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MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA (INC.)

## NATIONAL NEWSHEET

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### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership was conferred on Peter Gillett, Director of Recording, at the recent Annual General Board meeting of AUSI in Devonport, Tasmania.

Peter joined AUSI in 1979 and became President of Central District Seals club in 1980. In that year he became Branch Recorder and in 1981 was elevated to Branch President, a position he held for 3 years. Peter was again Branch President in 1988 and 1989, and is now the South Australian Director on the Board of AUSI.

In 1980, Peter attended the second National Council Meeting ever held and has attended every Council/Board meeting since. In 1982 he was appointed National Recorder and a year or two later, accepted the responsibility of World Recorder too. Most members would be familiar with

the finesse Peter has applied to this responsibility, in seeing the many meticulous hand drafted Record Books he has produced over the years. Only Peter, and his wife Jean, would know the many painstaking hours invested to produce these end productions. Peter's love for his job is evident.

In 1981 Peter compiled the first National Top Ten, a task that has now grown to mammoth proportions and to this date, unfortunately for Peter, has had to be compiled manually---a job worthy of Life Membership in its own right.

Peter took an early interest in computing and with a colleague from work, established the first portable on-site swim meet system for AUSI in 1982. Peter, therefore, has become an important adviser on the many systems developed since.

In 1986 Peter significantly contributed to the coordination of the National Swim in Adelaide and was the official coordinator for the Swim Meet of the 2nd Australian Masters Games in 1989, where his leadership and



PETER GILLETT

organisational skills came to the fore with a highly successful competition.

As can be seen above, Peter has contributed with sustained excellence to the furtherance of the ideals of AUSI for over a decade. There can be no doubt that his contribution in work units makes him worthy of recognition, but his sincerity and dedication both on a National and State level make it more than fitting that he receive this prestigious honour.

### AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SWIMMING COACHES NEWSLETTER

The Australian Masters

Swimming Coaches Newsletter is a quarterly newsletter produced by our National Director of Coaching, Anita Killmier.

However, don't be misled by the title. The newsletter is crammed with articles on training, stroke drills and nutrition from which all Masters swimmers and coaches can benefit.

An added advantage is the National video library to which subscribers have access.

"When I began the newsletter my aim was simply to provide coaches with a source of information to improve their knowledge so that they could prescribe safe programs for their swimmers," said Anita.

"I had hoped that all Masters clubs in Australia would subscribe, but I have fallen well short of this goal. Demand has remained steady, though, as more and more swimmers are realising its benefits."

Anita believes that the recent membership survey highlighted a lack of awareness of the publication and its contents by members, and hopes that by addressing this she will still see her target reached.

The newsletter is in its third year of publication and has grown from an 8 page newsheet to a 30 page magazine. The annual subscription is \$12 and cheques payable to "A.M.S.C.N." can be sent to 44 Warnclyffe Road, East Ivanhoe, Vic. 3079.

## 1991 NATIONAL SWIM MEET DEVONPORT

I hear that the National meet was highly successful. It was most efficiently run, the pool and its surroundings were great and the weather was fine and warm. "It was only overcast on one morning, but the weather cleared by lunchtime and then I got sunburnt!" one entrant was heard to say.

Plenty of social activities were organised, everyone was very friendly and the water wasn't too cold for the Open Water swim, were other comments.

All in all, a memorable meet, and we're all hoping to win the trip to Day Dream Island just as soon as it's drawn in early May.

## 1992 NATIONAL SWIM MEET MELBOURNE

Victoria Branch is well advanced with its preparations for next year's National meet. It will be held from 11th to 14th March which is straight after the Moomba Festival and in the same month as the World Cup Cricket.

The pool is centrally located, only 1km from the GPO, and accommodation has been booked at numerous

nearby hotels and prices are locked in.

Some new events have been added to the program such as 800m and 200m freestyle, and 400m individual medley. However, there will be restrictions on the number of events entered and the number of freestyle events.

Look for further details around the middle of the year. In the meantime, organise your annual leave for 1992 and bring along the whole family.

## AUSSI POSTER AND BROCHURES

A most professionally produced poster and brochure have just been produced, both using AUSSI's new marketing logo. They will be available through the National Executive Director at \$1 and 10c. each. Branches will receive a sample mail out in the near future. The brochures have been designed with a space on the front so you can add a sponsor's name.

Support AUSSI National and buy posters and brochures for your Branch and Club.

## AUSSI SURVEY RESULTS

Has your Branch been using the results? Each Branch should be analysing the 200 pages of data from the survey and formulating recom-

mendations for their Branch and Clubs. Are the members who provided the data being informed of the results? Perhaps results pertaining to your Branch could be summarised and included in your Branch newsletter.

## AEROBIC SWIMS

The Director of Programs, Trish Beveridge, noted that many of our members entered the Carine 3000, but then didn't enter these same swims in the Aerobic Trophy Pointscore. The same applied to other postal events. It is quite permissible to use the same swim for both and is not cheating. I realise that this makes more work for your Club Recorder, but why not offer your help? Trish is aiming at having all clubs enter the aerobic program. Why not take up the challenge and enter your club?

Information about the Aerobic Trophy Pointscore has been sent to the US and Canada where it was well received. This exchange of new ideas and concepts will be most beneficial to AUSSI in the future.

## TOP TEN

The latest Top Ten in both long and short course is a mammoth undertaking but is almost finished. For the first time, Peter Gillett is using the National computer and the new National software. There have been some pro-

blems and these even resulted in Peter cancelling his entry in the Nationals and going straight home after the Annual Board meeting to complete the task. The deadline is 30th March, by which time he must have our Top Ten to the World Top Ten recorder in the U.S.

Peter says he hopes the next Top Ten will be a much shorter job once the problems in the computer program are ironed out.

## COMPUTER COMMITTEE

Whilst on the topic of the vast amount of time some of AUSSI's volunteers are putting in, spare a thought for Geoff Upton from WA who has been working 20-30 hours per week for the last 12 months to get our computer software up and running. This is over and above his full time job and family commitments. We commend your dedication, Geoff, and hope you are now getting the extra help from other AUSSIs which you requested.

## OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION COURSES

We are aiming to train as many members as possible to become accredited AUSSI technical officials in such

areas as: timekeeper, chief lane timekeeper, chief timekeeper, starter, recorder, check starter/marshall and referee.

If you attend lectures and sit for an exam, you must also gain practical experience at swim meets. This is where the dreaded Referee's Report comes in. It is simply to allow the National Technical Committee to keep track of those members gaining experience. This will be just as important after you have gained your accreditation as it may need to be renewed at regular intervals.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Member registration fees will increase to \$15 as from 1st October 1991 after no increase for the last few years. In future, fees will increase each year in line with the c.p.i.

Remember, however, that there is a reduction in National fees by 50% in July, August and September for all new members. Branch and Club fees should also be reduced by the same amount and members continue to be registered in these 3 months. It is unfair to AUSSI, to all registered members, and to the potential new member to hold their fees for 3 months. For a start, they are uninsured for this time—they could hardly be considered a "guest" under these circumstances.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 1991

16 - 19 May USMS S.C.  
Nationals, Nashville, TN

12 - 17 July 4th Pan Pacific  
Masters, Tokyo, Japan

22 - 25 August USMS L.C.  
Nationals, Elizabethtown, KY

5 - 19 October 3rd Australian  
Masters Games, Brisbane

## 1992

11 - 15 March 17th AUSSI  
National Swim, Melbourne,  
Vic

26 June - 5 July 4th FINA/  
MSI WorldSwim, Indianapolis  
USA

## 1993

10 - 15 April 5th Pan Pacific  
Masters, New Zealand

Swimming, Diving, Synchro -  
Hamilton

16 - 18 April Water Polo and  
Open Water Swim, Auckland

May - 18th AUSSI National  
Swim, Darwin, NT

## 1994

19th AUSSI National Swim,  
Adelaide, WA

June/July 5th FINA/MSI  
World Swim, Montreal, CAN

## 1995

{20th AUSSI National Swim,  
Perth, WA}

{6th Pan Pacific Masters,  
Perth, WA }

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