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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my fourth report and my last as your retiring President, and after four years I wonder where they have gone.

I have said many times, "change is constant and should be beneficial". A change in leadership will bring new thoughts and ideas that will foster continued growth in our organisation. We have grown in the past four years in membership some 33%, a fine achievement.

The diversity of issues have been broad - from organisational re-structure to membership development, from our financial future to our relationship with Australian Swimming Inc, MSI and FINA.

I can confidently state that the Australian Sports Commission has finally recognised Masters Sport. This year, 1993, we will see our first funding through their Sports Development Program. This success has been achieved not only because we took up the battle for Masters/Veterans sport, but because we were strongly supported by the President and Executive of the Confederation of Australian Sport.

The publication of the final report of the project titled "Play On" was released jointly by the Confederation and the Australian Sports Commission. AUSSI played a major role in the development of this widely accepted document which will be used as a reference by our National Government and our State Governments for many years to come. Its main success has been the acknowledgment that Governments need to address the funding needs and opportunities for mature aged sport participation.

This year we saw the completion of another major project for AUSSI - the publishing of "Mastering Swimming" a self-help guide for coaches and swimmers.

I would like to congratulate our National coaching Director Anita Killmier and many other AUSSI members who contributed to its publication.

The wide acceptance of this book both within



Graeme McDougall - National President

Australia and Internationally is a testimony to its quality and its contribution to the development of Masters Swimming in the future.

I thank David Forsyth in his role of Director of Finance. The balance sheet speaks for itself. During my four years as President, David has displayed the Financial Management skills that enabled AUSSI to remain successful and I can assure the incoming President that the finances are in good hands.

Our program development continues and was highlighted this year by the completion of the Aerobic Trophy Program and booklet. The acceptance of these changes by the clubs reflects the first class effort put into the project by our Tasmanian Director, Trish Beveridge.

During the year we saw the introduction of the New Membership Kits, which have been positively received by Branches and clubs including guidelines for safe participation by

masters. The further development of a National Safety Policy will continue to be an important program for Bren Catchpole and her subcommittee with support from fellow Director Rick Barnes from the Northern Territory .

Technical Development under the stewardship of Michele Schofield not only completed the important task of updating our rules and by-laws during the year but commenced our "Officials Accreditation Program". This area of development will be vital for the future autonomy of AUSSI at the competition level. Its success will not be immediate but it will need commitment from all AUSSI members. I thank Michele and her committee and look forward to their continued work.

I would like to thank our Communications Director, Judy Ford for her excellent Newsletters during the past year. This Newsletter has enabled our Branches to keep abreast of National and International news and information as well as putting a human face to members of the National Board.

Our Director of Recording, Peter Gillett has maintained his high professional standard throughout the year. There would not be any other sporting organisation in Australia with better records. I must also bring to all members' attention the changes to the keeping of the "World Records" and the "World Top 10". since MSI was formed in the early 1980's, Peter has held the position of World Recorder and carried out that task with the same dedication as he gave to his National responsibilities.

In July 1992, at the World Masters Championships, FINA advised MSI that they were taking over World Records and Top 10 immediately and had appointed Peter's USA counterpart, to hold the position. At no time was this communicated to Peter, and I found this most insulting to a man who has given dedicated service to our sport for over 10 years.

I would like to thank David Cummins our Director from Western Australia for his completion of the Funding Proposal, in association with our Executive Director Ivan

Wingate, to the Australian Sports Commission.

While Victoria Branch has had a few changes to the Director's position in the past twelve months, I thank them for their support and contribution.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to all Branch Presidents, Secretaries and Administrators for their efforts over the past four years, towards the growth of AUSSI. The Branches and Clubs and their members are AUSSI, the National Board is there to collate and reflect their collective view in the majority .

I would like to make special mention of Ivan Wingate our Executive Director. Ivan, as my predecessor, took on the role of Executive Director (part-time) at the beginning of these last four years and later on a full-time basis.

This position was new to our organisation and part of our re-structuring process. I believe he has handled this position well - both within AUSSI and outside in the sporting world and with Government. As the role of full-time officer of our Organisation nationally, the job is not easy, but I believe he has communicated well to help put our initiatives in place.

I want to pass on a few words of appreciation to our Life Members - Gary Stutsel, Glenys McDonald and Peter Gillett. Their knowledge, wisdom and advice, whenever sought over the past four years, was most supportive and gratefully received. They will continue to play a most important role in AUSSI whether they hold official positions or not.

For very valid reasons, the planning ethos has been developed in AUSSI over the past four years as a mechanism for achieving objectives and as a tangible way of demonstrating that funds are being spent wisely. This planning must reflect a vision for the future, how you, the members, would like to see our sport develop.

Our sport caters for both non-competitor and competitor and to that end our development has, and should continue, to reflect those differences.

To date, AUSSI has and continues to be

autonomous. I believe it will be most important for us to retain that in the future.

At the International level we have witnessed the erosion of the independence of MSI (Masters Swimming International) by FINA.

Politics in sport carries the potential of eroding our position and reducing our capacity to achieve the goals to which our membership aspires.

FINA was not interested in Masters Swimming until they saw its growth. This new interest grew after the successful World Masters Swimming Championships in Tokyo in 1986 and then the highly successful championship in Brisbane in 1988. The end result is that in 1994, The World Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal will be a FINA event only.

I am concerned for our future independence in Australia. To date we have worked harmoniously with Australia Swimming Inc. with support from their State Associations.

AUSSI is affiliated to ASI. In 1991 we worked together when Western Australia AUSSI played a large role in the staging of the first FINA World Championship Long Distance Swim. I hope that our co-operative affiliation continues. We must be aware however that FINA can and may pressure ASI to end that relationship. If that happens we will have to make some hard decisions. I encourage full debate before that happens so your National Board can make the necessary decisions.

We are currently witnessing pressure from

FINA towards the control of the Pan Pacific Masters Championships event that is owned by AUSSI and run by MSI. I ask you to remember AUSSI ran the first ever Pan Pacific Swim Meet, not elite swimming.

I will be continuing in my position of MSI Championship Chairman so I will be vitally interested in AUSSI's future decisions.

AUSSI has played a major role in the development of Masters Swimming International which today enjoys a collective membership world-wide of over 100,000 masters swimmers. We have taken the view in the past, and currently believe that Masters can best manage themselves in co-operation with ASI and FINA. I encourage that view to continue.

I leave the role of President knowing that Glenys McDonald will fulfil the position with a great deal of skill and knowledge. I have enjoyed immensely my four years and the two years prior in the organisation and presenting of the 1988 World Masters Swimming Championships. I look forward to taking time to swim more and enjoy AUSSI as an ordinary member. I also look forward to seeing you all in Brisbane in October 1994 for the 1994 World Masters Games. It will again be a marvellous opportunity for us to get together and meet old friends and enjoy the true spirit of Masters Swimming in Friendship, Fitness and fun.

Yours sincerely,

GRAEME MCDUGALL
National President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1992 was another busy year for our growing and developing Organisation. The second to largest National Swim was held in Melbourne, an expanded re-vamped Aerobic Trophy Competition was launched, Officials Accreditation courses became a reality, "Masters" was a stream at the ASCA Coaches Conference, the New Members Kit

was hailed as a success, "Mastering Swimming" our coaching book sold at a rate of four times greater than we had budgeted and most Branches went on to the NACS (the National AUSSI Computer System). The low point of the year as reported elsewhere was the unilateral decision by FINA to take over the World Masters Swim and World Records. That action and moves by other allied organisations (and or individuals) seeking to elevate their positions at our expense has put a feeling of uneasiness and nervousness within the management of AUSSI.

GOVERNMENTS AND MASTERS

State and Federal Governments increased their interest in Masters activities - particularly the multi-sport festivals.

Early in the year it became known that Brisbane would host the 3rd World Masters Games in October 1994 with significant financial support from the Queensland Government. AUSSI Masters Swimming had considerable difficulty in recognising the event because the World Masters Swim had already been set to be held in Montreal that year and Perth would be host to the 6th Pan Pacific Games scheduled to be held just five months after Brisbane's proposed date. Our decision rested with MSI, which agreed to recognise the World Masters Games at its Congress in Indianapolis in June. AUSSI then saw fit to withdraw its bid for the 1995 Pan Pacs and sanctioned the swim meet of the World Masters Games. The move will mean a considerable loss of potential income to AUSSI.

Shortly after that decision, we were approached by an officer of the WA Government to bid for the 1996 World Masters Swim. Without going into detail, an expression of interest was made to FINA through ASI, but no bid was made.

Our National Swim for 1993 is scheduled to be held in Darwin in May. Indications were that the 4th Australian Masters Games would be held in Perth in early 1993, so we supported strongly a request for the Perth event to be in October. The WA Government opted for late April, just eight days before our event. It will be of interest to see how many masters swimmers will attend both events.

A highlight of the year was the release of "Play On!", the report of the Masters Sport Project on Mature Aged Sport in Australia. It was a joint venture of the Confederation of Australian Sport and the Australian Sports Commission. The Project Director and author of the Report was Ron Burns. Advice was received late in the year that Ron would be joining the Sports Participation Unit of the ASC to administer and coordinate a program as a result of the findings in the Report. We in AUSSI wish Ron well with the new program and see it as the most significant recognition of Masters Sport to date.



Ivan Wingate - Executive Director

GOVERNMENT GRANT

Despite my positive predictions in previous Annual Reports, we have yet to see any action towards funding for AUSSI by the Australian Sports Commission. At their request, we put a 10 page submission and 14 page strategic plan to ASI for forwarding on to the ASC for funding consideration under the SDP (Sports Development Program). We received no response at all from either organisation. Our hopes now lie with the Sports Participation Unit.

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING INC.

Relationships at the senior management level continued to be cordial, but we have some very real concerns about some of the innuendos cast in some circles. There is still the perceived image that we are just another organisation running swimming races and our not so competent swimmers are seen as a bit of a joke. There is still that lack of understanding of why some adults want to exercise regularly regardless of their ability, for fitness and fun and that "the race" for most, is only a bi-product of their exercise program.

A big disappointment to us was when the nomination of an AUSSI Member was put forward by ASI to FINA for the Masters Committee. FINA passed over the nomination and chose another Australian, Don Blew, a well respected ASI Official. We have pledged our support to Don and wish him well in the project.

Another area of disappointment and concern is a recent move to remove AUSSI's representation from the ASI Long Distance Swimming Committee. Open Water Swimming is an area where AUSSI has been of immense assistance to ASI particularly in its introduction to this discipline, so we are at a loss to understand why such a move has been proposed.

DEMOGRAPHY

Because much has been said to encourage more participation for women in sport and that Masters Sport has been identified as being male dominated, we gathered some statistics on our gender distribution which affectionately became known as the "Sex Survey".

Our membership in 1992 was 50.5% female
49.5% male

Club Presidents 25.81% female
74.19% male

Club Secretaries 78.49% female
21.51% male

Club Treasurers 58.43% female
41.57% male

Club Head Coaches 39.53% female
60.47% male

5.5% of Clubs had female presidents with male secretaries.

Branch Presidents 37.5% female
62.5% male

Branch Secretaries 50% female
50% male

25% have female presidents with male secretaries.

The Board was 41.66% female (5 out of 12)
58.33% male

(In 1993 we will have a female president, male secretary and 50:50 on the Board).

BOARD MEETINGS

The AGM as is the usual practice, was held in conjunction with the National Swim, this time in Melbourne in March.

The "mid-year" Board Meeting which has been held in Adelaide in recent years because of economics and convenience, was this time held in Sydney. The objective was to "meet the people" and for the Board to be "on show". This was achieved at a dinner, combined with a question and answer session the night before the Board Meeting. There was a good attendance with many Clubs represented so it proved to be a worthwhile exercise.

COMMUNICATIONS

The regular National Newsletter and now the New Members Kit has helped communications and understanding considerably. Many Clubs responded with considerable detail about the 20-24 year old age group and safety ideas for Open Water Swims and of course, everyone enjoyed the "Sex Survey" which had close to a 60% response from our 182 Clubs. We received a number of compliments about Judy's Newsletter and received a few contributions too.

I feel that we are in touch with our Membership and respond to their wants accordingly. There is however, still plenty of scope to develop in this area and it will remain one of my objectives for the future.

ADMINISTRATION

The National AUSSI Computer System was progressively issued to the larger Branches which considerably lessened the data entry load at the National Office. Also, we introduced word processing which improved our productivity as the learning curve flattened out. Despite this, our office hours increased again and we still have difficulty in meeting deadlines. The photo copying increased 20% on the previous year which is an indication that the business is still growing, or perhaps put more appropriately - we are providing more service to our Members. I thank Sue Harris for the ownership she has taken in some operations

within the Office and for the dedication she applies to her work.

Again, we thank the Adelaide Aquatic Centre for the provision of the office, power and fellowship.

I thank Australian Airlines for supporting us with excellent service and financial assistance. I also thank our Members who chose to fly with Australian and for returning their spent air tickets to this Office to indicate our appreciation for the support Australian has given us.

Finally, I thank our retiring President Graeme McDougall, for all the help and advice he has

given me over the past four years. His direction has been sound and with wisdom yet without restraint which has allowed the Office workload to flow as I feel it should. Graeme's contributions to the development of AUSSI in the past six years (includes his contribution to World Swim '88) will probably not be fully realised until we look back on this chapter in our history.

1993 appears as if it will be a significant year for Masters Swimming and Masters Sport in general - I therefore look forward to listing many achievements in my next Report.

IVAN WINGATE
Executive Director

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

I have to report that after allowing \$3823 for depreciation we ended the year with a deficiency of \$3045.

Income for the year increased by a net of \$2054. The increase of \$9882 for registrations and \$3616 profit on stock sales, was largely offset by a drop in interest received of \$6225 and receipts from swim meets of \$4233.

The success of "Mastering Swimming" sales was a pleasing feature of the years activities. We had budgeted for the break even point to be achieved in two years but this was reached within the first six months.

Expenditure items, in the main show only relatively small increases and decreases. It is pleasing to note that the main increase of \$5157 has occurred in the areas of portfolio objectives, rather than in administration costs.



David Forsyth - Director of Finance

The balance sheet shows our financial position remains sound and with normal budgeting controls and management, should remain so for the 1993 year.

DAVID FORSYTH
Director of Finance

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA Inc.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1992

1991	INCOME	1992
1800	BRANCH AFFILIATIONS	\$ 1350
94575	MEMBERS REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 104457
14501	INTEREST	\$ 8273
5919	SWIM MEETS	\$ 1686
	N.A.C.S. LICENCE FEES	\$ 400
390	COACHING ACCREDITATION FEES	\$ 240
1666	PROFIT- ON STOCK SALES	\$ 4949
118851		\$ 121355
	EXPENDITURE	
	AUDIT FEES	\$ 895
46260	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FEES	\$ 47160
6078	PRINTING AND STATIONERY	\$ 6495
3686	POSTAGES	\$ 3981
5151	TELEPHONE	\$ 4565
15015	CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS AUSSI	\$ 16142
7609	CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS M.S.I.	\$ 8678
2602	COACHING AND TECHNICAL EXPENSES	\$ 4524N
2926	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE	\$ 6249
3315	RECORDING AND PROGRAMMES EXPENSE	\$ 3337
1573	AFFILIATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 1762
13680	INSURANCES	\$ 14774
189	BANK CHARGES	\$ 240
1252	SUNDRY REPAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION EXP.	\$ 1775
3862	DEPRECIATION	\$ 3823
1241	COMPUTER SERVICES	\$
\$114439		\$ 124400
4412	SURPLUS	
	DEFICIENCY	\$ 3045
\$118851		\$ 121355

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA Inc.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/92

ASSETS

1991	CURRENT		1992
2650	CASH FLOATS		\$ 2712
35357	BANK CREDIT		\$ 33996
	1988 WORLD SWIM INVESTMENTS.		
	BANK BILL	\$114431	
	TERM DEPOSIT	<u>\$ 15750</u>	
126362			\$ 130181
652	PREPAYMENTS		\$ 841
3660	SUNDRY DEBTORS		\$ 311
6548	STOCK ON HAND		\$ 7967
<u>\$175229</u>			<u>\$ 176007</u>
	FIXED		
	TROPHIES AND CASES	\$ 1034	
	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 6139	
10996			\$ 7173
<u>186225</u>			<u>\$ 183180</u>
	LIABILITIES		
	SUNDRY CREDITORS		
	MEMBERS ACCUMULATIONS		
	BALANCE 1/1/1992	\$186225	
	LESS DEFICIENCY	3045	
186225			\$ 183180
<u>186225</u>			<u>\$ 183180</u>

AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

We have audited the attached Financial Statements in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. It was not practicable for us to establish control over memberships and sales prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practicable for us to circularise members to confirm that all subscriptions have been received and recorded. Our audit relating to these transactions was therefore limited to the amounts recorded in the books of account.

Subject to the above, in our opinion the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Incorporated at 31st December, 1992 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (As Amended).

Yours faithfully,
FLOR-HANLY & ASSOCIATES.

1991 COACH OF THE YEAR

ANITA KILLMIER

The citation on the Award reads:

"FOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COACHING MASTERS SWIMMERS IN AUSTRALIA"

Anita's outstanding contribution was to edit and publish "Mastering Swimming", but consideration was also given to her continuing production of the "Australian Masters Swimming Coaches Newsletter" which grew in quality and circulation in 1991. She had also conducted coaching clinics at home and in other Branches, produced the "Supersets" concept and (in conjunction with Kay Cox) produced AUSSI's accreditation update policy and procedures manual.

To demonstrate Anita's practical coaching success, particular reference was made to



Anita Killmier - National Coaching Director and "Coach of the Year"

Mike Maloney's success (see "Male Swimmer of the Meet") and Power Points domination at the National Swim.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

COACHING CLINICS

As in past years, swimmers and coaches had the opportunity to attend lunchtime seminars at the National Championships in Melbourne. All talks were well attended and provided the opportunity to gain updating points for a re-accreditation. Thanks to Buddy Portier (VIS. Vic), Trish Beveridge (Tas) and Ted Tulberg (Vic) for giving us their time and providing some thought provoking sessions.

STATE COACHING DIRECTORS WORKSHOP - ADELAIDE

Held immediately prior to the ASCA conference in Adelaide (Australia Swim Coaches Association), this was a new initiative undertaken, and partly funded by AUSSI. The meeting was well represented and many issues relating to accreditation of coaches, were discussed. However, it is

disappointing that only one State Coaching Director (SCD) responded as requested, following the workshop, in providing a list of questions for a take home exam paper.

I would like to recommend that the SCD workshop be held every 2nd year, but that more planning and follow-up be done in future.

ASCA WORKSHOP

For the first time a "Masters" stream was included in the conference, which attracted a lot of attention. USA Olympic Coaches, John Leonard and John Trembley, along with Russell Sherwin (Warrindah NSW) and myself were invited to speak. It was gratifying to see so much interest and high attendances throughout the day. It also provided the opportunity to promote "Mastering Swimming" to a wide range of coaches.

MASTERING SWIMMING

What a milestone year it was for AUSSI with the launch of a fantastic product into the

swimming world. The book was launched by Victorian Labour Minister, Jim Kennan (himself an active swimmer) at the opening ceremony of the National AUSSI Swimming Championships in Melbourne

Mastering swimming has been a huge collaborative and voluntary effort, not only by the individuals who contributed chapters, but also by the photographer, typist and illustrator. Costs were kept to a minimum to get a quality product at a low price. All proceeds go directly back to AUSSI.

The publisher also sold copies through book shops ensuring that it gets to a wide reaching audience. AUSSI has effectively sold out of stock within the year (though some branches may have a handful of copies left). We have re-ordered more stock through the publisher and as it is our coaching accreditation text, should be sure of steady ongoing sales.

Overseas interest has been shown by the American Swimming Coaches Association, who wish to list the book in their catalogue, for sale to their members

MASTER'S COACH OF THE YEAR

This award was presented at the ASCA Awards dinner following the conclusion of the conference. I was honoured to receive the award for the second year in a row. The criteria for selection (contribution to Master's coaching) will be reviewed for next year's award. As there is no ASCA conference in 1993, AUSSI should look at presenting the award in Darwin at the 1993 Nationals.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SWIMMING COACHES NEWSLETTER

Subscriptions have continually topped the 200 mark for the last 18 months, and due to the increase in printing costs, I had to raise subscription fees.

ACCREDITATION

Queensland was the only state to hold a Level 1M course in 1992. If courses are going to be successfully run in future, SCD's are going to have to become more aggressive in promoting their courses to clubs and members. Clubs must be made to see the benefits in utilising only accredited

coaches, and should encourage any non Level 1M coaches to gain the qualification.

On a brighter note, the WA branch and Kay Cox took a giant step for the betterment of AUSSI coaches, by piloting the first Level 2M course. Congratulations Kay!

"TAILORING A PROGRAM"

Copies of the video and booklet of the same name, have now been distributed free, to all branches. It is also available for hire through the Resource Library (AUSSI), and the National Sports Information Centre in Canberra.

AUSSI has copyright on the booklet and we are looking at ways of repackaging it for sale to the public.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Requests for lending have been small but steady, though request slips are only available via the Coaches Newsletter at present. Consequently, 95% of our membership are probably unaware of its existence. I will send a list of available titles and request forms to all clubs via the National Newsletter in 1993.

AQUATIC EDUCATION NOW!

On October 11th & 12th, VicSwim, in conjunction with Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (Vic Branch), hosted a weekend workshop for swimming teachers and coaches. I was invited to lecture, and conducted a practical session on coaching freestyle and backstroke, then presented an hour session on "Teaching Adults to Swim".

It was pleasing to see many teachers/coaches inquiring about AUSSI and "Mastering Swimming" as a result of both presentations.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTORS WORKSHOP - AIS CANBERRA

In late October, I had the pleasure of attending a workshop for course presenters on "Video techniques for effective presentations" run by the ACC. The programme was very enlightening.

ANITA KILLMIER
Director of Coaching

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Although the ACT no longer has the responsibility for the Portfolio of Communications, it has continued to pull its weight at a National level. Hence, the Director's workload is virtually undiminished.

The National Newsletter has continued to be produced every two months and has gradually won greater recognition from members. To this end, I feel that we are achieving one of our objectives, that is, making our members more aware of the role of the National executive/management committee and Board of Directors of AUSSI.

The next step is for an editorial committee from another Branch to take over the production of the Newsletter. In this way I can see its quality improving but perhaps being reduced to four editions per year. Alternatively, it could continue as a newsletter similar to its current form, with a glossy Year Book being produced at the end of each year. Another possibility would be



Judy Ford - Director of Communications

the production of a combined Annual Report/Year Book each year. New ideas and innovations are needed if the Newsletter is to improve its readership.

Being such a small Branch we are proud to have been the force behind the production of the National Newsletter, and we wish our successors in the Portfolio of Communications every success.

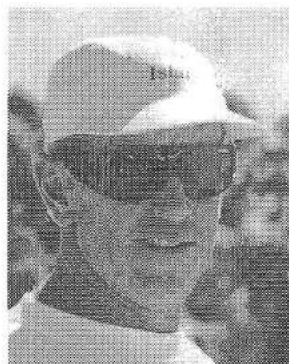
JUDY FORD
Director of Communications

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

DAVID CUMMINS

1992-93 saw the completion of our 3 year plan. All Directors input was collated and after many hours of work and assistance from Alan McGregor - a member of my club Claremont - the final document was completed mid 1992.

The importance of this document cannot be stressed enough as it is the road along which we should be heading. All efforts should be made by our Association and Directors to aim to complete their various objectives by the dates indicated. Fulfilment of these aims will ensure our Association continues to grow successfully as we would wish.



David Cummins - Director of Planning

The upgrading of this document on a regular basis is essential and to ensure this is done accurately, feedback is welcome from all at any time.

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES

The new Pointscore and Rules Booklets are now in your possession together with a two year moratorium before any changes can be made to give the new time events a chance to be fully tested. This means that anyone who has a suggestion to improve the Aerobic Trophy can submit their letters after 1994. A review of the Pointscore will be compiled during the first six months of the 1994-5 year and if any changes are to be implemented these will be circulated for comment and perhaps a new book produced for the commencement of the 1995 Aerobic year.

Who knows perhaps by then I may be back on the Board to do the Review for a second time, however I don't look forward to that as a carrot for this donkey.

Other new products on the scene are a National Three Quarter Hour Postal Swim and a National 5000m Postal Swim but the various Clubs no doubt will disseminate the information and rules for these competitions when they are organised to do so. These two new events join with the established ones such as the Carine 3000 The New Zealand



Trish Beveridge- Director of Programmes

Half Hour Swim and the Cronulla Sutherland One Hour Swim.

Although I am leaving the Board as Tasmania 's representative it is to give more people down here an opportunity to study the direction of AUSSI at a higher administrative level. No doubt during the ten years that I have been coming to these Conferences I have made a number of great friends whom I will miss but no doubt I will catch up with you all at the National Swims. Thank you AUSSI for keeping my life hectic but satisfying.

TRISH BEVERIDGE
Director of Programmes

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

During 1992, Membership of AUSSI Masters Swimming continued to rise with the final number totalling 6721 members - a smaller rise than in recent years. Although South Australia's numbers dropped marginally, the membership of most Branches rose a few percent with Western Australia and New South Wales again in second and third places respectively behind Queensland. The 18 percent membership increase in the Sunshine State could be contributed to a number of factors, not the least to the climate being conducive to year-round water activities. Numbers there are also growing



Bren Catchpole
Director of Membership Development

well for the 1992-93 season with more than 1200 members registered during the last three months of 1992.

Registrations for the past five years are as follows:

Branch	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
QLD	878	968	1309	1450	1715
WA	1250	1134	1165	1331	1377
NSW	1273	1236	1293	1245	1281
VIC	616	725	900	1161	1187
SA	707	597	672	705	624
TAS	154	208	257	311	319
NT	102	89	105	113	127
ACT	70	78	94	78	91
Totals	5050	5035	5795	6394	6721

The National Safety Committee was established late last year under the Chairmanship of Dr Russell Spinks with other committee members being Dr Lisa Freeman, Bill Stewart, Peter Reaburn and Neroli Nixon. At the mid-year Board Meeting, Dr Spinks presented the National Safety Policy which, after consideration by the Branches, will be launched at the National Swim in Darwin in 1993. One of the more controversial items of the report covers drugs in swimming, a subject on which AUSSI Masters Swimming has a policy but one that is not actively enforced. However with pressure from international bodies mounting and an increasing number of Masters events requesting testing, it is a subject that has to

be very seriously considered by our organisation.

New Members Kits, all 2500 of them, were distributed during the year. It was a mammoth task filling such a large number of packets with twenty items each before freighting them off around the Continent. It is hoped that by welcoming and better informing our new members that they will become keen, long-term participants in our organisation.

The enormous number of recreational swimmers throughout the country provides a great source from which to draw membership. At the mid-year Board Meeting the possibility of engaging a professional publicity person was discussed. Consequently, our Executive Director, Ivan Wingate is investigating the feasibility of involving such a person in a membership drive the results of which we feel sure would take AUSSI Masters Swimming on to even greater strengths.

From the start of his term of office at the AGM, Rick Barnes from Northern Territory, Director assisting Membership Development has been liaising with Branch Registrars in the monitoring of membership numbers and I thank him for his support.

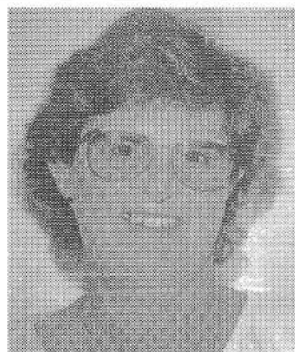
BREN CATCHPOLE
Director of Membership Development

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

The accreditation course commenced during this year with members of AUSSI (Northern Territory Branch) attending.

The lecture notes are at present only computer printouts - which can be photocopied. As soon as the other two lecture notes are written and published a Booklet containing all the lectures notes will be published.

Lectures and examinations were conducted in Darwin and there were pleasing results from those members who sat for 26



*Michele Schofield -
Director of Technical Development*

examinations of 2 Starters, 5 Check Starters, 7 Marshall and 12 Timekeepers.

It was a very worthwhile exercise for those members in Darwin (but a very rushed trip/Lectures/examinations and a further trip is scheduled early in 1993). Also Brisbane and Gove have called for lectures and examinations and the request will be fulfilled in the early part of 1993.

It is hoped that the 1993 National Swim will be manned by all AUSSI qualified technical officials and the enthusiasm that the Northern Territory Branch has shown about that project they will accomplish that feat. Congratulations to the smallest Branch consisting of a large vast area and only 3 Clubs scattered in three extremities of the Territory for starting the project.

Queensland are also very enthusiastic and will have a large number of qualified AUSSI Technical Officials in 1993 which will be great for the World Masters Games in 1994. New South Wales Clubs have also requested lectures and examinations and these will be done during Winter 1993.

As the Handbook needs reprinting (due to so many amendments - cut and paste attachments), this is a project that must be done in 1993. It needs to be printed in such a

way that amendments can be easily amended in the Handbook. Quotes for this will be ready for the next Board Meeting.

I wish to thank the Management Committee of the New South Wales Branch for their assistance and the faith in me representing them on the National Board.

I wish all AUSSI members the best for 1993 and hope the membership grows rapidly for all Branches.

MICHELE SCHOFIELD

Director of Technical Development

DIRECTOR OF RECORDING

1992 was a good year in the National recording arena, another year of both progress and improvement. There were three events which stand out in my mind and are worthwhile reporting.

Arguably the most significant was the decision by FINA to take over the control of the Masters World Records. Although this has no direct impact on AUSSI and we may be disappointed in the manner in which it was done! what greater compliment can there be to the Masters movement and the calibre of our swimmers for the controlling body of the sport to make the decision they did.

The second important happening was the computerisation of the National Records. Apart from the obvious saving in time that



Peter Gillett - Director of Recording

this means there is the benefit of a more professional product.

The third important happening and from a work load point of view perhaps the most significant was the almost computerisation of the Top Ten. I say almost because we have not yet realised our goal, to be able to

produce the National Top Ten from floppy discs supplied by the Branches. This year both W.A. and N.S.W. were able to supply their information by disc, I understand that Victoria is looking at the program we only have to get Queensland on line and we have almost realised our aim.

My sincere thanks to each of the Branch Recorders for their dedication to the task and the efficient manner in which they present

the information to me. it certainly assists me greatly in my job. My very special thanks to Geoffrey Upton for his devotion to the work of the National Sub-Committee, Geoff. has been there since day one and it is a credit to his dedication that we are at the stage we are.

PETER GILLET
Director of Recording

1993 FEMALE SWIMMER OF THE MEET

NEROLI NIXON

At the National Swim in Melbourne, Neroli Nixon won the "Female Swimmer of the Meet" for the third time in successive years.

Neroli won all five events in which she

competed four of them in National Record time. There were 63 competitors in her age group.

Neroli's return to swimming through AUSSI Masters Swimming just four years ago has been quite outstanding. Just prior to the Nationals, she broke the World Record for the 30-34 year 200m fly (Short Course) and later in the year at the World Masters Swim in Indianapolis, she won a gold and three bronze medals. She was also a qualifier and competitor at the Barcelona Olympic trials as a registered ASI swimmer.

1992 MALE SWIMMER OF THE MEET

MIKE MALONEY

Mike started swimming on a low note, when he was asked to leave his Herald Learn to Swim Class, because he would not put his head underwater.

When he was 13 he started swimming lessons with Tom Donnet at Richmond. Tom failed to turn him into a freestyler, but it was Mrs Donnet who spotted his flexible ankles and knees and turned him into a Breaststroker. Mike went on to set the Victorian Under 15 record for 100m breaststroke in 1953 and again in 1954. In 1955 he won the Victorian 100m Under 16 breaststroke and went to Adelaide for the Australian Championships where he finished 4th. In 1962 he was made Captain of the Victorian team for the Australian Championships.

Mike joined Powerpoints Masters Swimming Club in 1980, has competed every year since and has held numerous State, National and World records. He won all seven of his events in the 1984 Melbourne Nationals, and his first World record for his 200m breaststroke was in New Zealand at the first MSI International Swimming Championships.

Since then, Mike has held the National record for the 100m and 200m breaststroke, for both the Long and Short course events, in every age group in which he has competed.

Even with this success, Mike has not been satisfied, as his times have been getting slower as he has been getting older (a natural occurrence for most of us mere mortals). So, using the Melbourne Nationals as a goal, Mike commenced a tough training regime, swimming with AUSSI's National Coaching Director, Anita Killmier. His effort paid off. Mike won all five of his individual events setting the World record in the 200m Breaststroke, in a time he had not swim for 10 years!!! - 2 min 51.68 sec.

1992 NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION TROPHY

The award was won by Bill Malcolm of North Lodge.

The tribute to Bill read as follows:

Bill has shown consistently improving times over the past twelve months due to his personal training program in which he trains six times each week. Bill attends almost all Club swims where he has shown steady improvement and currently holds the National record for 400m breaststroke and

the State records for 200m butterfly and 400m individual medley.

Bill is present at all North Lodge training swims, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances, both in his capacity as Head Coach and as a keen swimmer maintaining his fitness.

As-Head Coach of North Lodge, Bill shows a keen interest in helping others, both to improve their fitness and style. Bill is always willing to assist with additional training in preparing programs and attending training on a Saturday morning leading up to the National Swim. Bill is always on hand with assistance and advice regarding stroke correction and fitness for individual swimmers, who always feel free to approach him regardless of whether they are beginners or at an advanced level.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH REPORT

Over the last few years Masters Swimming in Queensland has steadily increased in numbers and this trend certainly looks like continuing in 1993. Our tropical climate and increasing number of heated pools make swimming the ideal all year round sport for all age groups in this State. Membership of Queensland Masters Swimming in 1992 reached 1715, distributed between 46 clubs. This represents an increase of 275 members since our last report.

Vast distances within the state will always present problems especially from a competition point of view. This was reflected in the relatively small numbers of South Queensland swimmers who were able to attend the 1992 State Titles in Townsville. At the 1992 Titles, held in conjunction with the North Queensland Games, we trialled an age/stroke championship programme. However this programme was not popular with the majority of swimmers and the 1993 Titles, to be held at Miami, will see a return to the more familiar age aggregate championship programme.

In 1992 fifteen interclub carnivals were held

and all were voted as successful by those who attended. Thirty-nine Queensland members also attended the National Swim in Melbourne while others took the opportunity of combining the World Swim in Indianapolis with an overseas holiday.

Distance, and the expense and time incurred, has also limited the numbers able to attend the Coaching Courses, which in 1992 were held at Mackay and Brisbane. Ideally, if finances permitted, we would like to have our two Branch Coaching Directors conduct courses in various country areas, thus allowing more members to avail themselves of these courses.

Bi-monthly conferlink Branch Committee meetings, commenced in 1991, remains the executive's prime communication link, allowing greater input from executive members located in country areas and better understanding by all executive of the different problems which exist throughout the Branch. Regular mail-outs with summaries of Branch meetings and National affairs keep Clubs informed.

Our other important means of communication is the monthly Branch newsletter "Swimmers News". Continual review of it's presentation and content has resulted in an excellent publication, although

the cost of production is of on-going concern to us.

A new laptop computer was purchased early in 1992 for the Branch secretary. We now have three computers and one word processor to help make the workloads more manageable for our Branch Secretary, Registrar, Recorder and National Delegate.

In 1992 we had the opportunity for the first time, to apply for State Government funding from the Queensland Department of Racing, Tourism and Sport under a new Sports Development Programme. We are hopeful of receiving some funding in the areas of administration, coaching and technical development. This will obviously help us enormously in these areas.

At the end of 1992 we acquired the use of a room at the Valley Pool (in Brisbane inner city for storage of records, trophies, meetings etc. Our sincere thanks goes to the Brisbane City Council for their generosity in giving us use of the room free of charge.

In March the executive completed review of and changes to the Branch constitution. The 1992 Annual General Meeting was held for the first time under our new constitution allowing proportional voting for Clubs, thus giving all members an equal voice in Branch affairs.

Branch By-Laws have recently been compiled, a procedural manual for hosting State Titles completed and a review of the Branch's New Clubs Kits and new Club affiliation procedures undertaken. After long deliberation the minimum number of

registered members needed to form or reaffiliate a Club was set at 4.

Also at the March AGM an unanimous vote conferred life membership on Max Gillespie (QSM) for his services to the Branch over many years. Max continues to be the phone contact for new Clubs and new members in Queensland.

Thanks must go to each and every member of the Branch executive (including 5 new members) who all contribute their individual talents, ideas, enthusiasm and hard work to their positions and to the meetings. With such a committee it is hard to single out any one person, but special mention must be made of our part-time paid secretary Peter Emery who continues to shoulder the lion's share of the workload cheerfully and competently.

The success of Queensland Masters Swimming however, as I personally see it, is not so much the State, National or World records, nor the numbers of members in the Branch, or the number of Clubs but it is the fun, fitness and friendship which is evident in so many Clubs and individual members - such as the fun and enjoyment of members after the serious business of competition is over, the concern for other less fortunate members, the sense of achievement of all when a new swimmer completes a 50m swim, the willingness of a large Club to help a new Club, the hard work of hundreds of volunteers etc, etc. It's this that brings most of us back year after year.

MARY SWEENEY.
President

N.S.W. BRANCH REPORT

1992 has been another busy and successful year for the NSW Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming.

Our membership increased by 35 and the new clubs Tuggerah Lakes, Great Lakes, Central Coast AUSSI Vikings, AUSSI Dolphins and Shaz's Master Stokers formed. Also, the University of NSW club re-

affiliated after a gap of several years. There have been many other enquiries about forming new clubs, so continuing growth is assured. However, a source of concern is the number of members who do not re-register, so we have formed a committee which has called meetings at our two major carnivals and tried to enthuse clubs about the need to follow up old members and also make club nights worth attending. Another problem is retaining clubs where pools are only open during the summer months. Several such clubs have disbanded and

currently there is only one active club in this situation. Our efforts to gain National Board approval for lower fees for these clubs have failed and we find it disappointing that our National Board is not interested in extending AUSSI to areas without heated pools.

In 1992, Brian Hird, our President for the last six years, did not seek re-election. He was honoured with our Branch's second Life Membership and his place was taken by Roger Johnston. It was also revealed that Brian is the "Phantom", the editor of our successful quarterly newsletter, "Splash".

During 1992, the Branch purchased a computer for the office and two notebook computers for carnivals and "Splash". For a nominal fee per swimmer, excellent computer services are provided at all carnivals. Results are posted a few minutes after each event, with World, National and State records listed for each age group. Overall pointscores, age group placing and certificate labels are produced immediately after the last event. The Top Ten is produced from these results and those of club time trials sent in at the end of the season. Thus a disk with our Top Ten on it can be sent to the National Recorder without the wasted duplication of work which occurred in the past.

In the pool, we held 16 interclub carnivals during 1992 as well as our Sate Cup, Short Course Championships, a long distance meet and a promotional meet. The usual large numbers of State, National and World records were set and our recorders were kept busy issuing certificates. Many thanks to Peter Gillett for again keeping the National Records so accurately for us.

Our swimmers also swam in the two ACT Branch meets, the Nationals at Melbourne, the Central Australian Masters Games and

the World Championships at Indianapolis with considerable success.

It is now NSW Branch policy to have a doctor in attendance at all carnivals, and we thank Dr Russell Spinks and the other doctors who have given their time so generously to make our carnival safer for members.

Our first Open Water Championships were held in January over 3Km at Penrith in conjunction with the Penrith ASC annual Bridge to Bridge swim in the Nepean River. Medals were awarded to place getters and we hope to make this an annual event. The Trinity club also again organised a successful open water swim at Thirlmere Lake.

We record with regret the death of Jim Williams of Tamworth club, who died following an aerobic swim on a club night. Jim had been a member of AUSSI since the inception of the Tamworth club, a National record holder and also represented this Branch as at National conferences.

The NSW AUSSI Office has continued to operate three days per week and provides a service both to our members and to enquirers who phone to find out more about Masters swimming.

The NSW Branch would like to thank Spank Activewear for their sponsorship of our new race cards and the NSW Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing for their grant. We would also like to thank all members of the National Board for their tireless efforts on behalf of all members of AUSSI. Products such as "Mastering Swimming", the New Member Kits, the National Newsletter and the latest coaching video all show the quality of these efforts.

BERYL STENHOUSE
Secretary

W.A. BRANCH REPORT

The past year has been very fulfilling, and with five new AUSSI clubs affiliating and an increase in our membership, it is easily seen why the year has been such a busy one.

Our membership increased by 45 on last year's figure. It was pleasing to see that almost 900 members renewed their memberships. Of our five new clubs, three were in the metropolitan area (Bayswater, Leeming, Superdrome). Carnarvon affiliated in December and competed in the State Swim in February. Telfer joined our association in April, but due to its isolation and the pool closing over winter, were not able to take part in any of the events in 1992.

This year also saw the introduction of many new projects.

SWIMMING TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROJECT

The Healthways programme was successful, and directly responsible for the formation of a new club at the Superdrome.

AUSSI W.A. submitted a proposal to the Health Promotion Foundation of W.A. for a grant to conduct an education and coaching programme in the community. The aim was to introduce swimming as a healthy lifestyle pursuit and AUSSI to the community, and to encourage people to adopt a healthier lifestyle by continuing with swimming and ultimately joining an AUSSI club. Approximately 140 participants were involved, and the programme was very well received.

LEVEL 2 COACHING COURSE

This course was developed and planned over the past two years and was conducted for the first time in Australia by this Branch as a pilot for approval as a National course. At this level the standard of coaching courses becomes quite demanding, and the coaches who completed the course are to be congratulated for their effort.

This course will now be reviewed at a National level and hopefully accepted for all

Branches. It is envisaged that due to demand and having sufficient numbers qualified with the level 1 course, level 2 will only be conducted every second year.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

Workshops for Club Captains and Recorders were conducted to provide a communication link throughout clubs and the State Recorder. Arrangements were also made for country and metropolitan members to become accredited officials. There are now 19 people completing deck time before receiving W.A.S.A. accreditation as club referees. As well as these matters being addressed, the usual running of the association continued - two very successful State Swim Meets, the professional production of the State Newsletter, coaching matters, promoting and developing AUSSI and attending meetings conducted by other bodies (Australian Masters Games, W.A.S.A., Ministry of Sport and Recreation to mention a few).

"MASTERING SWIMMING"

This publication was edited and produced by Anita Killmier the National Coaching Director. W.A. contributed funds to initially have the book published resulting in all W.A. clubs being provided with a copy of this manual. Contributions to the handbook were also made by Glenys McDonald and Kay Cox.

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The coming year promises to be a busy and exciting one. The Fourth Australian Masters Games in April/May will incorporate our State Swim. AUSSI W.A. has extended invitations to AUSSI clubs Australia wide and members of overseas swimming associations to take part. We are certain this will prove to be as successful as our past State Swims have been, and look forward to welcoming all competitors to Perth for this event.

Sincere thanks is extended to all members of the W.A. executive. Their time and commitment to their various portfolios in what has been a very fulfilling year has again been evident.

STEPHANIE POWER
Administrator

VICTORIA BRANCH REPORT

Despite the apparent doom and gloom of Victoria's economic situation and the generally poor perception of the State's economic "health", 1992 was a very positive one for the Victorian Branch. Hosting the Nationals, increasing membership, showing a profit for the year and establishing four new clubs, made 1992 a good year.

Taking the highlights in order, the Nationals in March was our first big effort for the year. The organization of the Nationals was not without its problems. However, despite a large turnover of organizing committee members the event was staged, thanks to the perseverance, skill and enthusiasm of David Gordon and his team. Some 796 entries were received which made this the second largest entry to date in this major annual meet.

Those who participated - there were people from each State and Territory - enjoyed a well run event at the pool. Away from the pool, the social activities contributed well to the fun dimension of AUSSI.

In terms of membership, 1992 was a year in which we consolidated our membership base, increasing slightly, by 25 new members. In the period 1990-1991 we had a surge of membership, increasing by some 29% (261). Whilst it would have been great to continue this upward trend in 1992, the branch is extremely happy to have maintained this level of membership with a tiny increase.

Given the State's economic and employment woes, in some ways this result speaks well for the future of masters swimming.

During 1992, we managed to show a growth of four new clubs - Kilmore, Boracoutas, Melbourne Olympic and Surrey Park, with one club dropping out. The most pleasing aspect of this growth is that two of these

clubs are based in the country. Overall, it is pleasing to see the growth both in numbers of clubs in the Victorian country regions and the fact that they are maintaining and increasing their members from year to year.

At the helm of the Branch, 1992 saw some significant changes with a new President, Vice President and Secretary. Fortunately for the incoming triumvirate, the key "hands-on" people - registrar, recorder and treasurer - remained in place and provided the needed continuity.

Our bottom line was healthy with the Branch showing a modest profit for the year. The bulk of this was generated by the State short course meet. Significantly, as the Branch grows, so does its expenditure as we saw this year. Additionally, the administration requirement grows and so does its associated cost.

On the horizon, I see the need emerging for part-time/full-time administration. As the Branch grows in members/clubs, the required administrative infrastructures also grow and in this regard, the next three years could see a change in how the Victorian Branch conducts its business and organises itself.

Overall, AUSSI plays an increasing role in providing a vehicle for people to pursue fitness and fun. We are fulfilling this role in a credible way, but need to be prepared to change.

In closing, I would like to publicly thank all those who made 1992 a success. I will not attempt to name everyone, so as not to offend those who I might overlook. However, I believe that outstanding contributions to the success of 1992 in Victoria were made by David Gordon, Bron Campbell-Burns and Bruce Ripper. I gratefully acknowledge their contribution.

CLYDE MCMILLAN
President

S.A. BRANCH REPORT

1992 saw the passing of the founder and grand lady of AUSSI in South Australia, Josie Sansom. To all that knew her she was an inspiration and a guiding light, she will be sadly missed.

Perhaps the best keywords to describe AUSSI in south Australia this past year would be "Reflection and Progressive change".

As an organization it is important to look back and see what has been achieved and established. What traditions we must strive to uphold, what goals we seek to better, and what barriers we have overcome.

It is equally important to look forward at the ever changing times and develop strategies that will best suit the needs of the future.

With these thoughts in mind, an ongoing process of restructuring and assessing the future developments that are necessary within the Branch, are taking place.

A new logo, a series of cascading dolphins, has been adopted by the Branch and looks

very impressive as a header for the revamped newsletter.

A questionnaire has been circulated to all the members in an attempt to pin point areas that are working well, and one that needs modification.

It is envisioned that an expanded executive with new portfolios, in line with increased workloads, will help to overcome the age old problem of too few people doing too much work.

The Interclubs, the State Cup and the Open Water Swim series have all been well received, and an increased program for the future is being assessed.

Planning for the '94 Nationals is well underway, and the culmination of these efforts will be a truly "not to be missed" event. If ever you needed an excuse to visit Adelaide, 1994 will definitely be the year.

On a final note, it gives us great pleasure to say that AUSSI is alive and well in S.A. and a gentle warning to the other Branches to be on their guards, because our presence will be felt.

NEIL BARON
Secretary

TASMANIA BRANCH REPORT

For the first time in eight years membership remained static, having grown steadily at 20-25% for the past seven seasons. The message is 319 is as an effective maximum for our five clubs and I see new clubs as a priority if Masters Swimming is to grow further in Tasmania.

Two other areas requiring attention of the Branch are those of Coaching and Officials. Our established reliance on TSI for Officials is presenting problems. A major disappointment for the year was cancellation of a Level IM accreditation course due to lack of registrations despite the dedicated efforts of Ron Bloomfield Bill Stewart and Trish Beveridge to bring it off.

Successes on the coaching front were publication of "Tailoring a Program", transcript of lectures presented by National Coaching Director, Anita Killmier as part of the 1991 Relay Championships in Devonport, and a video of the seminar which has been presented to all Tasmanian Clubs and all Branches. Following the failure of the IM Course, Director of Fitness and Coaching, Trish Beveridge organised a stroke technique clinic complete with water sessions, for swimmers in Devonport (to coincide with the Devils 10th Anniversary featuring Buddy Portier from the Victorian Institute of Sport).

Other noteworthy performances have been those of Recorder Pauline Samson, Platypus Press editor Ron Bloomfield, Treasurer Caroline Walker, Registrar Fiona Redgrove and Safety Officer, Bill Stewart. It is these

people who have made my task as President so pleasurable.

At National level our delegate and National Director of Programmes, Trish Beveridge is stepping down after four years. AUSSI Tasmania is proud of her representation and

are sure all members would be worse off for her resignation if her replacement was not someone as effective as Pauline Samson.

HECTOR BEVERIDGE
President

ACT BRANCH REPORT

1. CLUBS

1992 has been a successful year for the ACT Branch, with membership increasing from 73 in 1991 to 91 in 1992 (as at 31 July) and Canberra AUSSI Masters Swimming Club completing its first year.

2. BRANCH DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Government Grant

The Branch received a grant from the ACT Administration under their Sports Development Programme which assisted with expenses associated with Branch administration and the conduct of our swim meets.

2.2 Sponsorship

The ACT Division of the National Heart Foundation continues to support us by publicising our aims and objectives and by providing their board room for Branch meetings.

2.3 ACT Sports House

ACT AUSSI continues its membership of this organisation which, through its ACTSPORT arm, supports and represents all affiliated ACT sporting organisations on matters affecting sport development, sporting policies, facilities, funding from the ACT Government, promotions etc.

2.4 Branch Newsletter

There were 6 issues of TIDAL in 1992. Jean Harvey, as editor produced an interesting and informative TIDAL. Elinor Mackenzie did all the photocopying, collating and mailing to ensure that TIDAL reached our members, with Angelika Erpic continuing to maintain the TIDAL address list.

2.5 Branch Executive Meetings

There were 7 meetings spread over 1992. These were well attended by several non-executive ACT AUSSI members whose contribution and interest in the Branch and National affairs is most appreciated.

2.6 Publicity

Branch promotional activities in the year included:

- contribution to the ACT Sports Calendar, produced 6 monthly by the ACT Office of Sport, Recreation and Racing for distribution to the public, sporting and tourist organisations.
- use of AUSSI National posters and flyers.
- entry in the TELECOM white and yellow pages.
- entry on the NICAN database which provides information on organisations involved with sport for the disabled

3. NATIONAL

The Branch continued to be responsible for the National Newsletter with Judy Ford editing the newsletter. Judy was also the Delegate who represented the Branch at the National AGM held in Melbourne in March and the National mid-year Board meeting in Sydney in October.

4. SWIM MEETS AND EVENTS

4.1 ACT Long Distance Swim Meet

This event was held at the AIS pool on 18 and 19 July 1992. There were 103 swimmers entered; 26 from 3 ACT clubs and 77 from 17 NSW clubs. This year the meet was run as long course and applications for the recognition of 5 National records and one World record resulted from this meet.

4.2 ACT Branch Swim Meet

This event was held at the AIS pool on 21 and 22 November. 86 swimmers competed from all ACT clubs and many NSW clubs.

4.3 ACT Interclub Challenges

Only one interclub was held in 1992 in May. The interclub was the first to be hosted by Canberra AUSSI, our newest club. It was held under the bubble at Civic pool, which was an experience having two kickboards clapped together as the starting ~gun~.

4.4 Interstate Meets

ACT swimmers participated in the National Swim in Melbourne, the NSW State Cup, other NSW meets, postal events and open water swims in NSW and SA.

4.5 National Heart Foundation Swim for Heart

AUSSI again played a role in the 30 hour Swim for Heart held at the end of July. AUSSI swimmers co-ordinated teams at ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) and Erindale pools. Overall, more than \$30,000 was raised.

4.6 Modern Pentathlon Association

ACT AUSSI provided officials for the swimming section of the MPA's National Championships and Olympic Selection Trials in January at the AIS.

5. COACHING

Some ACT AUSSI members have taken part in the Level IM Coaching Accreditation Course, with at least two members nearing completion. Only one coaching clinic was held in 1992 and was well attended.

6. DES McCORMICK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Peter Bell was awarded the Des McCormick Memorial Trophy for 1992

He is a very fitting recipient of the award, which is based on his outstanding effort and contribution to the ideals of AUSSI.

7. SOCIAL EVENTS

The ACT Branch organised a Gundaroo Pub night on the Saturday night of the ACT Branch Swim Meet in November. Many competitors, their families and friends attended and had a most enjoyable evening. All clubs continued to arrange social events, some on a monthly basis.

In closing I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the ACT Branch and on behalf of the ACT Branch wish all AUSSI members a healthy and successful 1993.

TANYA COLYER
Secretary A.C.T. Branch