of dealing with problem areas but one has to be careful that it isn't used to air personal grievances.

I would not undertake to produce a newsletter unless it was sponsored and one has the equipment available for production. Some experience in the print media is helpful.

**CAROL DAVIS**  
**NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
**OFFICER**

# OVERVIEW OF THE II FINA/MSI WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Currently, our hard working Masters Swim 88 Inc. committee are finalising their report on the conduct of the event. The final report would be too large for reproduction in our Annual Report, so hence this general overview of my personal observations.

In 1984 AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia were granted the right to host the 2nd World Masters Swimming Championships in Australia. This was confirmed at the 1st World Swim in Japan at a meeting of Masters Swimming International attended by two FINA representatives.

In 1985 we encountered problems with the venue for the Swim. The Warringah complex had been ruled unsuitable for the numbers expected. The Homebush complex could not be guaranteed in time, so the swim was transferred to our Queensland Branch and the magnificent Chandler complex. Initially we had problems finding a suitable team who were prepared and had the expertise to devote nearly two years of their lives to us. But we found such a team, and they carried us through so magnificently.

CHAIRMAN - Graeme McDougall  
VICE CHAIRMAN - Christine Walker  
SECRETARY - Rhonda Searle  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY -

Carol Harrison  
TREASURER - Carmel Cameron  
PUBLICITY/PROMOTIONS -

Ralph Walker/Pam Inglis  
FINANCE - Barry Harg  
LEGAL ADVISOR - Damien Salisbury  
SWIM MEET DIRECTORS -

John Townend/Hank Markus  
TIMEKEEPING - Ken Theodore  
FUNCTIONS - Narelle Bird/  
Maree Skennerton

ADVISORS - Artie Shaw/Gary Stutsel/  
Ivan Wingate/Glenys McDonald

We survived two threats to take the swim away from Australia, and we endured on **completely voluntary labour** and scarce funds to host an event comparable to a Commonwealth Games in size, and the

largest Swimming Championships the World has ever seen.

The swim attracted 3,800 competitors, including 93 divers and 8 Water Polo teams from 26 countries. Some 1,867 heats had to be catered for in a six day period, so thankfully we had the use of a ten lane pool. Water Polo events were conducted at the Valley Pool and Diving at Chandler.

The womens heats started from one end of the pool, with mens heats marshalled at the other. No time was wasted, with heats starting before swimmers in the preceeding heat left the water, and two swimmers were permitted per lane in 400 and 800m events. This led to some audience interest when some swimmers found difficulty negotiating to stay on their correct side of the lane.

The background workload to stage such an event is mind boggling. Computer programming; electronic timing; printing; swimmers information; regular newsletters; registrations and kits; recording; record updating; announcing; meals for swimmers, officials and V.I.P.'s; international meeting venue and organisation; social functions; official rosters; swim meet officials and training; medal presentations; security; transport; accommodation; medical backup etc., etc.

At any one time approximately 100 officials would have been on duty throughout the complex, on deck, in recording rooms, marshalling, etc., not the least of these were the 60 timekeepers required at all times.

Given that a changeover of officials would occur every four hours and that 88 hours of swimming were conducted, we are talking about a minimum of 2,200 volunteers, excluding catering staff. No wonder the organisers had to call for some timekeeping assistance occasionally. What is more magnificent is that many of the officials were swimming themselves and often for-



feited their own performance to assist in the running of the event.

There were many highlights of the meet and much colour with club banners, colourful tee shirts and flags. Most remembered was the friendship and camaraderie and the many different accents. Some swimmers renewed friendships with swimmers they had competed against at Olympics or International Meets many years before.

World and National records tumbled, and as Di Coxan reported, one gold medallist even withdrew from her last event so that her friend could win gold – what a gesture!

The 1,200 or so Japanese were so organised they even had their own meals delivered in an army of boxes each day. They were also much in awe at the beef and pigs on the spit at the welcome B.B.Q. Incidentally, someone made off with a pig at the welcome function, you would have thought he/she would have been a bit obvious walking through the crowd with our friend slung over the shoulder, but perhaps after a few drinks no one noticed.

The 900 or so Americans proceeded to rewrite the record books, particularly those from the Holmes Lumberjack 'club'. Now we know at future Nationals we bring our coach, masseuse, manager and psychologist, etc, hire a marquee and relax between events after a soothing massage. The rest of us were content to visit the magnificent facilities of the Sports Medicine team for our massages. No congratulations are high enough for the Sports Medicine facilities provided at the swim. State of the art equipment and expertise provided for the whole 88 hours of swimming.

Always remembered will be the unfailing good humour of the Queensland Amateur Swim Officials who remained on deck during all the long hours of swimming and still had a smile and helping hand, even at 12.45 a.m.

No event of such magnitude can get through without problems, and we had our share. A missing word in the program cost us placing medals in relay and diving events. The use of some 1,320 timekeepers and the long, sometimes monotonous hours of swimming, did not always guarantee the standard of timekeeping expected at a World Standard Meet. However, some other problems were out-

side our control and must be addressed by MSI and FINA.

- Swimmers arriving in the country with no money and no accommodation.
- The Rules which state that events must be conducted youngest to oldest and fastest to slowest.
- No entry qualifications.

With the growth of masters swimming throughout the World these problems are already being addressed, and anything which holds up the conduct of the meet must be eliminated e.g. false starts.

There was much criticism at the first days events going a mammoth 17.5 hours, which is understandable. However with so many entries and only 5 days of swimming, all the organisers could do was start on time, and keep the event flowing, which they did. False starts in some events were a big problem. After that mammoth day, I know of a Chairman of a certain committee who was back at the pool at 5.30 a.m. the next morning. I also heard one swimmer who swam her personal best, vow that she would swim at midnight in future.

Another criticism, which masters should address, is the questionable ability of some swimmers in events. Are we about an opportunity for all? Or should our World Swim be for the competent and better swimmer? That is for you all to debate. However, strokes should be performed according to the rules as is the practise at our National Meets in Australia. At present I am not aware of the Q.S.A. disqualification figures.

One of my personal concerns during the Meet was the extreme pressure the key officials of the organising committee were under, which was exacerbated by their long hours on duty, and the attitudes of some of the persons they were dealing with. Graeme McDougall warned his team at their final meeting prior to the event that they were in for the 'toughest week of their lives' and he wasn't kidding. However, no matter how tough it became, it wasn't so much the workload they dealt with so well that I will recall, it was the little 'human' things – like –

- filling in as timekeepers at 12.45 a.m. and smiling.
- driving a lady to the Chemist to fill a prescription and then loaning her the money.

- giving people lifts to and from the pool.
- phoning around Australia and Overseas to help the worried Brazilians whose Brazil Night material had been off loaded somewhere.
- billeting an assortment of overseas swimmers who had difficulty finding accommodation.
- staying behind each night to write newsletters and finalise computer heats, all the time with a smile, even if it was 'fixed'.

The social aspects were not forgotten with a memorable Welcome Function complete with sheep shearing and other Australianiana. I was going to bring my pet kangaroo but I didn't think they would let me on the plane with her.

The Opening Ceremony, complete with koala gave everyone the unique experience of seeing Brisbane's Lord Mayor, SallyAnne Atkinson doing a mean breaststroke leg to challenge Olympic gold medalist, Duncan Armstrong, who was forced to cheat to win.

The Brazil Night gave us some information on beautiful Rio, and sips of the liquor delights we can expect.

About 2,000 made it to the Dreamworld finale, and what a magnificent venue. You

could dine and talk, you could dance to the rock band or in the streets, you could lose your dinner on the roller coaster or the other fun rides. If everyone had been able to attend the night would have been even better, but we all have to balance our budgets our own way.

Finally for the swimmers was the wonderful opportunity of daily Coaching Seminars, using the invaluable expertise available at the Swim. These seminars were a huge success, but not as well supported as we would have liked. Such exchange of coaching information amongst countries is invaluable. Each coach gave their services free and we gave them a gift to remember us by.

I am sure you will agree with me that the Masters Swim 88 Inc. Committee did a fantastic job of which we and Australia can be justly proud. The type of workload and pressure an event like this entails certainly sorts out the men/women from the boys/girls. Those responsible for the 2nd World Masters Swimming Championships could be trusted with any project anywhere, because they are committed, dedicated, hardworking, and they give their all.

GLENYS McDONALD  
NATIONAL SECRETARY

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## NATIONAL RECORDER'S REPORT

### - April 1989

This report begins with some crystal ball gazing regarding the 1988 top ten:

- 1) I hope that it is completed and
- 2) each Branch has at least 1 copy by the time of this conference.

The reason for my uncertainty at this time, December 21, 1988, is that I have only just today received the last batch of cards, also it was never resolved at our Brisbane meeting on how the top ten should be distributed this year.

Normally at this time the womens section has been sorted and is almost finished being typed and the mens section would be about 50% sorted. The fact that the closing date for the submission of cards was extended by 1 month is one apparent reason for the lateness of publication, however, there are other reasons.



Compilation of this top ten is going to be one giant headache. I have always preferred to have cards and with the exception of one Branch who have always insisted on sending me their top ten list, the Branches have co-operated. This year I received top ten lists from 3 Branches, one of which was separated into long and short course. Therefore to compile this years top ten I shall have to sort the cards into the ten best times and then refer to the 4 lists to come up with the final top ten. It is a bit like trying to read 5 books at once.

So, here I am, the week before Christmas, hoping that I can have the cards sorted before the holiday, because from the 26 December I am taking my family away for two weeks holiday. All of this may explain my attempt at crystal ball gazing at the start of this report.

Maybe the reason for these problems is all my own making, perhaps recorders didn't understand what I wanted of them. I cer-

tainly understood. I guess I didn't communicate my requirements too well.

With the advent of our agreement with UNISYS I am hopeful that there will only be 1 more year of compiling the top ten by wholly manual means. 1990's top ten should be made much easier with the assistance of computers.

One matter I would like this committee to discuss is the situation on how we should distribute the top ten, plus a recommendation on the amount of money that should be allowed for in the annual budget.

The records broken for the year from 1st October, 1987 to 30th September, 1988 are as follows:-

LONG COURSE    141 individual  
                              9 relay

SHORT COURSE   283 individual  
                              17 relay

PETER GILLET  
NATIONAL RECORDER

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## NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1988

This year has been most significant for the final publication of "Guidelines for Referees" and an initial distribution has been made to branches.

As can be seen by even a quick flick through, there has been a tremendous amount of work put into this, especially by Bruce Edmunds, who put it all together. Though still the convenor of the Technical Committee, Bruce has passed over the general administration to a secretary because of his business commitments.

At NSW level, Des McCormick had conducted lectures for timekeepers followed up by exams. More lectures were in the pipeline, with the eventual aim of producing qualified AUSSI referees. With Des' unfortunate death, Pat Somerville has taken over the reins and is NSW Coaching and Fitness Director. There is a panel of

coaches who are willing to travel to clubs giving instruction and direction in coaching and fitness. Each of these members has an area in which they visit on request from clubs in their designated area.

It is an urgent matter to get accreditation for referees who are trained and understand AUSSI's aims, and can competently referee at club, state, National and International levels. Hopefully by the next Masters' International we shall have referees able to be appointed to relieve personnel in Rio de Janeiro in 1990.

The National Technical Committee wishes continuing success to AUSSI swimming - see you all at the Nationals in Sydney in April 1989.

BARBARA ROSE  
SECRETARY

# '88 BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL CLUB SWIM - POSTAL EVENT

The '88 Bicentennial National Club Swim produced a disappointing result.

The number of entrants of 1691 fell well below expectation and caused a shortfall in the budget set for the event.

Entries received from clubs throughout Australia contained many insufficient and incorrect details which required significant administration effort to rectify in order to permit the relevant swimmers to compete.

Maureen and Warren Rose need to be congratulated for their effort in sorting out the entry errors prior to computerisation and also for processing and producing the results of the '88 Bicentennial National Club Swim.

The Result Book was produced in an easy-to-read format providing details of places in all events.

The original budget for the event set the entry fees at \$2.00 per individual event and \$2.00 per relay team.

This budget was amended by the National Council to provide the following:-

\$5.00 per swimmer

\$2.00 per relay team

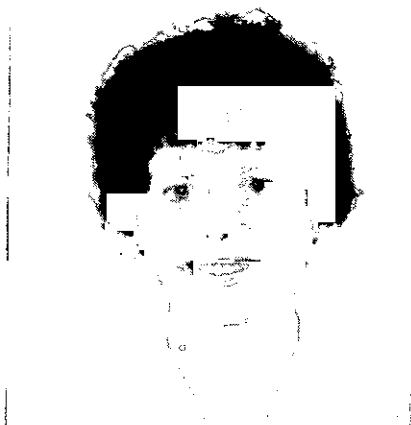
This amended budget failed to cater for costs being covered to the extent of \$497.57.

Perhaps in future, the budget presented should be given more detailed consideration prior to rejection or amendment by the National Council.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the winning Club, Powerpoints, on achieving 1959 points of the total 23738 points.

BRIAN HIRD  
N.S.W. PRESIDENT

# NATIONAL AEROBIC RECORDER - 1988 ANNUAL REPORT



Judy Ford  
National Aerobic Recorder

1988 has truly been a year of celebrations. In keeping with this, we can celebrate a noteworthy milestone in our National Aerobic Trophy competition - Clubs from all eight Branches have entered for the first time. The number of clubs entered rose to 55 and the total number of swimmers to 1,211 which is almost 25% of our membership!

The Champion Club in 1988 was:

1. Townsville Qld 2,188 points
2. Claremont WA 1,850 points
3. Syndal Vic 1,442 points

Townsville achieved the double by also winning the Tassie Award. Congratulations!

		Members	Pnts/Mem
1.	Townsville Qld	63	34.73
2.	Syndal Vic	51	28.27
3.	Toowoomba Qld	47	26.00

This year I have rationalised the results booklets by trying to avoid duplicating the information compiled by Branches. Members already know how they have gone as

individuals, and in their own Clubs; and most Branches put out a Branch Aerobic Pointscore each year. Hence, what is of most interest is how individuals have fared against others in Australia, especially in their own age group. So, as well as the Club Order of Merit list, the Tassie Award list and the 'Top Thirty' list, I have included age group listings in numerical order, men and women separately. This has been done in 10 year age groups as per the current Rules. Husband and wife listings have been omitted as few Clubs or Branches supplied this information and it would have been guesswork on my part. (Evaluation over the coming year will determine the future format of the Results booklet).

The Aerobic Review is proceeding well with the Rules up-date completed and the forms revamped. The final tables of times and points have been circulated prior to the Annual Council Meeting and a decision will be made at that meeting.

I look forward to the continued success of the Aerobic Trophy competition in future years.

JUDY FORD  
NATIONAL AEROBIC RECORDER

# **NATIONAL COMPUTER COMMITTEE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA Progress Report - January, 1989**

As a result of acceptance by National Council of a sponsorship offer from Unisys to develop software at a substantially reduced price, we have had a busy 3 months and as development proceeds our workload will increase further. We are pleased to report that Unisys are keen to have the work completed by the end of the

current AUSSI year which will be no mean feat.

The National AUSSI Computer System will be developed to meet requirements as detailed in the attached document, System Requirements Summary - 1988. This document is a revision of earlier reports which have been circulated. We have had a number of helpful comments from Branches related to the earlier reports, for which we are most thankful, and request that they again examine these Requirements to ensure that there are no major errors or omissions.

At the time of writing this report Unisys have prepared a specification for the Registration sub-system and are awaiting our sign-off before the commencement of programming.

As specified earlier, the system will be developed in the dBASE environment and we are in the process of purchasing a Clipper Compiler to allow development to commence.

We issue the following minimum guidelines for compatible hardware:

## **CLUBS -**

CPU 8086 or 80286  
Memory 640k or greater  
Disk 20mb hard disk  
360k 5.25 in floppy disk  
Display Monochrome or Colour  
Printer Speed 100 characters/sec draft

## **BRANCHES**

CPU 80286 or 80386  
Memory 640k or greater  
Disk 20mb hard disk  
360k 5.25 in floppy disk  
Display Monochrome or Colour  
Printer Speed 200-300 characters/sec draft

## **NATIONAL**

CPU 80386  
Memory 640k or greater  
Disk 40mb hard disk  
360k 5.25 in floppy disk  
Display Monochrome or Colour  
Printer Speed 200-300 characters/sec draft

Printers should be Epson compatible using the parallel interface and be capable of printing 132 columns. Note that 80 column Epson compatible printers can print 132 columns if a reduced character size is selected. The ability to also print at a near letter quality standard would be advantageous for correspondence.

The following word processors have been tested by Unisys for compatibility with the

dBASE environment used by the National AUSSI Computer System to enable mailing lists to be constructed with maximum ease:

Wordperfect Versions 4.2 or 5

Wordstar 4

Wordstar Professional

Multimate Advantage II

Displaywrite 4

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH REPORT 1988**

President: Peter Gillett

Secretary: Florence Walker

I apologise for the fact that some parts of the 1988 report from South Australia will probably make rather depressing reading.

We have NOT made any radical changes, have NOT received any large amounts of money from a Government Department (although this could change in 1989 as a Task Force has been formed to prepare a submission to the Government for an administration grant) and perhaps the most dismal, have NOT filled all the positions on the Branch Executive in 1988.

It appears that a state of apathy exists in S.A. and the present Executive are naturally most concerned about the situation.

In spite of repeated appeals for assistance during the year to fill the position of Social Convenor, no one was willing to come forward. Because of this the Interclub Presentation, normally the high spot of the year, was reduced to a BBQ, organised by the Executive (with very little time to spare from their own jobs), and some members were ready to deride and complain. The response from medal winners, with only 50% of them attending to receive their awards was disappointing to say the least. Guests at the BBQ was the Patron, Mr. Tom Casey and Mr. Barry Whennan, representing UNISYS, with his family.

There are now eleven clubs in South Australia, with the introduction of Mountain Pool. We are very pleased to welcome



Secretary: FLORENCE WALKER

them to AUSSI. The club at Elizabeth, Aquadome Aquanauts, has been very quiet lately - it is hoped it will pick up again shortly as an AUSSI club is badly needed in the northern area.

Registrations were slightly lower in 1988, 665 - I suspect this was because of the shortened registration year, 9 months instead of 12. Nominations for interclub and state cup competitions were about average.

A sub committee is working hard to organise the 2nd Australian Masters Games to be held in Adelaide in October. Swimming events will be held at the North Adelaide Swimming Centre on Sunday and Monday, 15/16 October. A brochure is in preparation and should be going out to Australian clubs very shortly.

The Director of Fitness and Coaching, Lynda Lehmann arranged two events during the year. In August, a coaching clinic took place with lectures and demonstrations under the guidance of Arthur Ballantyne dealing with stroke mechanics and correction. This proved to be most popu-

lar. In December a Level 1 - Masters Bridging Course was held, and although a most intense weekend it was well worth while.

An unfortunate loss to the Executive during the year was the resignation, through health reasons, of the Treasurer, Rob Boyd. Our gratitude goes to Chris Potter, who, in addition to his role of National Treasurer has taken over the role of State Treasurer to help us out of our difficulty. His willingness is much appreciated.

The Branch gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship of UNISYS who most helpfully computerised our Interclub and State cup results during 1988. We are pleased to report that they will be with us in 1989, not

only with the state swims but for the Masters Games also. Another thank you goes to the Commonwealth Bank who have been supporting us for a number of years now and are still going strong.

In conclusion it would be a big boost to the well being of the Branch if more interest could be shown in nominations for the Branch Executive at the Annual General Meeting in May. More enthusiasm and involvement must come from clubs and members if the Branch is to progress. We can only hope!

FLORENCE WALKER  
BRANCH SECRETARY

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## VICTORIAN BRANCH REPORT 1988

It's hard to believe that it's been 12 months since Barbara Brooks' (nee Wilson) Secretary's Report was tabled at the 1987 Annual General Meeting. However, it is that time of year again where the Secretary has to briefly (and hopefully this will be brief) summarise the activities of the Association during the last 12 months.

The 1988 year saw the induction of some new faces onto the Committee, the result being an effective mix of the old and the new schools of thought. Whilst I don't wish to offend anyone by not naming them personally, I must extend my appreciation to Jane Levy, whose support as Minutes Secretary made my job significantly easier.

There is no doubt in my mind that we could have been more productive during the year, however, as is the case with all voluntary organisations, resources and time are at a premium. Nevertheless, some notable achievements were made during the year. These are as follows:

### LEVEL ONE COACHES COURSE

For the first time in AUSSI Victoria's history, a Coaches course was conducted specifically for the purpose of educating and developing a network of accredited Master Coaches.

### MASTERS STROKE SEMINAR

In a similar vein to the Coaches course, two seminars were conducted with a view to enlightening both **coaches and swimmers** on the principle of training for Masters swimming.

### INCORPORATION

A sub-committee was formed to review our Incorporation and the rules that emanated from that process. As a result of the findings of the sub-committee, we are in the process of redrafting our rules so that they meet the needs of the Association in a more efficient manner.

### MARKETING

A Marketing Sub-Committee was formed early in the 1988 year. They undertook many initiatives including the publicising of AUSSI, our new look magazine, "The Swimmer" (many thanks to Danny Meisels), a new Club Kit to assist in the formation of new clubs and a plan to help AUSSI Victoria increase membership over the coming years.

### PLANNING

A Planning Sub-Committee was also formed during the year and their brief is to come up with a 5 year plan for AUSSI Victoria.

### SWIMMING CARNIVALS

A framework was put in place to provide a greater range of events at Interclubs and also to avoid the doubling up of carnivals on the same day.

On the swimming side of things, the State had a very successful State Championships in April this year. The event was co-ordinated by Doncaster Dolphins and they must be congratulated, especially Dorothy Dickey, on their performance.

The Championships were also a Postal Nationals and saw Victoria emerge as one of, if not the most competitive State in Australia. Both Powerpoints and Northlodge should be congratulated on finishing first and third respectively, in the National rankings. To top that off, Syndal won the Tassie Award for the Aerobic Trophy.

The highlight of the swimming year were the World Masters Swimming Championships held in Brisbane between the 9th and 16th October. Many Victorians successfully competed in what must have been the largest swimming carnival conducted anywhere in the world. Congratulations to everyone.

Whilst the above appears to applaud those who are successful, the most important thing is to participate. I believe every member of AUSSI is a winner just because they are involved in what is surely one of the most rewarding sports in terms of fun, fitness and friendship. I urge everybody to keep up the good work and hope that next year's committee will build on the foundations laid in 1988.

JOHN IOSSIFIDIS

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## TASMANIA BRANCH REPORT 1988

In presenting this report I have chosen to divide our activities into three sections – namely; Administration, Competition and Social.



Hector Beveridge, Tasmanian President.

### ADMINISTRATION:

Continued growth and development has fortified AUSSI in Tasmania during 1988. A new Club "Talays" in the Hobart area is steadily increasing in membership and seems to have a sound structure for the future. Hobart Masters continues to grow in strength and hosted our Summer Championships winning the coveted Shield. Launceston Club boasts centrality and was the home ground for the Winter Championships and the inaugural Relay Competition. Launceston Club winning the Winter Championships pennant where we experienced our first dealings with a sponsor – Schweppes. Devonport Devils were the winners of the Relay Competition and will host our Summer Championships in March. The prospects look hopeful for another Club to develop in the North West area of the State at Burnie.

The Branch has been busily working on the development of a three year plan and have had good attendances at our Branch meetings with enthusiastic input from all clubs. We are shortly to be the organising body for the swimming event of the First Tasmanian Masters Games in July in Launceston and we will be taking this opportunity of promoting the concept of



AUSSI via the press, television and radio media.

### COMPETITION:

Apart from that already mentioned Clubs were active in holding Club time trial and aerobic swim events throughout the year. Devonport held a "Splash and Dash" consisting of a 600m swim and a 3km run. Launceston Club held their usual Trevallyn Dam swim and Devonport and Hobart were both involved in trans river swims for the local regatta days. A happy contingent of swimmers attended the World Masters Swim in Brisbane with John Pugh of Launceston receiving a 9th place medal and Jodi Harrison and Jenny Breen receiving 10th place medals for their respective events. It would be remiss of me not to mention that I won a gold medal in Alice Springs proving that there is life after a 200m Butterfly but only if you have the support of the dozen other Taswegians who gave a good account of themselves judging from the medal tally and the photographs and stories brought back to the Apple Isle. Training and planning has already begun for Rio as well as the National Meet in Sydney.

Devonport Club is already forming committees to improve facilities at the Devonport Olympic Pool in preparation for the National Meet in 1991 and I must add that it is a seven year dream for me to see this event through to fruition after attending my first Nationals in Sydney and realising that Tassie could one day make it in Australia.

### SOCIAL:

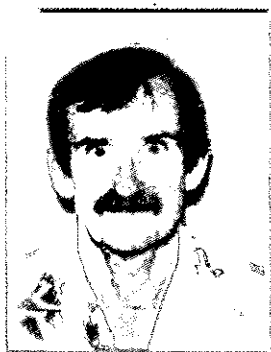
The best part . . . Makes the training all worthwhile . . . The hospitality of host clubs at championship events is overwhelming. However, with the growth of our numbers it has become clear that the strain on individual's houses to accommodate not only the numbers but also the appetites will prove too great from now on. Hopefully though the closeness will not be affected by having our happy hours and get-togethers in commercial venues.

In conclusion we have had a good year. I am looking forward to the new structured Board and hope that Tasmania's input can be a contribution in line with the concepts of AUSSI being for everyone - not just the fasties - for Fitness and Fun.

TRISH BEVERIDGE

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## QUEENSLAND BRANCH REPORT 1988



President: Chris Bell

Our main event for the year was the World Swim, the largest swim meet in the world so far. Graeme McDougall, Rhonda Searle and their committee did us proud. I must place on record also my appreciation of the QLD Branch as a whole who, often to the detriment of their swimming, did all and more than we could expect. I was proud of them: AUSSI proved that we can swim, enjoy ourselves and work as a team. Thank you to all AUSSI, Australia wide.

I would also place on record my branch's appreciation of the national executive members for the assistance they willingly gave. Thank you to Ivan, Glenys and Carol especially.

On the local side our Coaching Accreditation Level 1 was held in North and South Queensland, ably conducted by our Coaching Directors Guni Liepins and

Peter Reaburn. Members have been busy getting through the practical side of things and QLD should have many coaches accredited by the end of our summer season.

The QLD Branch finalised their incorporation and have produced a disc for the clubs who wish to follow. A few clubs have also completed their incorporation.

Once again our State Championships will be split over North (Mackay) and South (Penninsula, Brisbane Northside and Brisbane Westside), Qld. It has enabled more swimmers to compete at state levels, however it is somewhat disappointing not to see all our friends together.

Our Newsletter continues to thrive. Our PR man, Brian Palmer, has been a valuable find for the Queensland Branch.

Membership has continued to grow with four/five new clubs expected to affiliate in the near future. It appears that our starter kit has been a success. North Qld. especially should have a club in every town on the coast plus a new club joining our two existing North-Western Inland Division clubs.

Peter Reaburn's thesis has arrived and I'm sure that we all will reap the benefit of this most interesting Study. I feel that Qld's financial assistance has been repaid. We are most fortunate to have Peter's dedication and enthusiasm in our branch.

Qld's innovation of moving the state executive to North Queensland for the past two years has proved successful. The incoming executive will be mostly based in South Queensland and will inherit a branch that is extremely healthy.



President: Brian Hird  
Secretary: Ken Ford  
Treasurer: George McGilvray

I have the pleasure to report on some of the major activities and administrative processes held within our State during the period under review.

A successful and enjoyable season has come and gone and we are all looking forward to the coming season.

We feel that NSW supported the tenets of AUSSI within the boundaries of our own state and contributed to the National good when required and called upon.

The Management Committee, as required by our incorporation, is well established and working more efficiently than possibly anticipated. Any trauma associated with the necessary changes that affected the club structure and members' meetings have been resolved.

## NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH REPORT 1988



Ken Ford, Secretary, N.S.W. Branch.

The registered members as at 30/9/88 numbered 1,215 and the number of clubs was 34. Since that date there have been other clubs formed. There is a large untapped source of clubs and swimmers and importantly, swimming venues, throughout the country areas. These are associated with the Amateur Swimming

Association and it has already been established that the two can operate in close harmony. It is believed that a potential of anything from 30 to 40 clubs could be available by utilising this potential. Steps are being taken to tap this source of members and clubs.

Our competitive keenness was exemplified at the various major meets conducted during the year within State boundaries.

Our Short Course Championships, always popular, was again held over two days at a newly constructed magnificent pool located at Campbelltown, a new growth area within comfortable distance of most metropolitan clubs.

The venue and all other necessary requirements for a successful major carnival existed, and the swimmers did not let the occasion pass without making their mark. 270 competitors from 25 clubs were represented and succeeded in establishing 54 National Records, 12 National Relay Records, 5 individual World Records and 7 World Relay Records.

Importantly, all the swimmers enjoyed themselves and expressed their satisfaction at the venue and the conduct of the meet.

Our State Cup, held in conjunction with the National Postal Swim, was a successful promotion. 520 members participated from 29 clubs. Individual National Records numbered 35, with 5 National Relay Records.

The National Postal Swim, hosted by NSW, was disappointing only from the viewpoint of the number of members who competed. Some 1,588 members from 100 clubs posted entries.

NSW deplored the lack of support for this National Swim. As would be known, the 1988 National Swim was not held in NSW in deference to the world swim attendances.

The NSW section of the swim was most successful. The Meet Director and main organiser of the Postal Swim was the NSW President, Brian Hird, who received our congratulations for his fine efforts.

The Sydney club, Warringah gained overall second placing. The relay age group trophies in the 120+ went to the Warringah club, the 240+ went to the Manly club as did the 280+.

The Speedo Relay resulted in the Women's Freestyle 120+ going to the Warringah

Club and the Men's Freestyle 120+ was won by the North Sydney Club.

The Speedo Relay events created the enthusiasm of Olympic events and NSW are grateful for the interest this firm takes in the AUSSI movement.

Club carnivals throughout NSW numbered 18. As the number of clubs increases as well as the interest in holding carnivals by the older clubs, the position in the metropolitan area has become acute. To fit the number of carnivals requested together with State meets, public holidays, school holidays and the necessary period between carnivals, has become a problem.

A disappointing feature of the year's activities was the paucity of the State Grant amount. This does not reflect on the Department concerned, but on the State Government's attitude to sporting expenditure generally and to our movement in particular. When one views the monies granted to some generally doubtful organisations, one wonders where their priorities lie.

In conclusion, NSW congratulates the National Council and Executive who have conducted our affairs so efficiently throughout the past year and look forward to the administration and conduct of our affairs by the new administrative structure due for formation in 1989.

Best regards,

KEN FORD  
BRANCH SECRETARY



## BRANCH REPORT 1988



President: D. CUMMINS

Another successful year is behind us! 1988 saw several highlights and when all are considered together with the normal operations of our organisation, the year culminated in an extremely busy one for all of us. I take this opportunity to briefly touch on some of the events and happenings of the year:

1. **STATE AND NATIONAL POSTAL SWIM:** Conducted for the first time at the Superdrome. Apart from a few grizzles, the majority were well pleased with the venue which does after all offer us the best competition pool in Australia, and for that once a year event, isn't that what it's all about? Mike Rome our Swim Meet Director, his committee and all helpers did a fantastic job, and my congratulations to them.

Again we saw Claremont emerge as State Champions. They were also successful in winning both the National and State Aerobic Trophies. Congratulations to them for these efforts. Other winners were:

Esperance - Country Aerobic Trophy  
Claremont - Administration Shield  
Well done!

2. **MARATHON SWIM:** Eight kilometres from City Beach to Trigg. This was the first time this event has been conducted and it was an outstanding success. All starters finished and in good shape. A great reflection of participants' training and preparation.
3. **W.A. SWIMMING ASSOCIATION:** It is most gratifying to see this Association working so well with us. As a member of their Board of Control, I have been impressed with their professionalism and obvious empathy for our beliefs and organisation. With our pledge to bear the brunt of organising

the Long Distance Swim Component (25kms) of the 1991 World Swim, the sharing of our ideals is ever so important.

4. **DEPARTMENT FOR SPORT AND RECREATION:** Following very successful talks with Department representatives, it was extremely pleasing when, through them, several areas of expenditures for AUSSI needs were made possible by Government grants. The purchase of our computer and software valued at \$8,000 plus was the major item concerned. Several other areas such as Coaching and Administrative Seminars both in the North West and Metropolitan areas were also assisted. By having Government help in these areas will see AUSSI's future well cemented and can only allow us to go from strength to strength.
5. **AUSTSWIM COURSE:** This has now been accepted and adopted at a National level. For those who may not be aware, this was prepared by AUSSI W.A. and congratulations to Kay Cox whose brainchild it has been and who put in enormous effort to ensure that it came to a successful implementation.
6. **ADMINISTRATOR:** Lynley - after a very successful time with us, accepted a terrific job at Groote Eylandt. It was with regret but carrying our best wishes that we said bye-bye to her just

before Christmas. As you now know, Stephanie Power has been appointed, and I take this opportunity to welcome her to our ranks. My particular thanks to Vice President Karen for standing in for six weeks between Lynley's departure and Stephanie's appointment.

In closing, my thanks to all those who have assisted me during 1988. To Lynn - my wife - special thanks for your support and guidance. To members of the Executive, my gratitude to you for the hours of work and dedication each of you have given making our organisation great, and one that all in AUSSI can be proud of.

DAVID CUMMINS  
PRESIDENT

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## **NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH REPORT 1988**

Greetings from the NT.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

AUSSI in the Northern Territory is slowly but surely maturing and consolidating. Currently we have 65 members registered with the four clubs Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.

The first Executive was elected in October 1988:

President: Geoffrey Hennessy,  
Nhulunbuy Arnhem Salties  
Secretary/Treasurer: Claire Hudson,  
Darwin Stingers  
Recorder: Kim Donovan, Alice Springs  
Coaching Co-ordinator: Ralph Yates,  
Alice Springs

### **NT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The NT Branch has successfully and gratefully obtained a grant from the NT Department of Health and Community Services to assist with the administration of the 2nd NT Championships which are to be held in Nhulunbuy on 15-16 April 1989. The inaugural NT Championships were a great success in Katherine last year with many members competing for the

first time. A good time was had by all. The Arnhem Salties have the organisation of the 1989 Championships well in hand and our members are looking forward to the competition and the socialising.

### **WORLD SWIM**

Seven NT members participated in the World Swim in Brisbane. Our congratulations must go to the World Swim Committee and helpers who so successfully organised this incredible meet. It was certainly an experience thoroughly enjoyed by all NT participants.

### **NATIONAL SWIM**

NT members are being actively encouraged to attend the National Swim in Sydney. Some assistance with airfares has been made available by a further grant so we hope to have a small team attend.

### **CAMG**

The 2nd Central Australian Masters Games (CAMG) were held in Alice Springs in October 1988. These games should not be missed. The atmosphere is terrific. All venues are in close proximity to each other which provides the opportunity to participate in more than one sport. Many AUSSI members competed in other sports such as athletics events, the triathlon, hockey, squash, basketball, cycling and rugby. Participants at the end of the games left for home proudly displaying their medals.

AUSSI clubs in the NT were formed as a result of the first CAMG and the 2nd CAMG resulted in recruitment of new members. It also increased enthusiasm and acted as incentive for many current members to train on for the next CAMG in October 1990. Darwin and Katherine Club members have booked their accommodation already.

Sadly missed at the Games were Harry Fowler (Henry) and Des McCormick.

It was great to meet up with interstate AUSSI members who attended. The TAS-SIE swimmers loved the cold water whilst Northern swimmers literally turned blue. The curry at the Games Ball had many competitors running but not by choice.

NT AUSSI will endeavour to become involved in the organisation of the next CAMG.

## OTHER EVENTS

In the past months NT AUSSI members participated in the CARINE AUSSI 3,000m Bi Centennial Swim, the Coogee-Randwick ½ hour swim and the MSI 1 hour swim.

NT swimmers because of our isolation are keen to compete in postal events.

## THE FUTURE

Our major aim is to recruit new members and to firmly establish AUSSI in the NT by

building up our team of committed members and developing a higher profile in the community.

Thanks must go for the assistance and advice provided by Glenys McDonald, Ivan Wingate and Patricia Beveridge (TAS) in the establishment of our Club and the NT Branch.

CLAIRE HUDSON  
BRANCH SECRETARY

# ACT BRANCH REPORT 1988

## 1. CLUBS

The ACT Branch has 2 clubs with a total Branch membership of 70 (as at September 30 1988, the end of the registration year). This total breaks down between the clubs as follows:

	BELCONNEN WESTS	
	1988	1987
FEMALES	21	35
MALES	19	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>58</b>
	TUGGERANONG	
	1988	1987
FEMALES	13	7
MALES	17	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>

Both clubs are slowly consolidating their base of regular participants so in spite of a slight drop in total branch membership, AUSSI is very much alive and well and swimming in the ACT.

## 2. BRANCH DEVELOPMENT

### 2.1 ACT SPORTS HOUSE

ACT AUSSI continues its membership of ACT Sports House, contributing to their newsletters and occasionally tapping the wealth of sporting administrative knowledge amongst its many resident members.

### 2.2 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Once again, we received a grant under the Sports Development Programme of the Community Development Fund. This assists us with general administrative

costs, coaching projects and the conduct of our swim meets.

### 2.3 SPONSORSHIP

TOSHIBA (Canberra) continues to sponsor us by photocopying and collating our newsletter, TIDAL. Without this, the Branch would be unable to supply such frequent and complete information to its members and as such, we are extremely grateful to TOSHIBA for their efforts.

The ACT Division of the National Heart Foundation also support AUSSI by publicising our aims and objectives at every opportunity and by providing their Board Room for Branch meetings.

### 2.4 BRANCH NEWSLETTER

TIDAL is our flagship and is a sought after item by ACT members, ex-ACT members and a number of members from other Branches. It is also distributed to all other



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Branches. It is produced on a six weekly basis which is sufficient to supply most of the up-coming events information as well as coaching tips, reports on past events and health "tips" from time to time.

### **3. SWIM MEETS AND EVENTS**

#### **3.1 ACT BRANCH SWIM MEET AND POSTAL NATIONALS**

108 AUSSI's from near and far - 43 from ACT, 65 from NSW - entered this event which saw a number of National Records broken as well as some ACT swimmers achieving high placings in the Postal Nationals.

#### **3.2 ACT LONG DISTANCE SWIM MEET**

July 16 1988 saw 83 swimmers participate in this event - 29 from ACT, 53 from NSW and 1 from Victoria. One World and many National Records were set or broken and some prodigious officiating made it possible to complete this 8 hour meet in 4 hours by using two 25m pools simultaneously.

#### **3.3 ACT INTER-CLUB CHALLENGES**

Two are conducted per annum, one at each club on that club's Club Night. A great opportunity for some friendly rivalry, a chance to see how the "other half swims" and to meet other Branch members.

#### **3.4 NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION EVENTS**

AUSSI played a significant role in the 30 Hour Swim For Heart - four AUSSI members coordinated teams and members of Tuggeranong AUSSI supplied personnel for a 12 hour shift on the registration desk at one of the venues. Approximately \$29,000 was raised over the weekend - another great effort and one in which we are proud to be involved.

#### **3.5 SRI CHINMOY TRIATHLON**

ACT AUSSI were asked to assist with the conduct of this event and did so with some enthusiasm. It was great to be part of another sporting body's event and certainly does much to lift AUSSI's profile in the ACT.

#### **4. COACHING DEVELOPMENT**

One ACT AUSSI coach is well on the way to Masters Accreditation with the other preparing to commit the time in 1989. The benefits to members as a result of the coach's labours towards accreditation are already apparent and ACT AUSSI are cer-

tainly grateful to National AUSSI, Kay Cox and Anita Killmier for their efforts in establishing the courses and providing the means of achieving the qualification.

ACT club coaches held stroke specific clinics for members, run as one hour sessions on nights other than club night. These have been enjoyed by swimmers and coaches alike and are likely to continue on a once per 2 months basis.

The National Fitness and Coaching Director, Anita Killmier, was invited to the ACT Branch to present a seminar over the weekend of the ACT Long Distance Meet. This seminar was extremely beneficial to all who attended and swimmers and coaches left with new found enthusiasm for swimming and the AUSSI Masters organisation.

With Des McCormick having been part of ACT coaching for so many years, it does not seem possible to write of coaching without mentioning him. He has already been sorely missed by the ACT Branch committee and members as coach, mentor and friend. As a token of the esteem in which he was held, in 1989, a Des McCormick Memorial Trophy for the ACT Swimmer of the Year will be awarded. It will be a prestigious award for effort and not necessarily speed - a trophy which we hope Des would be proud to be remembered by.

### **5. SOCIAL**

An annual Branch and Club committee get-together is now on ACT's calendar as well as a bi-annual trip to the mountains, staying in an otherwise unoccupied lodge.

The mountain trips in 1988 were a total delight. The first in April provided us with the first snowfalls of the year - a disappointment to a few who were determined to bush walk but a delight to almost everyone else; the second, a weekend of glorious clear blue skies which permitted most to complete the difficult 24km circuitous walk to the top of Australia. There are, after all, some rewards for living in what is sometimes unkindly described as a less than pleasant climatic area!

In closing, on behalf of ACT AUSSI, I would like to wish all other AUSSI members a healthy and successful 1989. May all your swims be P.B.'s!

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