



# AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING

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## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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### EDITORIAL

Where is everybody? Has anyone read my last newsletter? I'm beginning to wonder. I wrote what I thought was a provocative editorial and I haven't received a single letter of complaint, or congratulations, just apathy. Where are you out there? Are you interested in AUSSI?

I'd love to hear from all you Club members.

The main objective of this

National Newsletter is to keep you informed of what is happening at the National level. "So what!" you might say. "I'm only interested in what happens at my club." This is a reaction I've heard from many people. However, without a Branch in your State or Territory or "National", there wouldn't be any AUSSI club!!!

Who supplies your club with membership forms and membership numbers? Who collates the

national records and top ten? Who collates the aerobic results?

I then hear you say (some of you, anyway), "I only want to swim. I'm not one of those gun swimmers, I'm not competitive and I'm not interested in any times, records or results." However, do you get coaching, stroke correction, training schedules, guidance with heart rates, diet, etc.? Who do you think organises all this? Your *CLUB*

*COACH!* But, where did s/he get their training as a Level 1 Masters Coach and who organised the

courses?

Policy development and products come from AUSSI National, but all the input comes from the BRANCHES. And, where do the Branches get their input from? The CLUB MEMBERS!!!

It all boils down to the fact that without YOU, the Club member, there would be no Branches and no National, i.e. there would be NO AUSSI and hence, NO AUSSI CLUBS!

### PROFILE

## GRAEME McDOUGALL

### PRESIDENT

Graeme joined Brisbane Southside Masters in Queensland in 1984 following a "get fit programme" during his Christmas 1983 holidays.

He was one of the ever increas-



ing number of lap swimmers who are not members of any club.

Club nights became an enjoyable break from a busy week, not only for the aerobic swims and general training, but also for the many friendships that he

The **AUSSI** Purpose is: "To encourage adults, regardless of age or ability, to swim regularly in order to promote fitness and improve general health."

made.


Graeme served as President of Brisbane Southside Masters in 1986 and during that year became involved in the initial planning for the World Masters Championships to be held in 1988. In October 1986 Graeme, joined by 14 other Queensland Masters, formed the World Swim 88 Committee. The rest is history. For many years these other responsibilities put a large dent in his Wednesday Night Programme.

In 1989, Graeme became the President of AUSSI, the position which he still holds.

As Chairman of the MSI (Masters Swimming International) Championship Committee he plays an important role in the planning and development of future World and Pan Pacific Championships.

During his working days, Graeme is a Brisbane City Council Alderman. Along with his constituent duties, he is currently working on State and Local Government policy development for Sport and Recreation.

Graeme looks forward to finding some spare time in the future to return more time in the pool.



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## WHAT PRICE - OUR NED?

Our financial statements show a fee of \$3930.00 each month for our NED (National Executive Director).

### WOW!

Some have commented about it as an attractive salary, but is it?

Actually, it's a contract fee.

Out of it, our NED has to provide:

- \* an office
- \* the furniture
- \* power and light
- \* clerical staff and pay them
- \* a car (or use his own)
- \* his own superannuation and personal insurances, etc.

He and Sue put in about 60 hours each week in the Office, and as many of you are aware, NED is available for phone calls after hours and at weekends. He doesn't take annual leave, but has been known to sneak a day or two when on an interstate junket. Often because he was on duty for AUSSI over the weekend.

We have seen him tripping about a bit lately. Sometimes this is a cost to AUSSI, but often it is not. His committee involvement in other associations enables him to travel more often than we can afford, and he uses the opportunities to mingle with as many AUSSIs as he can--that's communication.

In Perth he stayed with the Cummins' (David is WA's Director on the Board of AUSSI). In Brisbane he stayed with the McDougall's (Graeme is President of AUSSI). In Canberra it's

usually with his sister. In Melbourne it's with his sister-in-law. Accommodation is paid for with quality wine--at NED's expense.

He has given 25 years of voluntary work to swimming. Now it's his job and

### NO

It's **NOT** a lucrative package.

## INSURANCE

As a result of the article in the last National Newsletter the National Executive Director has received a number of enquiries. The issues are complex and he is making enquiries and trying to get answers in writing. This seems to be a very difficult thing to get an Insurance Company to do.

Hence, there will be a further article in the not too distant

## REGISTRATIONS FOR 1990/91

We finished the year with 6,389 registrations - an increase of 10.25% over the previous year

Queensland 1450  
WA 1332  
NSW 1245  
VIC 1161  
SA 705  
TAS 318  
NT 100  
ACT 78

7,000 for '92 should be an easy target, don't you think?

# STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

## National Swim and Club Championships

Melbourne, March 11 - 15, 1992

- \* All individual entries should go through your Club so that relay cards and summary sheets can also be included.
- \* You may only enter **ONE** of the individual medley events and only **THREE** of the freestyle events.

Try to get your entries in as early as you can. The closing date is 31 January 1992.

### PROOF OF AGE

This is necessary for all members when filling in their application form when first joining AUSSI. If you haven't already done so, show your Registrar one of the below mentioned documents (even if you've belonged for years!)

At least one non-registered swimmer at the recent Australian Masters Games, made a "mistake" with the date of birth on

the Games application form.

(He remembered that he was only 29, not 30 as declared on the form, when it was advertised that proof of age would be required to collect medals).

An AUSSI Board resolution of 1988 reads as follows:

**"That proof of age, by birth certificate or passport or similar original or certified document be provided by all intending members prior to acceptance."**

### SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There are those who *HOPE* things will happen

There are those who *EXPECT* things to happen

There are those who *WATCH* things happen

**THERE ARE THOSE WHO *MAKETHINGS*  
HAPPEN**

### FEE INCREASE

By now I'm sure you all know that the National component of your fees has increased by \$3 to \$15. There was considerable controversy about this 25% increase and the following is an excerpt from a letter sent by the Executive Director.

"The increase of three dollars originated in the report by the Director of Finance about this time last year and was included in the budget set for 1991. The proposal was widely publicised and adopted at the AGM in March this year.

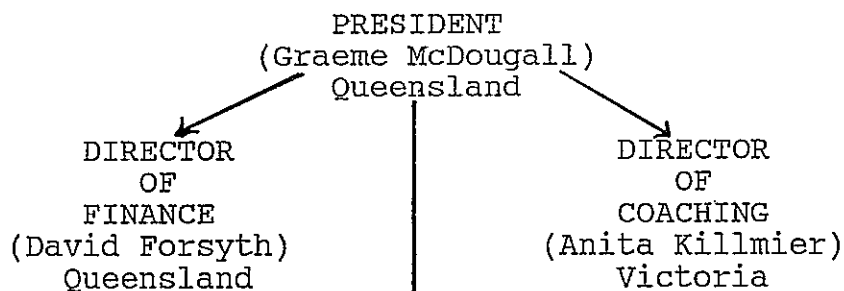
"The increase was in fact based on the CPI increase over three years. The \$12 fee had not been increased for three years. The resolution to increase it to 15% included: ". . . to be increased each year in line with the Consumer Price Index." This will overcome any large steps in the future.

"You will note from the financial reports that the capitation fees cover only about two thirds of our expenses and that we are presently operating in a deficit situation. We have a number of developmental plans in place to benefit all Members, which will require finance to implement. The Board (which is the voice of the Branches) voted to proceed with these, rather than stagnate. A Five Year Plan, based on results of the recent Membership Survey, will be released soon, which I feel sure your Members will be proud to be part of and contribute to.

"We are very grateful for your interest and input and please feel free to comment again on any aspect of our organisation. Feedback is vital to any organisation--something we don't have enough of in AUSSI.

"Did I say? - the decision wasn't taken lightly."

STRUCTURE OF AUSSI



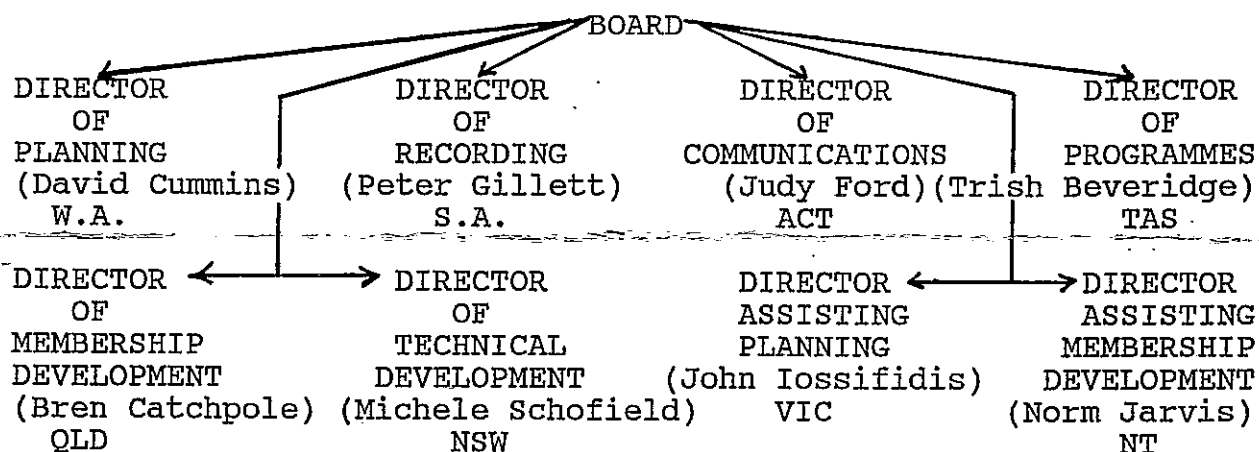
The above make up the Management Committee who look after the general running of AUSSI. They have regular meetings by conference phone and also included in these meetings is:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
(Ivan Wingate)  
South Australia

Ivan looks after the day to day running of AUSSI and works at the National Office of AUSSI which is situated at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. The Postal address, telephone and fax numbers are on the front of this Newsletter. You may get in touch with the Newsletter Editor via the National Office (if you don't know whom the editor is.)

There are two Board meetings each year. The Annual Board meeting (which includes the Annual General meeting) is held in conjunction with the National Swim and the Mid-Year Board meeting is usually held in the most cost-effective city, (usually Adelaide).

The Board consists of one Director from each Branch of AUSSI, each of whom has a Portfolio.



The Board members act as delegates of their Branch and promote the views of their Branch. They vote on agenda items submitted by Branches and circulated well prior to the meeting.

If you, as a Club member, wish something to be brought up at a Board meeting, first submit it through your Club to your Branch and then your Branch will submit it to the National Executive Director (NED).

## 1993 NATIONALS IN DARWIN

AUSSI have just approved a "jaunt" coinciding with the National Swim in Darwin in May 1993. There's lots of enthusiasm and there have been expressions of interest from around the country. This will be the first time the Nationals have been held in the Northern Territory, so DARWIN, HERE WE COME!!

The trip includes air travel from your capital city to and from Darwin, a day trip to KAKADU, and, wait for it . . . . . a side trip to SINGAPORE!!

All this for less than \$1500. Can you afford to miss out? Start saving now.

Further details in the next National Newsletter. However, if you wish to place your name on the advance mailing list, write to:

Darwin/Singapore Jaunt  
PO Box 389  
Kenmore QLD 4069

\*\*\*SEE YOU THERE\*\*\*

## IMPACT OF G.S.T. ON SPORT

The following is a media release from Senator Michael Baume, Shadow Minister for the Arts, Heritage, Sport and Youth Affairs.

"Getting rid of 20% sales tax on sporting goods and equipment and replacing it with a fully refundable 15% G.S.T. is a major 'plus' for sport, Shadow Minister for Sport Senator Michael Baume said today.

"Senator Baume said that this and the wide range of other

benefits in the Coalition tax reform package should more than offset any costs of the G.S.T. on sport.

"And he demolished the scare campaign claim that the G.S.T. would be an administrative nightmare for small sporting clubs by announcing that those with an annual turnover of less than \$30,000 could exempt themselves from the whole G.S.T. process.

"However, this would prevent them from claiming the total refund of G.S.T. on sporting goods, equipment and uniforms now to be available to those clubs that register under the G.S.T. At present, sales tax on sporting goods totals \$115 million a year.

"Those that do register will have to collect G.S.T. on gate receipts, subscriptions and fees, but not on donations.

"As a result, sporting clubs where donations make up a large proportion of revenue stand to benefit considerably from the G.S.T.

"In addition, the huge increase in personal income resulting mainly from the 30% overall cut in income tax in the reform package will increase the financial ability of nearly all Australians to be involved in sport, either actively or as a spectator.

"Although a G.S.T. will now be payable on tickets to sporting events, ticket prices should not rise by anything like as much because all purchases by sporting bodies (from equipment to the tickets themselves) will have their G.S.T. totally refundable, so considerably lowering their costs. And the cost of getting to

sporting events will also fall, with a tank of petrol costing \$10 less.

"In addition, there will be no cut whatsoever in the funding available to sporting bodies under Australian Sports Commission sports programs which will be maintained despite overall cuts in government spending. The only sports cuts will be in government administration and a review of capital programs, Senator Baume said.

"For further information phone (06) 277 3610."

The Confederation of Australian Sport is undertaking significant research work on the implications of this tax for sport. They have been assisted by the Canadian Sports Federation and the Assembly for Sport in New Zealand.

The Confederation says that for individuals, it is likely that they would pay more for clothing, footwear, accommodation, travel, membership fees, match fees, and training fees, but fuel would be cheaper and sporting equipment would remain at about the same price due to removal of the current sales tax of 20% on the wholesale price and the addition of a 15% G.S.T. to the retail price.

The Coalition claims that the increased costs will be offset by reductions in income tax, petrol costs and other areas so that in the total reform package most individuals will not be any worse off.

The Confederation is compiling some figures which will give an indication of some of the effects on sporting organisations. More information in future editions, as it comes to hand.

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## THE G.S.T. AND SPORT

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## PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM AUSSI

Contact your Branch Secretary if you want any of the following:

Handbook (including Rules, Constitution): \$10

Club Guide: \$10

Guidelines for Referees: \$5

Aerobic Trophy Rules and Point Scores: \$5

Award Badges:

Triangular Badge with stroke and distance: \$3

Triangular badge plain: \$2

Flash (or ribbon) with stroke and distance: \$1

Million Metre Badge: No charge

Million Metre Record Card: No charge

Award Certificate: No charge

AUSSI Lapel badge: \$3

Membership Application Forms: No charge

AUSSI Coaching Manual: \$5

Poster: \$1

Brochure: \$0.10

## CIRCULATION

Life Members

President

Management Committee

Executive Director

Board of Directors

Branch Secretaries

Branch Newsletter Editors

Club Secretaries

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 1992

- 11-15 March 17th AUSSI National Swim, Melbourne, VIC
- 27-29 March Swedish Open Masters Swimming, Gavle, Sweden
- 26 June - 5 July 4th FINA/MSI World Swim, Indianapolis, USA
- 18-22 October Honda Central Australian Masters Games (Swimming)

## 1993

- 14-21 March Wagga Wagga Veterans Games
- 10-15 April 5th Pan Pacific Swim/Dive, Hamilton, NZ
- 16-18 April 5th Pan Pacific Open Water Swim and Water Polo, Auckland, New Zealand
- 24 April-2nd May 4th Australian Masters Games, Perth, WA
- 4-8 May 18th AUSSI National Swim, Darwin, NT

## 1994

- ?? 19th AUSSI National Swim, Adelaide, SA
- June/July 5th FINA/MSI World Swim, Montreal, CAN

## 1995

- ?? 20th AUSSI National Swim, Perth, WA
- ?? 8th Pan Pacific Swim, Perth, WA

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**NATIONAL SHIRTS**

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING has a snazzy new national marketing logo (pictured). The T-shirt is white, shaded blue under the lane ropes which are red, black and white, and the words AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING in red, a very eye catching logo, so you can be a PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSON for AUSSI and wear a NATIONAL T-SHIRT. These are priced at \$15.00 while stocks last.

