

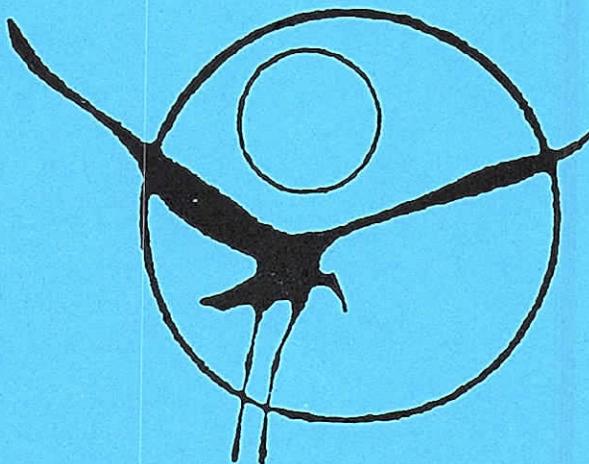
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"SWIM TO THE TOP"



4TH - 7TH MAY 1993
CASUARINA SWIMMING COMPLEX
ANGELO STREET, WANGURI
8TH MAY 1993
LAKE ALEXANDER
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AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN TERRITORY

FINAL REPORT

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CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

It is with pleasure that I report on the completion of a most successful Swim both on an individual performance level as well as a financial one.

Following the acceptance of the challenge over two years ago, and the early lead up work by the Branch Secretary, we have been able to fully justify the confidence shown by the National Board in our ability to host the 18th. National Swim and Club Championships.

It may be said that from a World and National Record point the Swim was the most successful to date. For all those who made the effort to travel north to "SWIM TO THE TOP" for that purpose, this success no doubt translated into both Branch and Club records. For the others, the enjoyment of just sharing in and experiencing the "Fun and Friendship" that the National Swim engenders, in our wonderful climate was success enough.

It was the first time a National Swim has been held in a climate further north than Brisbane and only the second time in a locale with an outdoor pool and what you might call 'Capital City' pressures. It may be that the principle of having a 'captive audience' is one that should not be overlooked by future Branch organising committees, as the attendance at the various organised functions was higher than the norm, (a factor recognised by the 16th National Swim Final Report) even though numbers were lost as people took off early on organised sightseeing tours.

I made mention at the Presentation Dinner that the National Swim would not have been a success had no-one attended. A large part of the success was therefore because our fellow members took the opportunity and made the effort and time available to travel the long distances to experience the unique lifestyle and hospitality of the people of the Northern Territory of Australia.

This vote of confidence gave the Organising Committee an incentive not to let the visiting members down.

Each of the Sub-Committees gave their collective all to ensure every expectation was realised and were justly rewarded by the verbal votes of thanks during the swim and the letters of appreciation for their efforts afterwards.

Despite the close proximity of the Australian Masters Games in Perth, 400 registrations were received by the close of entries. The rescheduling of our own Arafura Games finishing on May 1st., assisted our ability to provide some of the infrastructure around the pool free which may otherwise have been at additional cost or not provided at all.

Although the majority of the staffing and organising for the Swim was by the resident Club, the Darwin Stingers, there was a conscious effort made to involve the remoter Clubs in both fund raising and officiating on the day. The ARNHEM SALTIES AUSSI Group in Nhulunbuy received glowing praise for their efforts in organising the marshalling throughout the Swim, and they made a significant contribution to the finances. Our other remote Club, ALICE AUSSI, had had the task of successfully organising the HONDA Masters Games swimming the previous year. They accepted the responsibility for ensuring all timekeeping stations were filled with the myriads of volunteers who pitched in to help with this most crucial task.

Whilst we recognised our limited experience in technical matters, and in organising and staging an event such as the National Swim, we were able to secure the services of a number of non-member volunteers experienced in operating the Omega electronic timing equipment owned by the Northern Territory Amateur Swimming Association (NTASA) and the Meet Master program run in conjunction with the OSM6. Considerable volunteer assistance was also provided in redrafting the output from the Meet Master program into the more readable format as presented in the Program and Results booklets.

As Chairman of the Organising Committee, and Meet Director, the support and encouragement from the Members, the National Executive, and the Board of Directors, was most appreciated. My task of overseeing the running of the Swim was made easy by the professional way in which everyone who gave their time to assist went about their specific duties.

I, on behalf of the Branch, am pleased to be able to return that support in kind by way of a share in the financial reward that was achieved as a result.

OFFICIAL OPENING

At the request of the National Board, anticipating the launch of the National Safety policy, a safety demonstration was conducted by the Northern Territory Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society as part of the Official Opening.

It was felt that this demonstration would have been enhanced had a concurrent announcement been conducted by the Society, as was originally intended. It seems that the Executive Director for the N.T. was prevailed upon to do this task but did not feel comfortable in doing the commentary. All others competent to perform this task were involved in the actual demonstration thus it was felt that some of the impact was lost.

The Official Welcome and Opening was performed by the outgoing National President, Graham McDougall, and the Administrator of the Northern Territory and AUSSI member, Mr Austin Ashe, QC., whose topical address was a bench mark standard for individual performances for the rest of the Swim

Also attending the Official Opening was the Shadow Minister for Sports, Mr Maurice Rioli, of Aussie Rules fame, and a representative of the Chief Minister for the Northern Territory, Marshall Perron.

The small number of teams who nominated for the ZEDAR CHALLENGE Relays, conducted immediately after the Official Opening, was disappointing and a rethink of the format of the Challenge may be warranted to encourage more teams with an incentive to participate and an even chance of winning.

In the area of management of the Committee regular meetings were held on a monthly basis with fortnightly and weekly meetings as the Swim got closer. An aid to keeping track of matters still to be covered a notebook was used to record issues raised but not finalised. As they were finalised they were scored through. Those outstanding were then brought forward to the next meeting. This notebook was also used to note issues to be covered in the final report. They were handled in the same manner until they were included in the draft of the report. This also doubled as a check on the contents of the minutes of a previous meeting.

Each sub-committee had a different method of keeping track of their individual responsibilities.

Once the Swim was on us decisions on matters still outstanding were made to either complete or forget so the more important issues at least were dealt with.

Future considerations:

- Where marketing of the National Swim includes an incentive to visit the local tourist spots consideration be given to reducing the number of days for the Swim (to 3 or 4) to allow time to do the touristy things given that members usually will have taken limited time off to attend the Swim and see the sights.
- Run the Challenge relay as a handicap event with penalties for teams who do not achieve their nominated times. This would allow any visiting Club to nominate a team with an even chance of being first past the post and winning the event.
- Amend the rules for the seeding of relay events to reflect the membership expectation of teams in the same age group competing in the pool against each other not just by the clock. That is, each age group having a separate heat, or more than one, where numbers warrant it.

On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch I hereby submit the final report of the Organising Committee to the National Board for acceptance.

RICK BARNES
Chairman & Meet Director.

MARKETING

The Marketing strategy outlined in the Preliminary report and expanded in the mid-year report was generally followed and resulted in the enlistment of a major sponsor whose support represented by a donation of kind, was convertible to a cash. Numerous other cash and kind sponsors on a lesser scale were also enlisted.

The overall strategy of preparing a mailing list of a broad cross-section of the business community compiled from members suggestions (generally those with whom they deal on a daily or weekly basis), and the local telephone book, proved successful as a base for sending out the formal marketing proposal. This list also when divided amongst the several committees and their members became the focus for personal telephone follow-ups and meetings.

The greatest success from this approach was with the offer of the naming rights to individual events, the Happy Hours and full and half page advertisements in the program. The scale of fees was an arbitrary one but once set applied to all sales. The only deviation was the offer of prominent placement for adverts on the front and back covers (inside & outside). Where possible a business who bought advertising as well as naming rights to an event the advert was placed adjacent to that event.

Where possible the offer of kind that was readily able to be turned to cash was by way of use for happy hours and presentation dinner, or an early bird incentive (although this did not generate the expected early cash flow).

The Early Bird competition attracted very few entries. It was conducted like a normal raffle with each entry being given a number on receipt and recording of their entry form and money. On expiry of the closing date for early bird entries all numbers were placed in a box and a number drawn. The corresponding entry was awarded the prize. It was won by a Darwin Stingers member who donated it back to the Committee and was re-raffled during the Swim.

The Anti-Cancer Council provided the most appropriate head gear that Competitors received in the Swim Bag, and they had a presence every day at the pool selling their products.

ZEDAR were once again a major supporter of the National swim although it took a little time to finalise the arrangements. Part of their support was in the form of Swim Caps for the Open Water 5000k swim.

The large caravan used as the information booth was provided by the Casuarina Kiwanis Club on hire fee/cash donation exchange, and proved invaluable as a focal point for all competitor enquires .

Following feed back from sponsors the Marketing Committee should where possible let the sponsor of an event know the date and approximate time the event is likely to be swum to afford the sponsor the opportunity to be in attendance during their event. This is especially relevant if the sponsor wishes to provide their product to the competitors of their event.

PUBLICITY

Limited publicity in the lead up to the swim was generated for a variety of reasons. During the Swim however the media attention was a little more evident after the completion of the higher profile Arafura Games with its International appeal.

Several articles and photographs appeared in the local press and television coverage after word of records being broken every day got out.

Radio 2UE (Edwina Seaton, (02) 930 9954) also sought daily results which went live to air, so in all it may be said that for a while our profile was raised, and our organisational aims received public recognition as a result.

Copies of available print media coverage has been included with this report.

BILL TINAPPLE / PATRICK BARLEY

POOL CO-ORDINATION

As mentioned in previous reports the hire of the pool from the Darwin City Council did not mean that we were hiring what would be considered the minimum requirements to make the pool ready as a competitive venue.

All the necessary infrastructure had to be provided and put in place by the Committee. A pool coordinator was therefore appointed to over-see this critical task.

We were fortunate to see the construction of the operations centre adjacent to the 100 metre start end of the pool completed prior to the Arafura Games, which provided the recording staff with some degree of comfort and privacy for this rather onerous, important task.

Three mobile seating stands with a capacity of ? was put in place for the Arafura Games by the Darwin City Council. In negotiation with Council for relief from their pool hire charges they offered to leave the seating in place until the friday when two units were required for another sporting event. These were well utilised and with the shade-cloth overhead provided comfort and relief from the sun. The shade-cloth had been left in place from Arafura and some fast talking and the offer of payment of a hire fee saw it remain in place for the duration of the Meet.

Sufficient Chairs and trellises were hired from a Darwin Party Hire firm and provided for the Officials and Timekeepers as well as cold water drink stations in the Marshalling Area and on the pool deck for officials and swimmers. The cold water urns were loaned by the Darwin Triathlon Club and the Army.

A suggestion was received prior to the Swim about making arrangements for Clubs to be able to hire tents or the like for shade. As there was no place who catered for this type of market in Darwin arrangements were made with the Amateur Swimming Clubs to borrow their shade structures which together with sponsor donated tents (Telecom/Commonwealth Bank) and the hire of a large shade structure from the Darwin Kiwanis Club (used for the marshalling area), in addition to the permanent structure on the pool grounds, provided adequately for swimmers and spectators requirements were without Clubs having to resort to individual hire.

The public address system at the pool was supplemented with the hire of additional amplifier and microphones from Top End Sounds providing the volunteer announcers with an avenue to be heard all around the pool deck.

The hanging of sponsor banners and other advertising media was able to be left in place as the pool had been hired for the full period of the swim. This also enabled the electronic timing equipment scoreboard to remain in place reducing the amount of work at the beginning and end of each session.

Consideration was given to supplementing the facilities provided on the pool grounds, such as additional cold water showers and portable toilets however the pool management was not overly helpful with suggestions how we might realise these ideas, possibly with Council assistance. As existing facilities were proved to be adequate for Arafura nothing further was done. On the day they proved adequate for the numbers that were actually catered for.

The Casuarina Amateur Swimming Club's club house, with direct access from the pool grounds, was available at all times during the swim and was the venue for the Members forum and lunchtime Coaching lectures as well as the Level M1 Coaching Course run in conjunction with the Swim by the National Director of Coaching.

Catering for the competitors was the responsibility of Pool Management, the committee endeavoured to ensure that the management was aware of likely requirements of the competitors leading up to the swim.

Provision was made for the attendance of St. John Ambulance at every session as well as lifesavers from the Royal Life Saving Society.

At the conclusion of the pool events shade and other facilities, such as water coolers, were taken to Lake Alexander for the Open Water Swim.

OPEN WATER SWIM

The survey for the 5k. course was undertaken by surveyors from the N.T. Department of Transport and Works, and was trialled over 2k. and 5k. during the Arafura Games, as was the organisation and coordination of officials, recording and the like.

Three large Marker buoys were donated by BHP Oil, and after the event were donated to the Darwin Triathlon club for future Lake swims, The Tri-Club also assisted with additional marker buoys used to define course direction and changes. They also made available their Seiko stopwatch with printout facilities which was used as the official time record. Back-up watches were available, one for each group of numbers representing a particular group of swimmers.

Mention must also be made of the invaluable assistance given by Michele and Harry Schoefield in the setting up and running of this event, as well as the assistance of the other technical officials and volunteers from the Amateur swimming clubs on the day.

Whilst the coordination for this event was loosely tied to the Pool Coordination and Program Sub-Committees, it has been recognised that separate responsibilities should be allocated for this event to give more attention to the operational aspects once the swim is under way. It was realised too late that heavy reliance needed to be placed on the quality of the radio communication facility if this was to be the chief method for counting swimmers laps.

The Darwin Surf Life Saving Club provided water safety with lifesavers paddling boards up and down the course. They also assisted onshore officials in redirecting wayward swimmers.

Assistance with the logistics was provided by Emergency Services personnel who also provided the boats and hand-held radios used to communicate swimmers numbers to the recorders and timekeepers on shore.

PAUL GIBSON

TECHNICAL

The Technical Committee sought the assistance of visiting Clubs in all areas of expertise.

National Technical Director, Michelle Schoefield accepted the role of chief Referee and was assisted in this task by husband Harry Schoefield. Harry also oversaw the installation and operating of the electronic timing equipment. Due to his expertise gained at State level in N.S.W. in this area, few if any problems arose with time keeping and recording.

Technical support was also provide by the N.T.A.S.A. Chief Referee, Mrs Gwen Gable, and other accredited officials.

Prior to the meet Michele conducted a series of Technical lectures with members of both the Arnhem Salties and Darwin Stingers Clubs. As a result of these lectures members from both Clubs became the first AUSSI accredited Technical officials. Outgoing President, Graham McDougall, highlighted this fact in his opening speech by awarding those members with their formal accreditation.

TIMEKEEPING

Times were recorded by both hand held watches (two per lane) and by electronic hand tops (one per lane) connected to the touchpads providing a backup if needed, as well as the automatic readout from the touchpads which was directly fed from the OSM6. into the computer loaded with the Omega Meet Masters program.

The role of Chief timekeeper was performed by volunteers from the Amateur Swimming Clubs who took the time off to assist even though they were not connected with AUSSI. This volunteer assistance was greatly appreciated by the committee and formal acknowledgments have been sent to all individuals concerned in this and other areas.

There was a minor problem with the counting of laps for the 800 metre Freestyle event. It is not an automatic requirement for time keepers to take lap splits or record them on a split sheet, so that a check on laps completed may be made by the Chief Referee at any time during a heat.

The overall coordination of the timekeeping was undertaken by the members of the ALICE AUSSI Club to ensure all stations were filled at all times. Calls for replacements during the Swim were minimal as all visiting Clubs pitched in to see that the start of events were not delayed.

MARSHALLING

The role of Marshall for the Swim was undertaken by AUSSI members from the ARNHEM SALTIES who kept everyone informed and on the move. There were no instances of swimmers swimming in wrong lanes and the only hiccup was the change of venue when the large shade cloth was erected overnight on the Tuesday and swimmers were asked to relocate to this larger shade area for the afternoon session on the Wednesday.

PROTESTS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

There were two official protests relating to the actual running of the Swim, both of which were dismissed as they related to decisions of a technical nature.

There were fourteen (14) disqualifications and these are summarised as follows:-

- incorrect turn, IM : 1 ;
- false start on second start : 4 ;
- incorrect breaststroke kick : 5 ;
- incorrect relay change : 1 ;
- incorrect stroke in medley relay leg : 1 ;
- incorrect breaststroke start : 1 ;
- incorrect stroke in IM leg : 1

There were numerous offers for the task of guest announcer. At one stage we thought we would have to prepare a roster. These offers of assistance we greatly appreciated as it allowed members of the committee to swim their events and/or have a break from their official duties.

A bit of light comic relief was provided by David Cummings of W.A. and Peter Gillet of S.A. at the microphone as well as some interesting highlight on up-and-coming heats, due to their combined knowledge and experiences of National Swims and members achievements. It was a pity both were unable to stay for the full period of the Swim. NED also did his bit to maintain the standard of the announcing on several occasions.

Recommendations:

- that the rules reflect the need for timekeepers to record individual 100 metre lap times and that lap sheets be provided as a matter of course for this purpose where long distance events (800m and 1500m) are included as approved pool events at a National swim.

ROB PILE



"HOW DOES IT GO AGAIN?"

TRYING TO EVALUATE THE MEET MASTER 'EVALUATION' PROGRAMME

HOSPITALITY

- AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:
- (a) Welcoming Function
 - (b) Happy Hours
 - (c) Daily Newsletter
 - (d) Refreshments for officials
 - (e) Presentation Dinner

(a) Welcoming Function

Venue: Darwin Sailing Club
Catering: Darwin Sailing Club
Cost: \$10 per head
Attendance: Approx

The *Darwin Sailing Club* was chosen as the venue for this function because of its top location and casual Darwin atmosphere, which was added to by the group of four wandering minstrels and the novelty animals *Clammy & Clingy*.

As our main sponsor was *TOOHEYS BLUE*, the Sailing Club ran a bar selling Tooheys Blue (donated by the sponsor) along with wine and soft drinks. People who wanted other drinks could purchase them from the main bar.

The function was generally well received. The main problem was with getting the trays of food to the tables. Each tray was attacked with such gusto as AUSSI members went into a feeding frenzy and there seemed to be panic that there would not be enough food. At the end of the night, there were at least 2 full trays of food left over, so the problem was not with under catering, but with getting it to the vultures quick enough! In hindsight, perhaps it should have been organised that all the food would arrive at the one time instead of coming out at 10 minute intervals. It should also be made *VERY* clear that this is not supposed to be a meal, but just light finger food.

(b) Happy Hours

Venue: Casuarina Pool
Catering: Darwin Stingers

The Happy Hours were fairly successful. It was a really good atmosphere on the lawns of the pool grounds at the end of a day's swimming.

Platters of fresh fruit were provided free of charge, along with chips, peanuts & a small amount of pizza slices. Drinks were sold at the bar (Tooheys Blue - provided by the sponsor - wine, juice and soft drinks).

A liquor licence was obtained to run the Happy Hours at the cost of \$20.

(c) Daily Newsletters

A daily newsletter was distributed each day to let people know what was going on and just to report on interesting bits of gossip from members from all over. A *gossip box* was set up at the Information Booth so that people could drop any bits of gossip or important information into a central spot to be collected and printed up. A club member also walked around the pool collecting information each day. People were keen to contribute to the newsletter and it was well received.

(d) Refreshments for Officials

Each day a table was set up to provide refreshments for officials. There was an urn with tea, coffee, milo etc, a couple of iced water containers, and a big container of biscuits. Officials could just go and help themselves at any time. This was very little trouble to set up and was much appreciated by officials.

(e) Presentation Dinner

Venue: Cantillas Restaurant
Cost: \$35 per head
Attendance: Approx

The biggest problem in the lead-up to the event was not knowing how many people were going to attend. We originally had booked another venue which could cater for 400 people. When all the Swim entries were in, it looked as though there would only be about 200 people attending the dinner and so the venue was changed. But during the week of the Swim, many more people booked for the dinner, and the chosen venue was only just able to squeeze in everyone who attended.

The biggest plus about the chosen venue was that the restaurant looked after all the seating and catering so there was very little that we had to do on the night. Set up of the presentation area was done on the afternoon of the dinner. The public address system was also provided by the restaurant.

A local band (*Catch 22*) was hired at a cost of \$500 so that people could dance after the dinner and presentations.

One of the Darwin Stingers members is a TV and Radio announcer and he kindly offered his services free of charge as Master of Ceremonies. He did an excellent job of the presentations and kept the audience amused.

Some young swimmers from the *Casuarina Amateur Swimming Club*, dressed in old style swimming costumes (provided by Speedo) carried out the medals for presentation. Many people commented that it was a lovely idea to have younger swimmers involved in this way.

The dinner was presented in a buffet style. There were 2 serving outlets and people did not have to stand in a queue for too long a time. The restaurant had catered for 50 extra as they had been warned about the voracious appetites of AUSSI members! Even so, all the food was eaten!

There was much discussion prior to the event about seating arrangements. It was generally felt that, rather than have tables set aside for each club, that the seating would be on a first-come first-serve basis. It was hoped that clubs would not all sit together and that people would mix with people from other clubs. (This was also why buffet-style was chosen - so that people would mix with others while they were queuing for food.) Initially, it seemed to be working well - on arrival, people would walk in and find available places to sit. But one club arrived very late en-masse and demanded that they all be seated together. This caused quite an upset and resulted in a table of officials offering to give up their table to the very demanding club of late arrivals. Perhaps in hindsight, it would have been better to provide a table for each club, and then encourage people to mingle as they wish.

Unfortunately, there were about six cars broken into in the carpark of the restaurant during the evening. This was discovered just after the presentations had finished. Many people decided, because of this, that they would leave early. This was unfortunate as the band had been booked to play till 1am so that people could dance, but everything wound down much earlier than that due to people's concern over their cars in the carpark.

CONCLUSION

The Hospitality Committee felt that the largest problem they had to face was not knowing the final numbers for each function.

Generally we felt that everything went fairly succussfully - no-one starved, people seemed to have a good time, and everyone on the Committee survived the ordeal.

HELEN CONSTANTINE

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT - 1993 NATIONAL SWIM

Committee

A programme committee of three members plus a chairperson was formed in September 1991. Due to transfer from Darwin of one member and work commitments overseas of another member our committee was reduced to two members for the three months prior to Nationals.

Computer Equipment

We were loaned an Osborne 386SX computer and printer from NCOM Services - NT Treasury and this proved invaluable.

The Northern Territory Amateur Swimming Association (NTASA) gave us access to their OMEGA Meet Manager Swim Program software whose Masters Swim Meet Program met all of our requirements for the Meet.

The Computer linked up to the Automatic Officiating Device which linked to the touch pads in the pool.

Recorders only needed to manually input results in the case of disqualifications or if a touch failed to register on the touch pads (and all relay events - further mention in Recording Report).

Registration Forms

Registration Forms and individual entry forms (together with assorted travel information) were posted to all clubs at the commencement of the last week in October.

Early Bird closing date was 31st December and 33 entries were received by this date.

Final closing date was 5th March by which date a total of 400 entries had been received. We accepted late entries from 3 people whom we felt had legitimate reasons for not making the closing date. Another 3 people advised us well in advance of the programme being printed that they would be unable to attend the swim so their entries were withdrawn.

Our final figure was 400 entries from a total of 70 clubs which included participants from all States and Territories and 3 from overseas (New Zealand-2 and USA-1)

All entries were registered on Meet Manager and a report posted to each participating club. Clubs then contacted us to confirm that data entry was correct. This procedure is recommended for future organising committees.

400m, 800m and 5000m

Competitors were asked to register for the 400m, 800m and 5000m events. The main purpose of this was to take scratchings which enabled us to check the need for reseeding the event.

We had to take into account the fact that some competitors arrived in Darwin part way through the meet and others were making the most of opportunities to take day trips where possible to see the Territory.

We did not penalise anyone for not registering because of the likelihood that they were not at the pool on registration day because of the above reasons.

There were 66 starters for the 5000m event which was held at Lake Alexander. There was a slight communication problem with the radio operator on board the boat and timekeepers had some difficulty hearing numbers as they were called. Apart from this the swim was a success.

Lifesavers from NT Surf Lifesaving Club were on duty throughout the Lake swim and weather conditions were perfect.

Results

The Results Book took longer than anticipated to edit due to heavy work commitments of our volunteer (non-masters) editor. She put in several weekends completing the task. We apologise for the delay. However, I believe the presentation and detail provided in the book was well worth waiting for.

Individual results were typed onto a certificate for each competitor. A Results Book together with certificates and any ribbons or badges which had not been collected during the Meet were forwarded to each participating club.

One club contacted us to say that they had not received their results and on investigation we found that the results had been posted to the former secretary whose address still appeared on our club contact list. We advised the club and they were able to follow this up.

Special thanks go to the Programme Committee members and volunteer Recorders and AOD Operator whose efforts helped to ensure that the Meet ran smoothly.

Recommendations

1. That NED direct that Clubs through their Branches provide National Office with a current contact list by 31 October each year and to provide updated lists throughout the year in the case of vacant positions being filled. Ideally if each Club had its own Post Office Box then there would be no need to change the club address each year with change of office bearers.
2. That all participating Clubs provide the Host Branch with current Club address list.
3. That a folder containing all Entry Forms and Summary Sheets be kept on hand in the Recording Area in order that any queries regarding entries can be checked immediately they are received and action taken to correct any errors/omissions.

Joan Curtain

FINANCIAL REPORT

On the next page you will find the audit report, followed by the Audited Financial Statement for the 1993 National Swim.

The National component, as you can see, is \$6,531. The Swim Committee considers the financial result very pleasing. This result would not have been possible without the hard work undertaken to obtain sponsorship in both cash and kind.

Kind was either turned into cash eg. beer used by presentation dinner venue or it reduced expenditure eg printing done gratis by club members.

An additional financial statement is therefore included which further breaks down items, provides a listing of kind, and shows the much reduced result had that sponsorship/donation not been obtained.

Kind does not include those items provided as give aways in the information bags for all competitors, such as the cans of coke and the pens. The reason for non-inclusion being that funds would not have been expended on these items anyway, so there is no real saving. They are considered more a bonus.

STATISTICS

Statistics arising from the swim financial results are:-

Welcome Function	- 72%	of all entrants	attended
Presentation Dinner	- 69%	" " " "	" "
T-Shirt Sales	- 43%	" " " "	purchased
Relays	- 46%	ratio to entrants	

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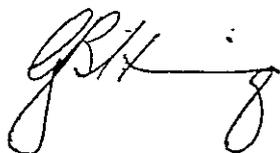
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AUDITOR'S REPORT TO NATIONAL OFFICE

I have audited the attached Financial Statement of the 1993 National Swim in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

It was not practicable for the organisers to establish accounting control over cash receipts from all sources prior to their receipt and recording by the organisers. Accordingly, I have not extended my audit examination of cash receipts beyond verification of the amounts recorded in the organisers' accounting records.

Subject to the effect of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, in my opinion, the Financial Statement presents fairly the receipts and payments transactions of the 1993 National Swim.



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AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA INC.

1993 NATIONAL SWIM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Branch donation	500	
Entrance fees - individual	13,965	
- relays	1,116	
Grant - Northern Territory Government	3,500	
Interest	181	
Presentation dinner	9,660	
Sponsorship - Zedar	2,140	
- Swim Committee	1,564	
- Arnhem Salties	400	
- Darwin Stingers	2,780	
Start-up loan	<u>1,500</u>	
		37,306

PAYMENTS

Administrative expenses	1,637	
Bank & government charges	69	
Donation - N.T. Amateur Swimming Association clubs	500	
Hire of pool	2,000	
Marketing expenses	1,469	
Officials' hospitality	420	
Printing - programmes	3,004	
- results books	572	
- dinner tickets	25	
Presentation dinner	8,420	
Purchases - hats	840	
- medals, ribbons & trophies	1,728	
Repayment of start-up loan	1,500	
Site establishment - shade hire/chairs/sound	1,411	
- St. John Ambulance	250	
- Lifesavers	<u>400</u>	
		24,245

SURPLUS

\$13,061

NATIONAL COMPONENT	\$6,531
BRANCH COMPONENT	<u>6,530</u>
	<u>\$13,061</u>

1993 NATIONAL SWIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT - WITH KIND
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INCOME	ACTUAL	KIND
-----	\$	\$
Start Up Loan	1,500	
Entry Receipts:		
Individual Events @ \$35/person * 399	13,965	
Relays @ \$6 * 186	1,116	
Sponsorship:		
Cash - Zedar	2,140	
- Swim Committee	750	
- Arnhem Salties	400	
- Darwin Stingers	2,560	
Kind (Turned into cash)		
- Swim Committee	814	
- Darwin Stingers	220	
Donation from Branch	500	
Presentation Dinner @ \$35/person * 276	9,660	
Grant-in-Aid Admin Assistance	3,500	
Interest	181	
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TOTAL INCOME	37,306	0
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EXPENDITURE	\$	\$

Pool Hire	2,000	
Site Establishment:		
Shade Hire/chairs/Sound System etc	1,411	2,380
Seating	0	850
St John Ambulance	250	
Royal Lifesavers	200	
-Surf Lifesavers	200	
Hire of van	0	400
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Hats	840	
Badges	0	650
Zedar caps	0	360
Administrative Expenses	1,637	1,200
Presentation Dinner	8,420	
Officials Hospitality	420	
FID & BAD tax	69	
NT Amateur Swimming Association Clubs - Donation	500	
Repay Start Up Loan	1,500	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,245	9,140
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SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	13,061	3,921
NATIONAL COMPONENT	6,531	
BRANCH COMPONENT	6,530	

FINANCE OPERATIONS

As mail was received, it was given direct to the Meet Director who prepared a summary sheet which detailed who the mail was from, individual & relay entries, t-shirt orders, & presentation dinner & welcome function ticket requests. Entries were given to the Programme Committee whilst the Finance Committee received all money, t-shirt orders, presentation dinner & welcome function ticket requests.

Moneys were checked against the summary sheets and banked. Receipts were prepared & the cash book written up. The individual cash book columns were then checked against the summary sheets & order forms to ensure receipts had been accurately classified eg t-shirt orders equalled the amount in the t-shirt column of the cash book. A list of t-shirt orders, by size, & a list of presentation dinner & welcome function tickets paid for, was prepared and checked.

Amounts receipted for entries were checked against the number of entries received by the Programme Committee.

The entry forms asked that entries & fees be forwarded through clubs, not from individual members. Inadvertently & unfortunately the order form for t-shirts, presentation dinner & welcome function tickets did not request payment through Clubs.

Whilst many clubs paid for entries & orders by one club cheque, many cheques, money orders, bank cheques & cash were received from individuals. On occasion the name on the cheque bore no resemblance to any person entered in the Swim (It was guessed that a club secretary wrote their own personal cheque for club entries). Considerable cross referencing was required because, in order to save on postage, receipts were sorted into clubs & placed in entrants information bags, or at least into one club members bag for distribution.

The workload for the person preparing banking, receipts & writing up the cashbook would be considerably reduced if all entries & all orders came from the Clubs, even if the Club ended up sending more than one cheque. Not only would the volume of work decrease but the possibility of confusion is less. (It is not expected that this problem will be fully overcome, we can however try!)

It was very apparent which clubs are well organised.

RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE SWIM ORGANISERS :

REQUEST THAT ALL ENTRIES & ORDERS BE FORWARDED THROUGH CLUBS ON SUMMARY SHEETS PREPARED FOR THAT PURPOSE, ALSO THAT PAYMENT BE MADE BY INDIVIDUALS TO THEIR CLUB WHICH SHOULD THEN ISSUE ONE CLUB CHEQUE FOR EACH GROUP OF ENTRIES ETC. FORWARDED.

SOUVENIRS

The Swim Committee decided in the early planning stages, based on reports from other National Swims, to take a conservative approach and limit the number of swim souvenirs offered for sale and to arrange pre-ordering with the swim registration.

It was then decided to go with a souvenir T-Shirt. Quotes were obtained. A local supplier was selected on price, the print design which had a definite Territory flavour, and the quality of the shirt.

Orders received with the entries totalled 132 shirts. A further 38 were ordered, with money up front, on the first day of the swim making a total of 170 shirts sold. The decision to go with pre-ordering was the correct one and it is recommended that future swim committees also follow this practice to ensure no loss is made on souvenirs.

The shirts were very popular and look smart. Approximately three people complained about the sizing of the shirts.

Other souvenir products were made available free with the Entrants Information Bags. These included a navy blue legionnaire cap screenprinted with the words "Swim to the Top" in gold on the flap at the back. These caps were obtained at a very reasonable price with the assistance of the Northern Territory Anti-Cancer Foundation, and appeared to be popular and useful based on the number of swimmers wearing them poolside.

In addition a cloth badge was provided bearing the Darwin City Council logo.

Additional caps and badges were either provided to Amateur Swimming Officials who took leave from their work and helped out at the swim, or sold for \$2.50 at the Information Booth. Badges were also provided along with a swim program, and receipt, to sponsors and businesses who advertised in the program.

ENTRANTS INFORMATION BAGS

On the Saturday morning prior to the swim 400 bags were filled with numerous items. Included were programs, a map of the swimming centre indicating where eg the marshalling area & other facilities were located, & sponsors product & literature, collected previously.

The bags were then individually labelled for each entrant, with their name & club code, and placed in Club order alphabetically in an area set aside for each State & Territory.

Presentation Dinner & Welcome Function Tickets and souvenir T-Shirts previously

ordered and paid for were then placed in individuals bags as required from a list prepared. These bags were then double checked to ensure the correct T-shirt size & correct tickets had been placed in the bag.

The plastic bags utilised were provided by the Northern Territory Tourist Commission.

The bags were available for collection at the Swimming Centre on the evening prior to the commencement of the swim. Two club representatives were to collect the bags for each club. This did not always happen but the number of swimmers collecting bags at any one time was manageable.

Obviously if the Welcome Function was to be held prior to the commencement of the swim in future, this would be an ideal time for registration & collection of programs etc.

THE INFORMATION BOOTH

The Information Booth was originally suggested as a general information/courtesy booth for visitors to Darwin to help with any questions they may have eg where to catch a bus, taxi, find a Post Office, chemist etc. It became much more, in fact the focal point of the swim, and due to the efficient, pleasant, helpful personalities of the workers proved most successful.

It is recommended that if future swim organisers plan an information centre of this nature that they select sub-committee members & helpers who are aware of what is happening where, when & why at the Swim because they will get asked an amazing variety of questions.

The following information is provided on the activities which were undertaken at the Information Booth:-

Hours of Operation

Hours were not set as volunteers were encouraged to swim in their events and to take part in other activities eg Happy Hours where possible. The Booth was open before the commencement of swimming each session and stayed open during Happy Hours and later on the Thursday and Friday. On the Wednesday night, however the Booth closed once the final relay event commenced as there was no power in the Booth and darkness closed in.

Medals/ribbons were also handed out at the Long Distance swim venue and at the Presentation Dinner between 7pm & 7.30pm. During the Dinner other requests were also attended too but this should not be necessary as plenty of opportunity was presented to swimmers to collect their medals/ribbons previously.

Announcer & Recorders

Much liaison occurred with the Announcer. The Recorders provided the final results for each event to the Booth.

Registration of 400M, 800M & 5000M events.

Event registration took place at the Booth. Whilst advised in the program and in the entrants bags on an information sheet, and over the public address system many entrants still failed to confirm that they wished to swim by the 12 noon deadline. They then came to the booth in a panic prior to the swim and were referred to the Recorders.

To confirm registration for each swim the entrants name was crossed through with a highlighter pen on the list of entries for that event. The heats were not re-seeded in the events making one question the need for this at future meets.

Medals & Ribbon For Event Placegetters.

Placegetters in each event collected their medal/ribbon from the information booth once results were declared final. Their names were crossed through with a highlighter on the results list as their medal/ribbon was collected.

Individual event medals were, in many cases, tarnished, and in a few cases scratched. Because of this many complaints were received about the standard of the medals.

The medals also came without a ribbon, which was a decision based mainly on cost, made by the National Executive Director in conjunction with the National Swim Committee. There were complaints about the lack of ribbon and some people purchased their own.

It is suggested that if ribbon is not provided with the medal that consideration be given by future swim organisers to providing ribbon for sale.

The ribbons were of a good standard & well received ... except many people were disappointed that they did not receive a medal for second & third placings in individual events. This matter was canvassed fairly heavily throughout the swim and discussed with NED. This is a matter for the Board to consider - once again.

Relay medals (left over from Melbourne) were a worry as part of the medal fell off many of these which was an embarrassment to the workers at the Booth and to Committee members. There are no more of these medals left.

We erred in that a sign was not erected stating "Medals will be available once results are final, which is at least half an hour after results are posted, depending on

protests". I'm sure that even if we had a sign we would still have been asked "are the medals for the available yet?". Once results were final we advised the announcer.

Results

An additional set of results for each event was provided by the Recorders. These results were available for viewing at the Information Booth. A table and chairs were provided under shade and this was often used for this purpose by swimmers.

Engraving

An engraving service, provided by a local engraver, was well supported. The engraver provided an order form which asked for details of:

Name
Event
Age
Time

to restrict engraving to what would fit on the medal. Small plastic bags were provided by the engraver. The medal, order form & \$3 were placed in the bag. Medals left at the Information Booth by 2pm were delivered to the engraver by Information Booth volunteers and delivered back to the pool by the engraver by 10am next morning. On the Saturday morning they were delivered to the Lake where the distance swim was taking place.

Whilst no cash profit towards the swim was made benefits were obtained by using this engraver who provided sponsorship in kind by providing very low cost fluorescent orange shirts, screen printed, to Committee persons. The \$3 cost of engraving would not have seen him make a profit either, but he also provided the Souvernir T-Shirts, and ribbons for the swim!

Palm Photographics

Palm Photographics provided a pick up & delivery film processing service. Only 2 people took advantage of this service. \$2 per order was profit for the swim!!

Presentation Dinner & Welcome Function Tickets

These were sold from the Booth on the first day of competition (in addition to those tickets pre-ordered with swim entries). Tickets sold very well, in fact above expectations, and we had to finally close off sales at the caterer's request.

We also offered to sell presold tickets for individuals who could not attend the dinner, for one reason or another. We placed the ticket & then the money, once sold, into a named plastic money bag.

Mastering Swimming Books

Anita Killmier gave the "Mastering Swimming" books to the Booth to sell as there was no National Merchandise Stall. Monies received from the sale of the book were kept separate and receipts written (which was very time consuming in the rush periods).

Lost & Found

Items were delivered to either the Information Booth or the Announcer.

Club Addresses

After sending out registration forms to Clubs in 1992 we soon discovered that the club listing was not current. To ensure results would be sent to the correct club address we asked representatives from each club to provide their club address to the Information Booth.

Contact Point

The Information Booth was also used as a contact point for organisations setting up at the swim eg The National Heart Foundation & the Anti-Cancer Foundation.

Courtesy Car

The keys to the Courtesy Car, provided by a sponsor, were also held at the Booth when the car was not in use.

Control of Monies

As the Booth was organised by the Finance Committee the cheque book and cash floats were also held at the Booth.

Much cash passed hands, especially on the first day. A list was kept of tickets sold, T-Shirts to be ordered etc. This list was then reconciled to monies. It would have been more correct to provide receipts but not operationally efficient due to the number of tasks being undertaken by the 2-3 workers who fitted comfortably in the van being used as the booth. The volunteers in the Booth were experienced with handling cash & very responsible.

Bankings were regular throughout the swim, as a necessity. On the Tuesday & Wednesday a combined total of approx. \$4000 in cash was banked. The amount of money passing hands during the swim probably differs from swim to swim, but the amount of cash involved needs to be considered when planning for the swim.

A Cash float was also made available for the Happy Hour each day and petty cash

for milk, ice and other small necessities was also maintained at the Information Booth by the Finance Committee.

Daily Newsheet

A box was provided at the Information Booth for items for the Daily Newsheet. The Editor cleared the box regularly. The Newsheet was distributed from the Information Booth daily and appeared to be very well received.

Questionnaires

A questionnaire was prepared by the Swim Committee. These questionnaires were included in the entrants bags. Once completed they were placed in the box provided at the Information Booth.

CLAIRE HUDSON

Masters swim

Entries for the 18th AUSSI Masters National Swim, to be held in Darwin from May 4 to 8, close Friday.

The national swim is the premier event on the Masters swimming calendar with competitors from all over Australia and overseas taking part.

Entrants must be over 20 years of age, be able to swim 50 m and be a financial member of an AUSSI Masters Swimming Club.

Membership details can be obtained from the Darwin Stingers 85 3908, Arnhem Salties 87 1988 or 87 1450 and Alice AUSSI 59 7164 or 52 5316. For other information contact Rick Barnes on 82 5925 or 27 5804.

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Aussie masters draws closer

The days are running out for entering the 18th Aussie Masters National Swim, to be held in Darwin between May 4-8. Entries close on March 5.

The only requirements for participating in this national event are: you must be 20 years of age or older; be able to swim a minimum of 50 metres and be a financial member of an Aussie Masters Swimming Club.

There are three Aussie clubs in the NT and member-

ship details can be obtained by calling one of the club secretaries: Darwin "Stingers" 85 3908; Arnhem "Salties" 87 1988 bh, 87 1450 Ah or Alice Aussie 59 7164 bh, 52 5316 ah.

The national swim is the premier event on the Masters Swimming Calendar and this year has been featured in

the Australian Tourist Commission's 1993 'Play in the Australian Year of Sport' Special Events Calendar.

The venue for the pool events in the Casuarina Swimming Complex, Darwin and the Meet culminates in the Open Water 5 km swim in Lake Alexander.

All enquiries can be directed to Rick Barnes, Chairman of the Organising Committee on 82 5925 bh/ 27 5804 ah.

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THURSDAY MARCH 11, 1993

Grand masters take the plunge

Australia's finest mature-age swimmers will contest the Masters in Darwin this May.

The 18th Aussie Masters National Swim will be held at Casuarina Pool from May 4 to 8.

A highlight of the swim meet will be the gruelling 5km open swim at Lake Alexander, the final event on the program.

Among the 294 registered entries is the Territory champion husband and wife swimming team, Maureen and Tim Byrnes.

Maureen, 63, and Tim, 61, are the grand old masters of Territory swimming.

By ALLISON COOPER

The Jingili couple has spent enough time in the pool to earn dozens of medals.

And enough time out of the pool to be parents to eight children and 20 grand children.

In the last four competitions between 1982 and 1992 the pair has won four gold, six silver and four bronze medals.

"I started swimming in the river as a kid," Mrs Burns said.

Mrs Burns was advised to exercise to lower her 10.9 cholesterol level. She

started swimming 20 laps at Casuarina and Parap pool.

From there, she's become the Territory champion for her age group.

"I entered the Masters in Alice Springs in 1988 and I have been in every competition since," she said.

Mrs Burns even swam in her first competition with a broken foot.

Relay

"It was hell but I still won a gold and silver medal," she said.

This year's competition, spread over four days, has 16 individual and six relay races between 50 and 800m.

Competitors must nominate for a total of five races with a maximum of three freestyle events - the other two must be either a different stroke or a medley.

The swimming competition is open to people between the ages of 20 to the oldest competitor and the darling of the Masters swimming circuit - Myrtle Wright from Western Australia, aged 88.

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Maureen and Tim Byrnes surrounded by some of their 20 grandchildren ready for the 1993 Darwin Masters Swim carnival in Darwin. PIC: Todd Sinclair

Masters dive into '93 titles

Overseas competition will be a highlight of the 1993 AUSSI Masters National Swim and Club Championships in Darwin this week.

A field of 400 swimmers ranging in age from 23 to 85 years will contest the national championships at the Casuarina Swimming Pool from tomorrow until Saturday.

Two New Zealanders and an American swimmer will make the trip to Australia.

Australian entries include clubs in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

The meet is the premier event on the Masters swimming calendar.

Multiple world and Australian national record holder Myrtle Wright from Western Australia will also be in Darwin for the championships.

Wright, 84, is a regular masters competitor and is expected to scoop the pool in her age group this week.

Swimmers will compete over distances ranging from 50 m to 800 m in all strokes.

There will also be a 5000 m optional swim at Lake Alexander on Saturday.

Dieter Loeliger, 60 from Adelaide, looks set to break the world record for the 200 m breast stroke in his age group. She was inside the world record for that race at his last meet.

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Organisers said swimmers varied in age but the majority were from 45 to an amazing 85 years of age.

The Open Swim will test competitors over 5km at Lake Alexander.

The event starts at 7am.

Organisers have urged Darwin residents to support this Open Swim by lining the foreshore at Lake Alexander and urging on Australia's mature-age swimmers.

AUSSI Swim is also on at Casuarina Swimming Pool tomorrow with events from 8am onwards.



Identical twin sisters Jannie and Gerda together for a bit of fun at the Masters swimming competition at Casuarina Pool. Photo: LYNDON MECHIELSEN

Mirrored Masters

Identical twin sisters Jannie Thomson and Gerda Williams have competed against each other all their lives, but not this week.

The two are swimming in the AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships at Casuarina pool, but will not race each other once.

The 50-year-olds used to swim competitively as children and are back in the pool after a long break.

Gerda, who lives in Cairns, was the first to take up swimming again, jumping back into the water three years ago.

Jannie lives in Darwin and followed her sister's lead last year.

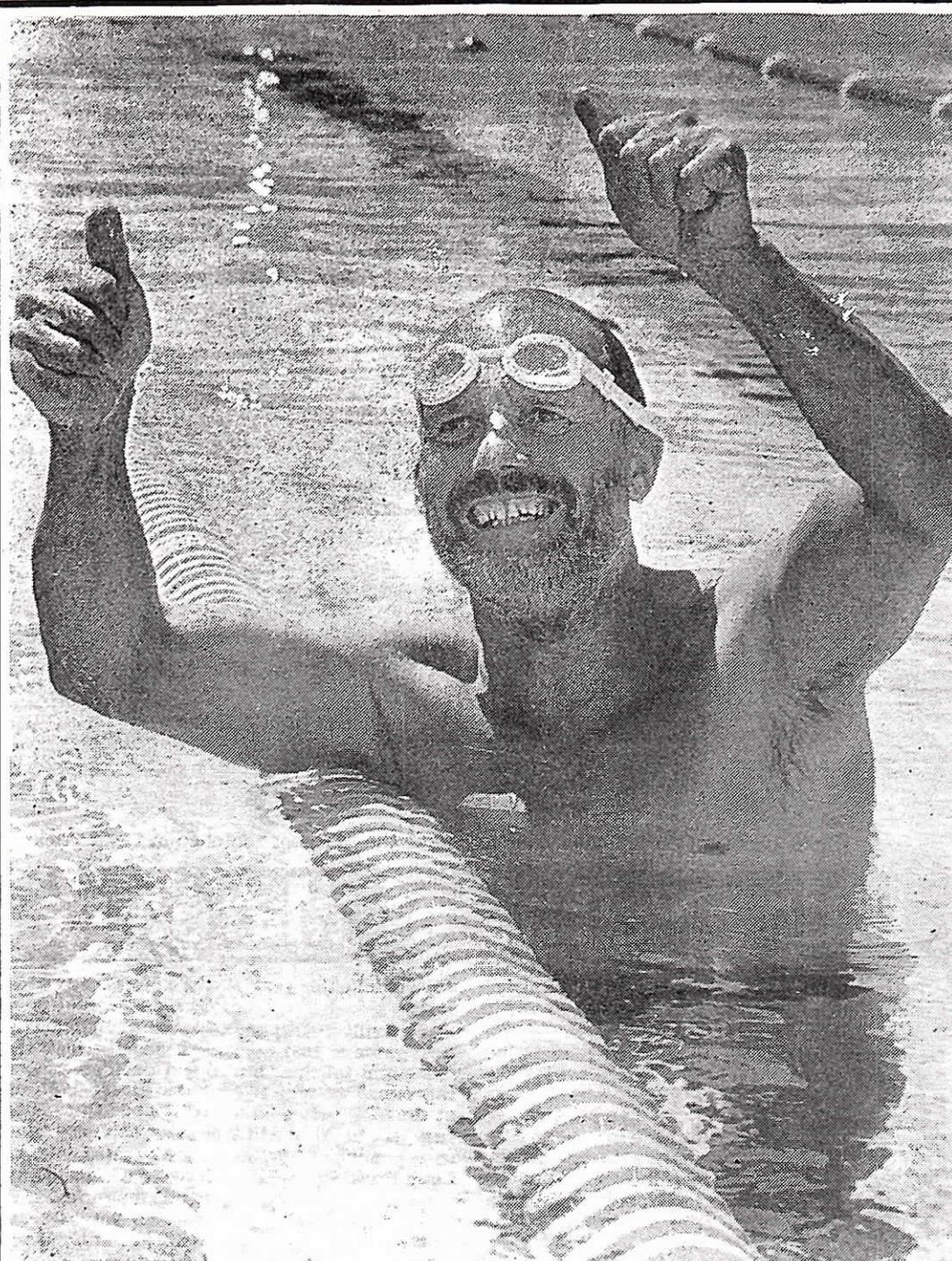
Both are now competitive Masters swimmers and fondly remember their early days in the pool.

As teenagers they once swapped places in a competition only to be caught out.

Jannie was sick one day, so Gerda swam for her, knowing she could beat the toughest competitor.

She won the race but the twins' scheme was discovered.

"We've always competed against each other in everything," the pair said. "But we never get tired of it."



Adelaide Masters swimmer Dieter Loeliger gives the thumbs up after winning two gold medals at Casuarina pool yesterday. Photo: LYNDON MECHIELSEN

Masters make waves

By **MARNEY WHITE**

A world record and several Australian records were broken at the AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships at Casuarina pool yesterday.

Competition was fierce as 400 swimmers took to the pool for the carnival hosted by the NT AUSSI Masters swimming club.

Frank Griffith from Queensland swam a strong race to break the world record for the 200 m backstroke in the 85-89 year age group.

Griffith, 85, set a time of 4 mins 56.29 secs, 12.68 secs inside the record.

The Gladstone Gropers swimmer's time was also an inaugural Australian record for that age group.

Adelaide Masters swimmer Dieter Loeliger broke two Australian records yesterday.

He swam a time of 6:26.54 in the 400 m individual medley, well inside the national record of 6:38.38.

His other gold medal swim was in the 100 m breast stroke for which he set a time of 1:27.97.

Pam Fletcher from Coffs Harbor broke her own record in the 50 to 54 years 400 m individual medley by .55 secs with a time of 6:56.49.

The women's 100 m freestyle record in the 55 to 59 year age group was broken by Pam Hutchings. She broke her own record with a time of 1:15.48.

Gerda Williams from Cairns set a record in the 50 to 54 200 m backstroke, 3:07.15.

Victorian swimmer Jobst Schmalenback broke his own 1:14.05 record in the 35 to 39 years 100 m breast stroke.

The competition continues at Casuarina today.

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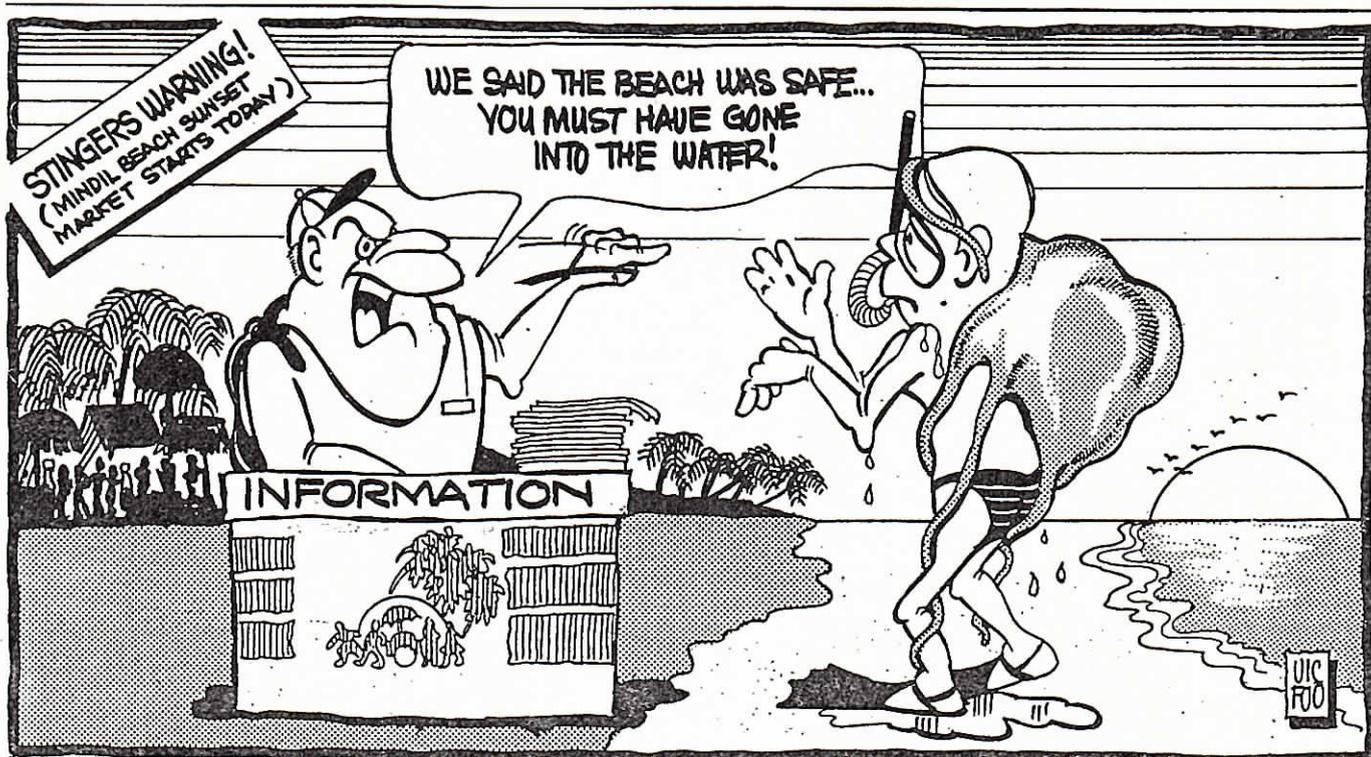
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THURSDAY MAY 6, 1993



World records tumble

By MARNEY WHITE

Queensland swimmer Frank Griffith broke two more world records at the AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships at Casuarina Pool yesterday.

Griffith, 85, followed his world record-breaking effort in the 200 m backstroke on Tuesday with world records in the 85 to 89 years' 200 m individual medley and the 50 m freestyle.

He swam a time of 4 mins 40.15 secs in the medley, well inside the old record of 5:33.20.

He also set an inaugural Australian record for his age group in that race.

The Gladstone swimmer broke the world record in the 50 m freestyle by 3.12 secs with a time of 41.53 secs.

Griffith also broke his own national record of 45.16 secs in that race.

Shaping

Seven other national records fell yesterday during what is shaping up to be one of the best national Masters competitions held.

Liz Wallis from Manly reduced her own national record in the women's 65 to 69 years' 800 m freestyle by almost 11 secs.

She swam a time of 13:54.10.

In the women's 75 to 79 years 50 m butterfly, Mary Garton from Hills, NSW, swam a time of 1:27.39, breaking the old record of 1:37.77.

Garton also broke the record for the 200 m individual medley by almost 1 min 20 secs with a time of 8:10.00.

Swimming continues today at Casuarina Pool with the 200 m freestyle, 100 m backstroke, 200 m butterfly and relays.



Pam Hutchings, Australian women's swim team captain at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, relaxes before an event in the AUSSI Masters national swim and club championships at Casuarina Pool yesterday. Photo: CLIVE HYDE

Fred steals swim glory

Memories of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics have come flooding back to Pam Hutchings, in Darwin for the AUSSI Masters national swim and club championships at Casuarina Pool.

Hutchings was a member of the Australian swimming squad and the women's team captain.

The former Australian representative competed in the championships which conclude today.

But it has been Queensland's Frank Griffith who has stolen the limelight after a series of national and world records to his name.

Griffith, competing in the 35-39 year age group, has set new world records in the 200 m backstroke, 200 m individual medley, 200 m and 100m butterfly events.

His outstanding swims have also given the Gladstone swimmer the respective national and Queensland titles for his age

Inaugural

Griffith set two new 100 m butterfly record on different days.

He registered the inaugural record for the event in his 100 m split of the 200 m event on Thursday and then smashed it yesterday.

Other record-breakers on the last two days of competition have included Jen Thomasson and Dieter Loelliger.

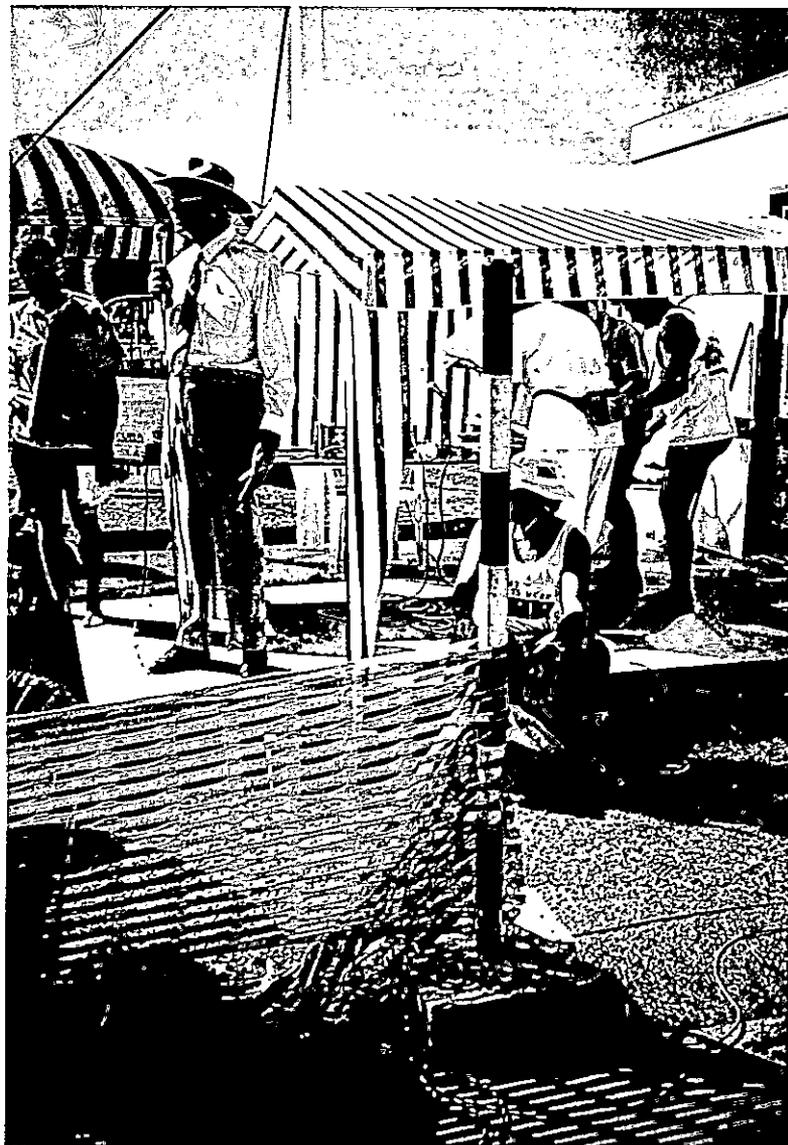
Thomasson set a national mark for the 200 m freestyle for women 45 to 49 years.

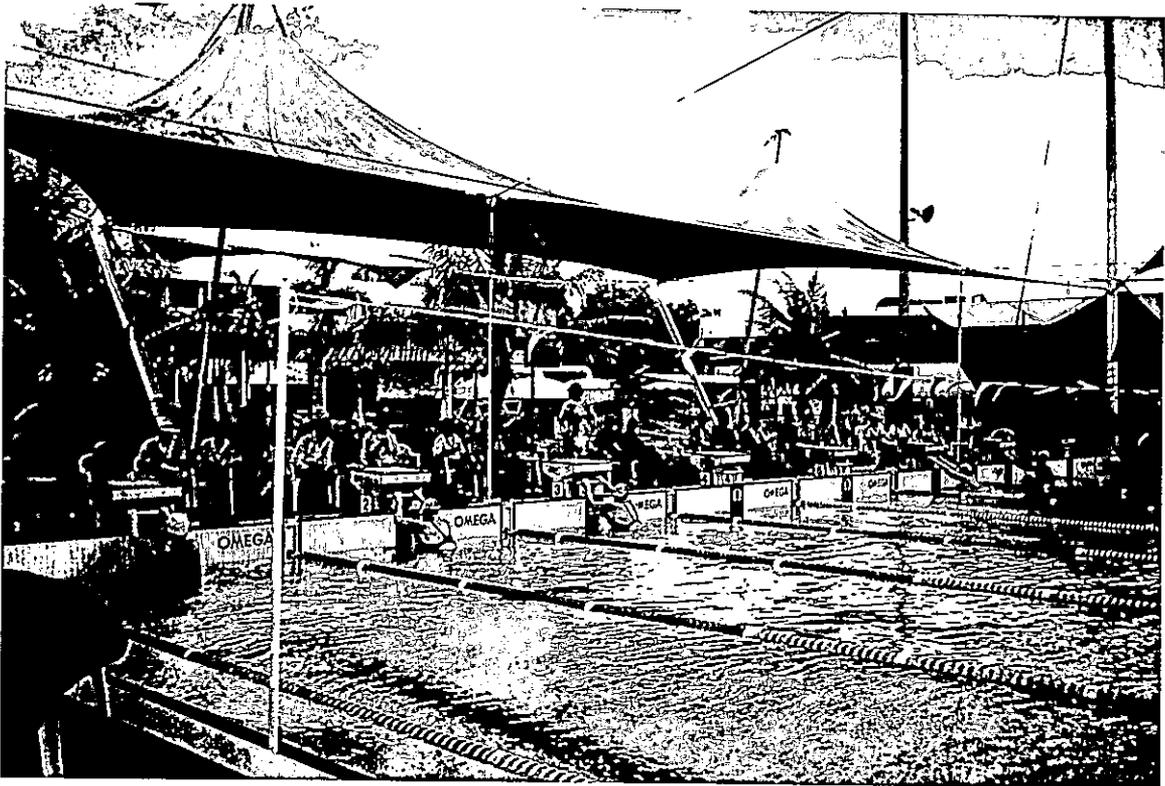
Loelliger has a new Australian record in the 50 m breast stroke for 60 to 64 years.

The titles finish today with the 5 km swim at Lake Alexander from 7 am.

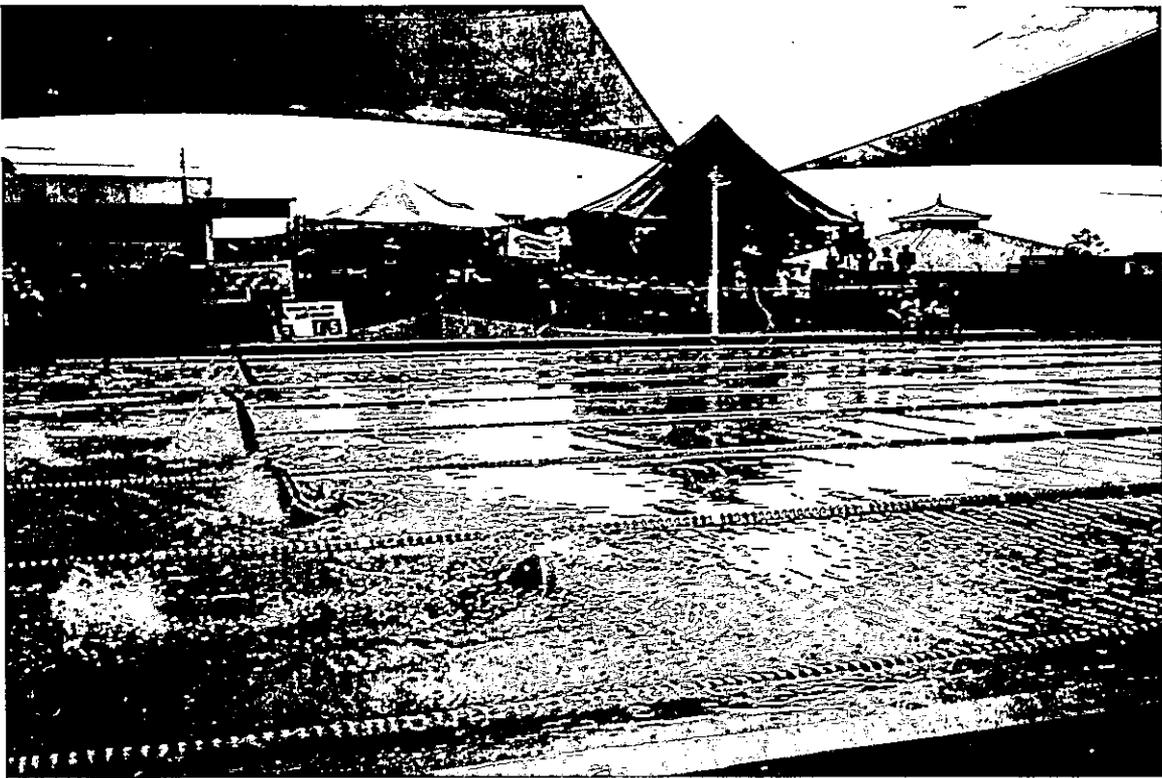


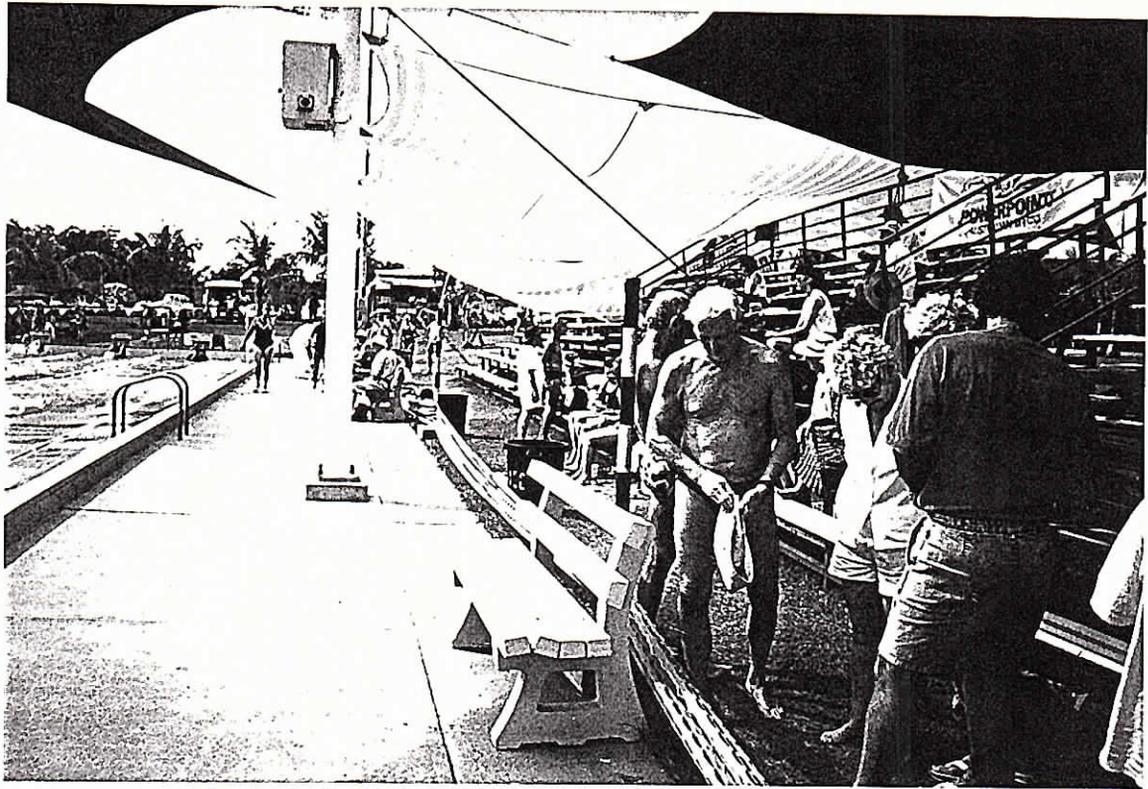
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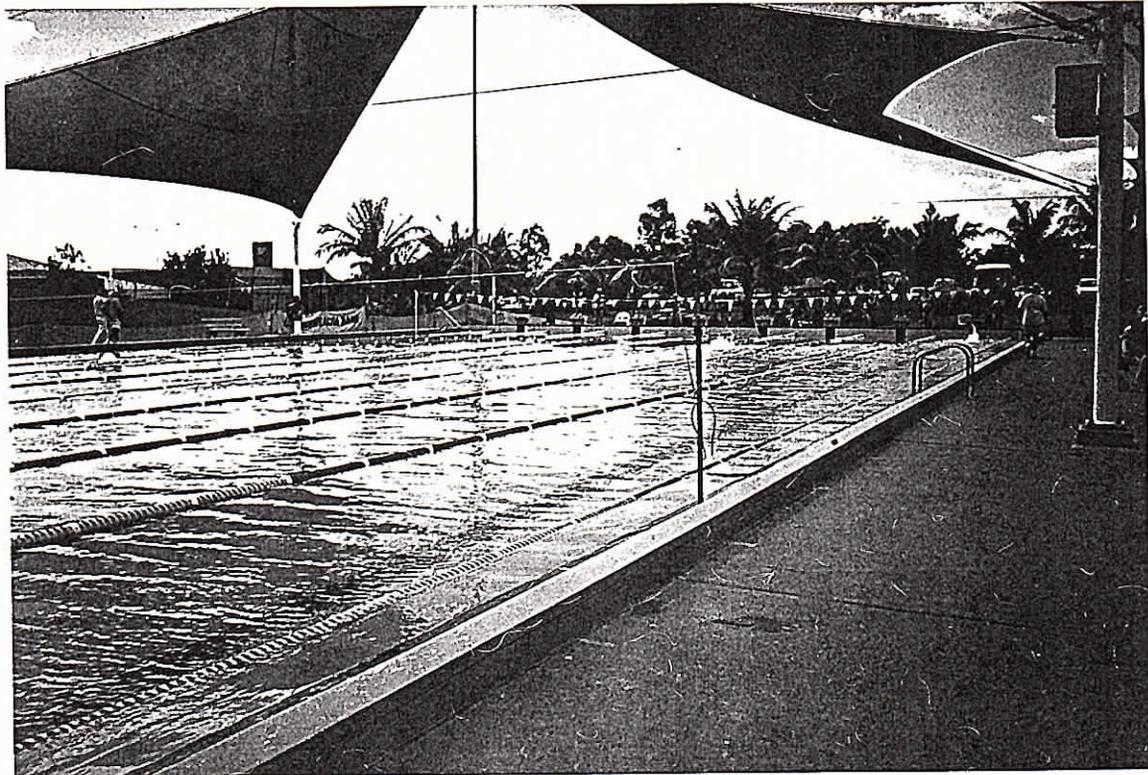


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WORLD

MEN 85-89yrs

Frank Griffiths	QGS	200m Backstroke	4:56.29
		200m I/Medley	4:40.15
		200m Butterfly	5:24.28
		100m Butterfly	2:37.20
		100m Butterfly	2:33.63
		50m Freestyle	41.53

MEN 60-64yrs

Dieter Loeliger	SAM	200m Breaststroke	3:06.65
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NATIONAL

WOMEN 45-49yrs

Jen Thomasson	QSM	200m Freestyle	2:39.39
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WOMEN 50-54yrs

Pam Fletcher	NCH	400m I/Medley	6:56.49
Gerda Williams	QCN	200m Breaststroke	3:26.89
		200m Backstroke	3:07.15
		200m I/Medley	3:08.39

WOMEN 55-59yrs

Pam Hutchings	NET	100m Freestyle	1:15.48
		50m Freestyle	33.52

WOMEN 65-69yrs

Liz Wallis	NML	800m Freestyle	13:54.10
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WOMEN 75-79yrs

Mary Garton	NHL	50m Butterfly	1:27.39
		200m I/Medley	6:10.28

WOMEN 280+

Lilian Johnson	NML	4x50m Freestyle	
Liz Wallis		Relay	3:26.09
Eileen Price			
Zena Lasserre			

NATIONAL

MEN 35-39yrs

Jobst Schmalenbach	VPP	200m Breaststroke	2:43.59
		100m Breaststroke	1:13.67

MEN 40-44yrs

Greg Bush	CDW	800m Freestyle	10:02.97
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MEN 60-64yrs

Dieter Loeliger	SAM	50m Breaststroke	39.72
		100m Breaststroke	1:27.97
		200m Breaststroke	3:06.65
		200m I/Medley	2:58.96
		400m I/Medley	6:26.54

MEN 85-89yrs

Frank Griffiths	QGS	200m Backstroke	4:56.29
		100m Butterfly	2:37.20
		100m Butterfly	2:33.63
		200m Butterfly	5:54.28
		200m I/Medley	4:40.15
		50m Freestyle	41.53

PERPETUAL TROPHIES AND OTHER AWARDS

FOUNDER'S CUP

DARWIN STINGERS

ST LEONARDS TRAVEL TROPHY
(for the top visiting Club)

POWER POINTS

RUNNER'S UP TROPHY

POWER POINTS

NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION TROPHY

RICK BARNES

SWIMMERS OF THE MEET

GERDA WILLIAMS
FRANK GRIFFITHS

RELAY SHIELDS

80+ Years

ADELAIDE/POWER POINTS

120+ Years

POWER POINTS

200+ Years

DARWIN STINGERS

240+ Years

NORTH LODGE

280+ Years

MANLY

10 - 5 - 93.

I'm writing to say "congratulations" on your running of the National Swim.

I know, very well, what's involved in the "before-during-and-after" of such an event and you all did a great job.

Every big event has its problems and Darwin was no exception, but a good team proves its merit by working through any such problems.

People came away from "the Territory" having enjoyed being a part of the occasion - and that's what's important.

Sue Johnstone
Cronulla-Sutherland
AUSSI. (N.S.W.)

Rich please pass onto your Committee
and do accept, my congratulations
and thanks for a Wonderful
Championship and a beautiful
and thoughtful gift.
8/300 Canaan Dr
NICHOLAS 0810
10/5/93

Five Label



AUSI MASTERS SWIMMING

IN AUSTRALIA (INC.)

NATIONAL OFFICE
P.O. Box 207
COWANDILLA S.A. 5033
Telephone (08) 344 1217
Facsimile (08) 269 7150

14 May 1993

Mr R Barnes
Meet Director
18th AUSI NATIONAL SWIM
40 Copeland Crescent
NAKARA NT 0810

Dear Rick

Please accept for yourself and pass on to everyone in your organising committee, my own personal congratulations, and from the discussions I had with other Board Members at the Swim - the Board's thanks, for the conduct of a truly marvellous National Swim.

I was particularly impressed with the way in which each member of your team assumed ownership of their area of responsibilities and made appropriate decisions to accommodate reasonable requests from the swimmers. Everyone had obviously paid a lot of attention to detail prior to the event. It's those little things that synergise into the big hearted Meet that it was.

Well done!

Regards

IVAN WINGATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

NORTH SYDNEY AUSSI
PO BOX 628
MILSONS POINT
NSW 2061
25 th May 1993

THE CHAIRMAN
DARWIN '93 ORGANISING COMMITTEE
PO BOX 41305
CASAUINA NT 0811

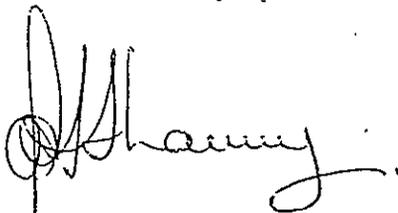
Dear Sir

Ten Members of NORTH SYDNEY AUSSI SWIMMING CLUB have just returned from the Top End after a very pleasant two week stay.

On behalf of our team I would like to thank the Committee and all their helpers for, what we consider to have been , a very good, happy and well run National Swim. We found our hosts very friendly and helpful throughout the week and look forward to the next "DARWIN NATIONALS".

We completed our stay in the Top End with an eight day camping safari to Kakadu and Katherine with ODYSSEY SAFERIS as our guides, this was fantastic and I think we all agreed , a really great holiday.

Thanks again.
Yours faithfully.



MARTIN SHANNY

PRESIDENT NORTH SYDNEY AUSSI

PS. Please advise on the progress of the Official Results
My FAX. number is 02 955 5774.



ATLANT S A JSS

Masters Swimming Club Inc.

P.O. BOX 207
COWANDILLA, S.A. 5033
TELEPHONE: (08) 344 1217

26 May 1993

Mr R Barnes
Chairman
Organising Committee 18th AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM
40 Copeland Crescent
NAKARA NT 0810

Dear Ron

18th AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM

On behalf of Atlantis AUSSI, SA Branch I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your organising committee for a job well done.

We had 11 Club Members who participated in Darwin and all are very appreciative of your efforts.

We hope to see some of your Members at the 19th National Swim in Adelaide next year.

Great Swim Meet!

Regards

Sue
f - JEFF de KONING
PRESIDENT



Osborne Park AUSSI Masters
Swimming Club
Incorporated

Mrs M Morris
455 Light Street
DIANELLA WA 6062

26 May 1993

Ms Joan Curtin
Chairperson
Program Committee
Darwin '93 Organising Committee
PO Box 41305
DARWIN NT 0811

Dear Ms Curtin

Nine members of this swimming club travelled to Darwin to attend the 18th National Championships.

I am writing to express our appreciation for the work of your committee in making the occasion so successful and enjoyable. It was particularly thoughtful of you to provide poolside refreshments!

Congratulations to all concerned and best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Morris

Margaret Morris
SECRETARY

OFFICE OF SPORT, RECREATION & ETHNIC AFFAIRS



File:

Ref:

26 May 1993

Mr Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
Swim to the Top, Darwin 1993
PO Box 41305
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Mr Barnes

**RE : "SWIM TO THE TOP" - DARWIN '93 - 18TH AUSSI MASTERS
NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 May 1993. It is encouraging to know that the Northern Territory Government's efforts, through the Office of Sport, Recreation and Ethnic Affairs, are recognised.

Thank you for providing an autographed copy of 'Mastering Swimming'.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Robin Flannery', written in dark ink.

ROBIN FLANNERY
Chief Executive Officer

GPO Box 1448
DARWIN NT 0801
Tel: (089) 82 2311
Fax: (089) 81 5169

ALICE SPRINGS
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KATHERINE REGION
PMB 73
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DARWIN NT 0801
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Fax: (089) 89 5482



P. O. BOX 175, HAWKSBURN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, 3142.
AFFILIATED WITH AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA.

28 May 1993

Mr Rick Barnes
Meet Director
Darwin '93 Swim Committee
40 Copeland Crescent
NAKARA NORTHERN TERRITORY 0810

Dear Rick,

Now that we have been back to the real world for a few weeks, I thought it appropriate to officially congratulate and thank you, and your committee, for your efforts in running the 1993 National Swim.

Since joining AUSSI in October 1985, I have attended every National swim, not to mention numerous World Swims and Australian Masters Games. In my mind, your swim was the most efficient, yet relaxed Nationals I have attended. No doubt you experienced some behind the scenes problems, but this was unseen from the swimmer's perspective.

From a club viewpoint, a good time was had by one and all, and I mean all. Thus it is appropriate to single out your Social Committee for special commendation. The warm (no pun intended), friendly welcome and hospitality extended to each participant added greatly to the event.

Once again, congratulations to you and your team on a job well done.

Yours sincerely,

John Iossifidis
President



ETTALONG PELICANS

Adult Swimming Club

54 Neera Road
UMINA BEACH NSW 2257

Telephone 043 422510

Darwin 1993 Organising Committee
P.O. Box 41305
Casuarina NT 0811

Dear *committee members,*

On behalf of the members of the Ettalong Pelicans AUSSI Club, and particularly the fourteen of us who were fortunate enough to be there, I would like to express our appreciation for the manner in which your recent National meet was conducted.

We are regular attenders at most National swim meets, and those of us who made the trip to Darwin voted it right up there with the best of them.

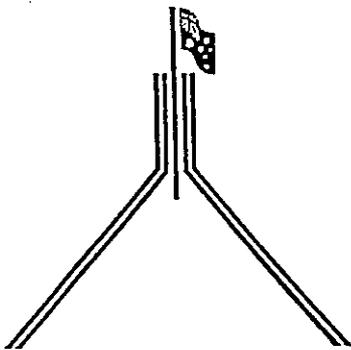
The venue was superb and the organisation first class. Special mention here to the "Salties" for a great marshalling job!

All in all it was an unforgettable experience. Thank you to all concerned.

With kind regards

Russell Riepot

Hon Secretary
31 May 1993



**AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING A.C.T. BRANCH
(INCORPORATED)**

P.O. Box 335
Jamison Centre ACT 2614

Helen Murphy
NT AUSSI Branch
P.O. Box 747
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Helen,

NATIONAL SWIM 1993

The ACT Branch wishes to thank the NT Branch for hosting the 1993 National Swim in Darwin. Casuarina pool and Lake Alexander were ideal locations for the swimming events, adding to the relaxed yet efficient running of the National Swim.

The ACT AUSSI swimmers who participated enjoyed themselves at the swimming and non-swimming events, as well as experiencing the Territory.

Yours in swimming

Tanya Colyer
ACT Branch Secretary
4 July 1993



L.R. Bullen
1/9 Lauderdale Ave
Fairlight NSW 2094
Tel: 948-1993

^{for} Helen Murphy.
Secretary AUSSI NT Branch

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your thought & consideration
in sending me my "wayward" towel, which
I received last weekend. Our Secretary took a
"little" time to bring the interesting parcel to the meeting.
This gives me another opportunity to

Congratulate all your team for a successful
well managed Carnival. The atmosphere was
was a happy one. Nice & friendly. We all
enjoyed ourselves. Had a most interesting
bus tour down to Ayers Rock. as an older I
might be permitted to use the old name. Just came
past here in 1942.

As remember we swam on Sunday
mornings at 8:15 AM at Carlsbad Pool, 25m x
located at Killarney - should any NT team
be an Swaney & have time available.
Thanks again Les Bullen

SAMPLE LETTER OF ACKWOLEDGEMENT TO VOLUNTEERS

Dear 1~,

**"SWIM TO THE TOP" - DARWIN '93
18th AUSSI Masters National Swim and Club Championships.**

On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Inc.) and the Organising Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your support and efforts in assisting with the staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th. to 8th; 1993.

I, and my Committee feel sure that the swim would not have been the success that it was without the support and assistance of the many volunteers, such as yourself.

Yours in Swimming,

**Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee**

Ms Sue Elsdon,
Zedar Australia Pty. Ltd.,
21 Jacobsen Crescent,
Holden Hill, S.A. 5088

Dear Sue,

" SWIM TO THE TOP " - DARWIN '93
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On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee, thank you for your generous support for our staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th to 8th, 1993.

Attached please find a copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, together with a commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support, without which the Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
26 May, 1993

The Manager,
LION NATHAN N.T.,
(formerly National Brewing N.T.),
College Road,
Berimah, N.T. 0801

Dear Sir,

**TOOHEYS BLUE " SWIM TO THE TOP " - DARWIN '93
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On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee, I wish to thank you for your assistance and support for our staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th to 8th, 1993.

Please accept the attached Commemorative cloth badge and copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, as a small token of our appreciation.

I feel sure that without your assistance and support the Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
26 May, 1993

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor,
Mr George Brown,
Darwin City Council,
Civic Centre,
G.P.O. Box 84,
Darwin, NT 0801

Dear Mr Brown,

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Attached please find a copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, together with a commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support, without which the Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
24 May, 1993

Dr Neil Conn,
Under Treasurer,
Department of the Treasury,
G.P.O. Box 1974,
Darwin, NT 0801

Dear Dr Conn,

" SWIM TO THE TOP " - DARWIN '93
18th AUSSI Masters National Swim and Club Championships.

On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee, thank you for your generous support for our staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th to 8th, 1993, through the assistance provided by the officers of NCOM and the loan of computer equipment.

Attached please find a copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, together with a commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support, without which the Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee

J.P. May, 1993

Mr. John Smythe,
Director,
N.T. Open College of T.A.F.E.,
L.B.1,
Casuarina, N.T. 0811

Dear Mr. Smythe,

On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee for the 18th AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships, I offer our thanks and appreciation for making it possible for your Mr. John Gilmore to be available to our organisation over the period of our National Swim, ie. 4th to 8th May 1993, to operate the automatic timing equipment without which we feel sure that the Swim would not have run as smoothly, and been as successful for all those who took part.

We publicly acknowledged John's contribution to the success of the Swim to all competitors prior to the last session, and they joined with us to say 'thank you' as well.

Attached please find a copy of the Official Programme of Events and Competitors together with a Commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes,
Chairman, Organising Committee.

17/5/93

Director,
Northern Territory Emergency Service,
Berrimah Police Centre,
Berrimah, N.T. 0828

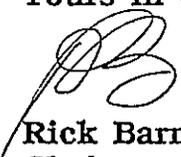
Dear Sir,

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On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee, thank you for your support for our staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th to 8th, 1993, by arranging for your volunteer unit at Palmerston to assist with the water safety and control of competitors during our five (5) kilometre swim in Lake Alexander on Saturday 8th May 1993.

Attached please find a copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, together with a commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support. The Swim would not have been the success that it was without the assistance of the Volunteers.

Yours in Swimming,


Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
27 May, 1993

Mr Ian Mitchell,
Managing Director,
Tourist Commission - NT.,
G.P.O. Box 1155,
Darwin, N.T. 0801

Dear Mr Mitchell,

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On behalf of the Northern Territory Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. and the Organising Committee, I wish to thank you for your assistance and support for our staging of the AUSSI National Swim in Darwin from May 4th to 8th, 1993.

Please accept the attached Commemorative cloth badge and copy of the Official Programme of Events and Competitors, as a small token of our appreciation of the Commission's support and assistance with the marketing of the Championships.

The use of the Commission's facilities for the our promotion at the 17th National Swim in Melbourne in March 1992 as a lead up to these Championships, together with the availability of the Shells for the brochures and registraion forms and the Tourist bag for each competitor, all went a long way to help make the Swim a success.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
3 June, 1993

Chief Executive Officer,
Office Of Sport, Recreation & Ethnic Affairs,
G.P.O. Box 1448,
Darwin, NT 0801

Dear Sir,

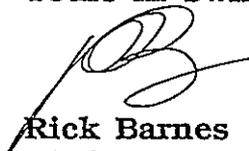
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Attached please find a copy of the official Programme of Events and Competitors, together with a commemorative cloth badge in acknowledgment of your support, without which the Swim would not have been the success that it was.

Also please find an Autographed copy of our publication 'Mastering Swimming' for inclusion in your Resource Centre Library in recognition of your past and hopefully, continued support for Masters Swimming.

Yours in Swimming,



Rick Barnes
Chairman, Organising Committee
24 May, 1993

1.00 pm Wednesday
17th

18th AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE
27TH FEBRUARY 1993

PRESENT : CLAIRE HUDSON ; FINANCE&MARKETING
ROB PILE; TECHNICAL
RON THORPE; TECHNICAL
JOAN CURTAIN; PROGRAMME
LEE WALLING; MARKETING
HELEN CONSTANTINE; SOCIAL

JULIE LILLIS; DARWIN CITY COUNCIL RECREATION OFFICER

APOLOGIES : DIEDRE EDWARDS ; FINANCE
PETER MC.KINNON; POOL COORDINATION

Meeting opened 4.00pm.

ring!!

Welcome extended to Julie Lillis from the City Council. Invitation to attend following our requests to Council for financial relief from pool hire charges and councils reply that not possible but able to look at other areas for assistance.

General discussion on our rights in relation to catering at pool and other issues.

need to talk to Paul.

Generally need to work in with pool Manager on provision of food, etc not generally provided by the Manager. No problems in the past with other major events.

Infrastructure put in place for Arafura may be left in place for our use ie. 3 units of transportable seating (approx 200 seats in each.)

Able to erect Telecom Marquee' at direction of Manager re location of services.

Use of Lake infrastructure needs to be coordinated with Triathlon Club (Tony Bevan). Need to advise Council night before re time for start etc. so Rangers are aware. Removal of boom (& replacement) may be carried out night before. Council intend to dredge section of Lake where shallow section inhibits swimming in middle section. expect carried out prior Arafura. Tri Club coordinating meeting with Council on exact location.

following meeting with Tri Club.

Suggested letter to Council P.R.O. (Wendy Kirke) re use of Council Logo on Cloth Badge (may sponsor/doanate cost of production), Advert in programme or event sponsor. Reception by Mayor could be requested?

After Julie left meeting resumed with minutes of previous meeting.

Minutes read with no amendments.

BUSINESS ARISING: refer minutes and cover under committee headings.

Inward Mail: Manly AUSSI - relay run in age groups for atmosphere. (16/2)

Henry and Walker Group - ack. sponsorship request. (17/2)

Gullivers Sports Travel - Advert in programme.

Outward Mail:

Telecom (Penny Eavis) - sponsorship (4/2)

Australia Post (Alan Napier) - sponsorship (9/2)

9 no. Travel/Rent-a-Car details - expressions of interest returns.

Press Release ?

N.T.A.S.A. (23/2) Branch affiliation.

Austral Steel (24/2) - invoice for sponsorship offer.

N.E.D. (26/2) - fax re Manly's letter; Rules; Rego updates.

TECHNICAL:

Letters :- Refer to

Draft letters prepared to invite officials to assist. Letterhead made available to send off. (Michele, Ivan, Gwen, Clubs - Amateur/Aussi.)

Rick to arrange a copy of rules update. follow-up to N.E.D.

Michele to bring/send to Rob - Stop watches = Officials

*From High:-
WED
set time*

*NTASA meeting - Jonh Dove was to attend today's meeting.

Officials :-

Letter to attending Clubs re help with Timekeeping and the like! *

MARKETING:

Club - stop watches.

lane allocation and marsh

Esky raffle (Value \$800) - 1st Prize, Early Bird, 2nd Prize. Rick to work up the tickets from Claire's words.

? how then should

Event sponsorship moving along. 14no. to date with 7 full page and 6 half page adverts.

Poster to be followed up with Cheryl by Rick.

Finance:

Printing - no help available from NT open College. Go with Commercial quote?

OK + fuel

Hope to finish off Official

*no caps
(Speedo??)*

Zedar to be followed up by Ivan. Committee T-shirt discussed with A & M. colour selected

Sport and Rec. to be followed up re \$2500 through NTASA.

Existing Medals to be taken into account - relays / open water swim?

Engraving being pursued with A & M.

Banner?

PROGRAMME:

Input into computer continues.

deadline of 22nd March being maintained at this stage.

Swim cap for long swim being followed up. Arafura may offer avenue to pursue.

Refer Marketing report on event sponsors.

Arafura long swim to be followed up with Tri Club.

SOCIAL:

Kiwanis being quized re help with Dinner/ Bar?
Sale of our beer to them for resale an option.

Every one to be coopted to decorate hall. Ideas welcome!

Proticol to be reviewed. Sports Minister and other on list?

Review venue for Dinner if Numbers warrant it? Economical to Caterer.

POOL CO-ORDINATION:

Paul Gibson ??
~~Peter~~ McKinnon, Marie Porta, Ron Hosking, Terry Hewitt, Pauline Hollier.

Meeting of Committee a priority. Attend next meeting?

GENERAL BUSINESS: carry over from previous minutes.

Next Meeting - 7.00pm Friday 12th March 1993, Cas. Clubhouse.
(change to allow others to attend)

18th AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE
13Th February 1993

PRESENT:

PATRICK BARLEY :- PROMOTIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE
CLAIRE HUDSON :- FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROB PILE :- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PART ONLY)
RON THORPE :- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
SALLY THOMAS :- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (part only)
HELEN MURPHY :- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
JOAN CURTAIN :- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
RICK BARNES :- CHAIRMAN / MARKETING COMMITTEE

APOLOGIES:

DIEDRE EDWARDS :- FINANCE COMMITTEE
LEE WALLING :- MARKETING COMMITTEE
HELEN CONSTANTINE :- SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting opened at 4.10 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting read.

Omissions from minutes were;

General Business;

action by Claire on promotional T/Shirts. CLAIRE
action on banner be held over. CLAIRE

Incoming Mail:

HENRY AND WALKER GROUP - SPONSORSHIP

Outwards mail:

- TO ALL RESPONDENTS WHO SAID NO TO INITIAL SPONSORSHIP APPROACH - MAY WISH TO ADVERTISE IN PUBLICATIONS.
- OUTSTANDING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RETURNS.
- N.T.Brewing re sponsorship, action to date etc.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Noted Technical committee held meeting 3.00 pm.today. ACTION
discussion on invite to Michele Schoefield to be Chief referee; ROB
Ivan Wingate as Assist. Ref.
Invite to Gwen gable to be on Technical Committee. ROB
Get copy of Rules Update for committee RICK

Arrange meeting with NTASA. (John Dove) ROB
- stop watches from Clubs?
- Recording / operators.

Letters yet to be sent to all attending Clubs - advice of
technical qualifications of those attending the Championships
and to seek their assistance. ie Referees, timekeepers, etc. ROB

Committee to meet after Sunday sessions.
Discussions on who to approach as pool announcer
eg. Peter Adamson, Dave Fidler, Ineke Nankervis, Peter Fanning.

MARKETING/SPONSORSHIP ACTION

Follow-up of National Brewing NT. sent (copy to Pat) Rick

Follow-up of maker of Esky outstanding - ready to be
picked up. Claire

Permits for Lotteries/raffles. (see Finance report) Claire

Report from Club that Jill Byrnes is coordinating list
of sponsors approached and replies, avoids doubling up.
(see Club newsletter for details of Business houses being
approached.) ALL

Follow-up of Kevin Ryan's advice of WESTPAC's sponsorship Claire

Pre-Nationals Time trials 20/21 February promotion, Patrick
suggest fax the Media as priority.

National Swim poster design by Cheryl Moore, accepted to
proceed Rick/Cheryl

Territory Rent-a-Car letter to Patrick RICK

Suggested businesses to be approached for sponsorship
included on Jill's list. Some have already been approached.
ie.

Henry and Walker Group Limited; Karen Murray 471400
Pauls NT Pty Ltd. - Q.U.F. Distributors (COKE) 819422
Mobil Oil - Ian Cuthbert 815199 (Russell Adams)
HONDA MASTERS GAMES - John Dermody
MMI Insurance Group - Bill Roy 816644
TIO
Telecom
Australia post

Offer of help from Jannie Thompson.

FINANCE

ACTION

Budget.

banked \$602 since last meeting, balance est. \$6000.

Printing Quotes: Image Offset cheapest -\$3/3500
for 300 programs of 60 pages.

Claire/Bags

alternative - ask Peter McKinnon what assistance
available from NT Open College. NTU?

Marketing and Finance working together to ensure targets
are met.

Claire/Patrick

Zedar letter for Claire outstanding

Rick

Contacted Ivan (N.E.D.) re medals - indicates costs higher
than budgeted for aggregates; ribbons, replicas-nil.
certificates-o/k.

To meet with A & M Trophies next week re: ribbons, t-shirts,
engraving service, officials shirts, trophies (Deidre has offered!),
long distance medals.

Sport & Rec's \$2500 expected from NTASA next week.

Eskey ex ProAir - Deane Gilbert - to be picked up Monday pm.
Valued at \$500 may require : event, advt, static promotion.
capacity 15 cartons?, see some problems with raffle.

Club raffles organised - tickets on sale from Sunday.

NTASA. need to affiliate or purchase insurance.
Branch should affiliate. (\$250.)

RON HOSKING

ZEDAR money not to hand, advice from Ivan , he will follow up.

Event sponsorship received: Westpac, Bridge Autos,
Intergroup Travel, Anti Cancer, Expresso Bar,
Asthma Foundation, La Vela, Gullivers Sports Travel,
Beach Bums, Honda Masters Games, K.G.Young?

All money and copy for advts. need to be in by March 5th?

Banner - Marketing?

PROGRAM	ACTION
List of Club names used for mailout checked. nine clubs from NSW had incorrect addresses, Registration form resent.	Joan
NCOM has provided new computer on loan for duration as well as a printer, advises laser printer to be provided some time in March to meet our print schedule.	Joan
Program target deadline 22nd.March. Input of entries to date completed.	
Follow up on cost of providing swim cap for long swim with Esjays	JOAN
Meet with Jammie Marscke re Long Swim (Arafura)	JOAN
SOCIAL	ACTION
Apologies noted.	
Wine distributors to be canvassed. Suggestion that Tim Seats P/1 be approached.	Claire
Committee met Tuesday night.(2nd FEB)	
Suggestion for presentation dinner of Fashion Parade of old Swimwear styles supported. ZEDAR and SPEEDO approached.	Margie
GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
Swimmeet guide - review by committees not available	ALL
Protocol on Official guests etc.to be followed.	
ie. Opening Ceremony; Presentation Dinner. :	
Timechart summary of activities still to be completed from each committee outstanding.	ALL
Suggestion that Committee/Club members wear promotional t/Shirts - idea supported.	CLAIRE
Discuss with John Dove NTASA's concerns re use of equipment etc. eg. Insurance. (National Insurance covers only personal injury). Licence to use OMEGA program. Meeting still to be arranged.	Rob/Rick/Joan/Claire
Rick to ask John if he would attend next Committee meet.	RICK

ARAFURA Games - organising long swim (Thursday 29 April) - PROGRAM
(Stuart Gibson).

Review proposal for NEWS supplement.

Proposal for Championship Banner as support for sponsors,
any action held over until March.

DISCUSSION

National AGM - opportunity for committee to meet Board,
suggestion for the Saturday evening (1st.MAY) with Club
members.

ALL

Raffles during swim; (Early Bird Prize?)
Meeting closed 1745.

Next meeting Saturday 27th February 1993 at 4pm.

18th AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE
30TH JANUARY 1993

PRESENT:

PATRICK BARLEY :- PROMOTIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE
CLAIRE HUDSON :- FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARGIE SADDLER :- SOCIAL COMMITTEE
STEVE SADDLER :- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
HELEN MURPHY :- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
JOAN CURTAIN :- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
RICK BARNES :- CHAIRMAN / MARKETING COMMITTEE
ROB PILE :- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PART ONLY)

APOLOGIES:

SALLY THOMAS :- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
DIEDRE EDWARDS :- FINANCE COMMITTEE
LEE WALLING :- MARKETING COMMITTEE
HELEN CONSTANTINE :- SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting opened at 10.00 M.

Minutes of previous meeting read. Noted omissions from minutes were; apologies:

Margie Saddler, Helen Constantine,
Diedre Edwards, Lee Walling.

Correction to Finance report - age group trophy should be 320 + Relay.

Incoming Mail: St. John Ambulance
Royal Lifesaving
AUSSI NSW - re mailouts, clubs missed
Darwin City Council (Julie Lillis)
Territory Rent-a-Car

Outwards mail:

Order of business suspended to quickly discuss matters affecting TECHNICAL committee.

Rob Pile accepted position as Meet Director for duration of Swim (as considered more appropriate for some one on Technical Committee be responsible for technical adjudication etc.

Letters yet to be sent to all attending Clubs for advice as to the technical qualifications of those attending the Championships with

a view to seek their assistance.ie Referees etc. Rob
Rob Pile sought leave to depart due to other engagements.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

MARKETING/SPONSORSHIP

ACTION

Follow-up of National Brewing NT. outstanding Rick
Follow-up of maker of Esky outstanding Claire
Permits for Lotteries/raffles requires Club constitution to be completed and lodged or make use of Branch constitution. Claire
Report from Club that Jill Byrnes will coordinate list of approaches to potential sponsors to avoid doubling up (see Club newsletter for details of Business houses being approached.)
Follow-up required of Kevin Ryans advice of WESTPAC's offer of sponsorship Claire
Pre-Nationals Time trials 20/21 February needs promoting in Suburban newspapers etc. Patrick
Meeting arranged for friday lunchtime ground floor Harbour View
View CLAIRE/RICK/PATRICK/LEE
National Swim posters being designed by Cheryl Moore, will require logos etc. (Fax 812558, phone 811691 a/h.) Rick
Suggested businesses to be approached for sponsorship.
Proposal is to phone and follow-up with letter.
Lee/Irene

Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd. John Briers 813180/812659
Tipperary Developments (NT) Pty Ltd.
Henry and Walker Group Limited; Peter Poole 471400
Pauls NT Pty Ltd. - Q.U.F.Distributors (COKE) 819422
Rowlands / Fitzgeralds
Cadbury Schweppes - C & R Distributors 843211
Mobil Oil - Ian Cuthbert 815199 (Russell Adams)
Shell
Berry Spring Mineral Water - H2O
Evian Mineral Water - C & R Distr.843211
Exceed - Greg Bush / GEMINEX (Geoff Sargent)
HONDA MASTERS GAMES - John Dermody
MMI Insurance Group - Bill Roy 816644
TIO
QBE

Telecom
Australia post
Buslink/ Hannons
Juturna Natural Spring Water - 470846 (po.box 2 palmerston 0831)

FINANCE

ACTION

Budget read.

Printing quotes to be followed up Claire/Bags

Marketing and Finance to work together to ensure targets are met.

Copy of letter to Zedar for Claire Rick

PROGRAM

List of Club names used for mailout to be checked to determine those missed ,if any. Joan

NCOM to be followed up for advice if will provide new computer on loan for duration as well as reliable printer/s (dot matrix/laser) Joan

SOCIAL

Apologies noted. Availability of drinks ie.wines and beer. TOOHEYS product will be available for sale, need to canvass wine distributors for possible support. Suggestion that Tim Seats P/l be approached. Claire

Committee will be meeting this Tuesday night.(2nd FEB)

Suggestion for presentation dinner of Fashion Parade of old Swimwear styles supported. Margie

GENERAL BUSINESS

Swimmeet guide - review by committees not available ALL

Activities timechart summary of activities still to be completed from each committee outstanding. ALL

New Business:

Suggestion that Committee/Club members wear promotional t/Shirts - questioned when would swim shirts be available. Discussion on alternatives as idea supported. DISCUSSION

Inclusion of profiles of Board Members/Committee in program with photo?

DISCUSSION

Discussion with John Dove re NTASA's concerns re use of equipment etc. eg. Insurance - check with Ivan if

National Insurance covers?

Licence to use OMEGA program.

meeting to be arranged with NTASA Exec. Rick/Joan/Claire
ARAFURA Games approached Chairman re organising a long swim on their behalf (Thursday 29 April) - general discussion. PROGRAM (Stuart Gibson).

Claire requested a review of proposal for NEWS supplement. Also proposal for Championship Banner - discussion centred around support for sponsors through use of banner as well as raising awareness of event locally, compromise that action be held over until March.

DISCUSSION

National AGM - opportunity for committee to meet Board, suggestion for the Saturday evening (1st.MAY) with Club members.

Meeting closed 12 Noon.

Next meeting Saturday 13th February 1993 4pm. (to cater for those unable to attend in the AM.)

18TH AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE
16 JANUARY 1993

PRESENT: JOAN CURTAIN : PROGRAM COMMITTEE
HELEN MURPHY : PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MARION SHAW : TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
CLAIRE HUDSON: FINANCE COMMITTEE
RICK BARNES : CHAIRMAN / MARKETING COMMITTEE

Meeting opened at 10.00 am.

Minutes of previous meeting read.

Incoming Mail: Bill Tinapple - resignation as Co-ordinator of
Marketing Committee
Surf Lifesaving NT. - reply re water safety
5km.swim and safety demonstration at Opening.
Arnhem Salties - Fundraising etc.
Lord Mayor's office - acknowledgment of
correspondence, Town Clerk to respond.

Outward mail: Royal Lifesaving Society NT.
Surf Lifesaving NT.
ST. John Ambulance
Zedar
Gulliver's Sports Travel
Lord Mayor
Australian Airlines
Under Treasurer(NCOM)
N.T.A.S.A.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Marketing/Sponsorship

Rick to follow up NT.Brewing re update of our current position with
organisation etc.

Claire to follow up making of the Esky organised by Kevin Ryan for
use as lottery prize "esky full of beer"?

Early Bird prizes received and handed to Claire. Thirty-three (33)
entries received and included in draw. Each entry was allocated a
number as part of the registration process. Only Chairman aware of
who numbers allocated. Claire organised draw and number Thirty-
one was the winner. Number allocated to Ron Thorpe (CDW). Ron
donated prize back to the Committee to raffle during the
Championships.(ie. there is to be no redraw from the early bird

entries.)

Permits : raffles/beer sales etc. to be followed up. Social Committee and Claire have in hand. Constitution of Club still to be lodged. (Branch Constitution is an alternative.)

Finance

Revised Budget was tabled at the mid-year Board Meeting taking into account queries from Melbourne.

Adjustments required to Budget - Relay Certificates (available N.E.D.)

- Welcome Function (in Swim Budget?)

- Sales Tax - medals?

- printing?

Claire advise concession not available to Committee.

Approximately \$3000 received form Early Bird entries.

Letter from "SALTIES" sees difficulties in raising their portion of sponsorship/fundraising allocation.

T-Shirts on line, contact with A & M made, to be followed up with numbers.

Medals - From National office - to be paid out of Budget.

Promotional banner to be followed up.

Relay (360 +) Trophy not to be overlooked.

Technical

general discussion on functions of committee

Suggestion that a letter be sent to all visiting Club Secretaries requesting notification of qualified officials amongst their competing members and/or those who are prepared to officiate at the championships and/or assist with timekeeping.

Proposal that Alice Springs be responsible for timekeeping ie. seeing that duty Club/Branch has representatives in place at all times.

Similarly Nhulunbuy to be responsible for marshalling ie. to see that swimmers report to the marshalling area in sufficient time so as not to delay the program, also to see that the nominated swimmer is in fact in the correct lane behind the blocks prior to the start.

Letters to be sent to individuals locally who have indicated a willingness to assist in a technical capacity. Names to be provided to committee. (Rob, Ron, Sally, Marion.)

Rick made the suggestion that Rob Pile be asked to take on the role of Meet Director as it is more a technical role than administrative during the Championships. with Chief Referee being either Michele Schoefield or Gwen Gable with the other assisting.

Note that an official request has been sent to the N.T.A.S.A. for assistance ,in particular use of equipment and facilities,as well as other functions such as official and the like through the amateur clubs.

Program

Registrations were posted to all clubs by mid October. additional forms posted to new clubs as advice received of their formation.

Of the thirty three (33) entries received to date these were from:

Victoria	- 10 Power Points, 9 Ringwood Water Rats.
NSW	- 5 Campbelltown.
QLD	- 5 Brisbane Northside, 1 Brisbane Southside.
NT	- 3 Darwin.

Trialed the Swim meet program received through Michelle Schoefield, and forwarded print out samples to N.E.D.

Loaded a copy of the Meetmaster program from Darwin A.S.C. However in attempting to run it an error on the computer occurred.

Letter sent to Under-Treasurer seeks loan of more reliable equipment for the Championships as NTASA's will be tied up with Arafura.

Start to be made on Program format, cover etc.

Social

No report. Rick advised that he attended their last meeting and reported that things were in hand.

Marketing

Committee need assistance due to bill's resignation as coordinator. Pat Barley has been approached to fill in ,needs a follow up. Championship Time Trial next month to double as membership drive, needs to be promoted fully.

Pool Co-ordination

Formation of this committee was discussed at last Club meeting, suggested members to be approached :Ted Walling,Ron Hosking (as Coordinator),Terry Hewett.

General Business

Two additional copies of the National Swim Meet Guide were obtained by Rick from NED. to be reviewed by the committees to ensure that points are not overlooked. Copies to Joan and Marion. Claire and Helen indicated have copies for review.

Committees requested to produce time scale chart of activities to be completed between now and May.

Meeting closed 12 Noon.

Next meeting Saturday 30 January 1993.

18th AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships
Minutes of the Meeting of the Organising Committee
23rd September 1992

PRESENT: Rick Barnes, Joan Curtain, Helen Constantine

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Minutes of Previous meeting read.

Business Arising

Sponsorship:

- Quiz Night - 10 Cartons (prize/sales)

- Disposal of beer donation - lottery out as ^{major} prize

- Travel to and from Cooinda. A letter was sent to Ray Chandler from AAT and we have a verbal okay.

- Permits: follow up

Finance -

amended budget - update

Officials and Technical

- Michelle Schofield visit - evaluation of Omega runthrough

- Letter to be sent to NTASA -

Programme

- Draft for approval of Registration Form

- Logo for T Shirts

- Summary of Sponsors???

Social

- DSC Confirmed?

- Licenses - Follow up with Kevin

- Dinner-Liquor Sales

- Casuarina Tavern - nothing further

Marketing

- Revised letter not yet issued

- Travel Incorporated no reply

- Assistance for Committee

- Advertising etc. Part of letter revision

- ongoing to achieve goals,

General Business (new)

- National Executive discussion of National Swim generally

- Swim Guide to outline minimum standards.

- Omega Swim Meet program - letter to Omega by NTASA re use by AUSSI.

- Fixed levy plus 50/50 split.

- Members Forum during Meet - after Swimming (eg. before happy Hour?)

\$100 Target
\$100 Interrump
* \$100 WSRAD
* \$100 Advt -

- Main program
- ~~Branch comments on "Members Starters Kits" responses from Clubs!~~

Pool Catering - Brief discussion with Pool Manager - gave copies of letters. Said could cater whatever is needed. Should we give him TAS letter re quantities used in Devonport?
YES

Marketing Agents - Appointments in Southern State without Tourist Commission offices - Okay to go. - Advt & Event Sponsorship.

Zedar Sponsorship-offers in return for \$2500

- * Naming rights to Challenge Relay at official opening ceremony
- * Advertising in Programme and on Registration Form -
- * Pool Space - Banner
 - Booth to sell bathers etc (we offer to help to sell for return??)
- * Second Place naming on publications

Sponsorship follow up of phonecalls outstanding?
- additional letter (specials)

Omega Swim Meet programme - Uniysis help needed?
- daily newsheet
- announcements

Alice Springs

- * Promotion
- * Banners
- * Ideas

Lord Mayor Darwin City Council - sponsorship
Pool Hire - followup of letter from Devonport Pool Managers letter dated 12 August 1992
Ask - offer to use Council Logo in Program

Australian Airlines - Follow up

<u>Registration Form</u>	* Welcome Function	\$10
	* Presentation Dinner	\$35
	* T Shirts	\$20
	* Individual Entry	\$35
	* Relay	\$6

T-SHIRT LOGO:

Black on white background

18 AUSSI NATIONAL SWIM
DARWIN '93

DAILY NEWSHEET / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Social Committee will investigate The Daily Bulletin on Tours/Trips available on Board

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

"Swim To The Top"

Darwin 1993

The Nationals News

Day Two - Wednesday May 5

Welcome to Darwin everyone. It is great to have you all here. We hope you have a wonderful few days of competition and socialising.

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You may have thought the sun was getting to you. Seeing double, after only one day of competition. But no, we have twins. Gerda Williams from Cairns Mudcrabs and Jannie Thompson from the Darwin Stingers. And just to confuse us, they are even wearing the same bathers.

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Some of you have had some adventures just getting to Darwin. Driving from the Sunshine Coast was quite an experience in the evenings. Sleeping accomodation at one stop was \$50 a night for a 2 bed ex-shipping container!! At least they painted the containers before putting the beds in!

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Ron (71) and Roy (72) were founding members of the Ringwood Water Rats in 1987. Roy was in Darwin in 1942 and shot down the first Zero. Ron has many war wounds from 1944.

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One of the swimmers from Sunshine Coast named "Smith" booked into one of the posh hotels in Darwin. When someone tried to contact Mr and Mrs. Smith, there were about eighteen guests of the same surname. I suspect a dirty weekend for a few of those couples!

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Congratulations to our Technical Director, Michelle Schofield, who has finally won a Nationals ribbon with her gutsy 400 IM swim yesterday.

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There was a bit of drama on the homefront last night for Paula and Terry Hewett of the Darwin Stingers. Both competed in the 100m Breastroke yesterday. Just before his heat, Terry was overheard saying that it was a foregone conclusion that he would beat Paula over the 100m distance. Not only did Paula beat him, but in doing so, she got a third place!



IMPORTANT STUFF

1. Club representatives - Please confirm your club's address at the Information Booth to ensure that results are forwarded to the correct address.
2. Clubs returning trophies won last year, please leave them at the Information Booth by the close of swimming on Friday.
3. Branches please advise by Friday noon to the Information Booth, who will present your State's/Territory's trophy at the Presentation Dinner.

Beware in the Men's Toilets. The washing troughs and washing basin have been mistaken for urinal troughs. We may have to get some signs for those southerners who are not used to mod-cons!

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Amie and Arnie Soltervech of Powerpoints missed their first race yesterday, the 100m Freestyle. They were suffering from Honeymoon Fatigue Syndrome!

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Adelaide Masters have been able to obtain a group discount at *Intimate Moments* for both males and females. Contact someone from Adelaide Masters for all your group bookings.

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Did you hear about the Irish terrorist who was sent over to London to blow up a bus? He burnt his lips on the exhaust pipe!

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If Jamie Marschke had shaved his legs, his team, the Darwin Stingers, would probably have come first in the Zedar Challenge Relay.

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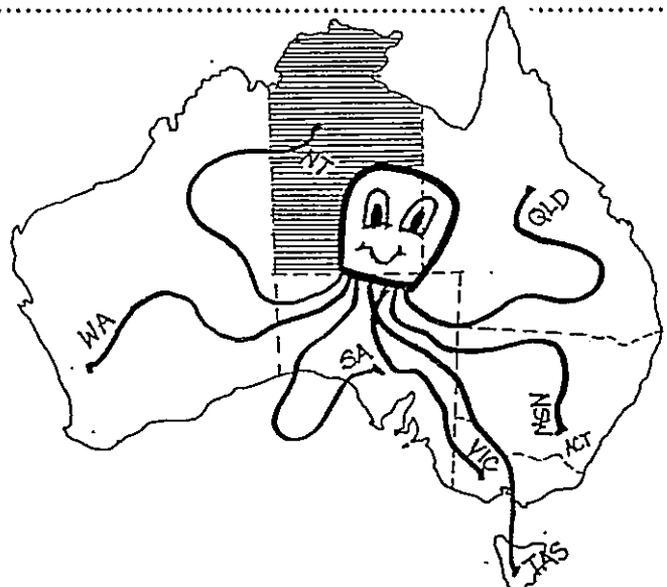
The demonstration by Royal Lifesaving at the pool yesterday must have been taken really seriously - Heidi and Brett were seen practising in depth Mouth to Mouth Rescucitation at Liz's party.

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CONGRATULATIONS to FRANK GRIFFITHS (85) who set a new World Record yesterday in his age group for the 200m Backstroke. And special thanks from me - my first day of timekeeping at a proper swim meet, and a World Record swum in my lane!

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DON'T FORGET THE HENRY WALKER
HAPPY HOUR ON WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AFTER THE
SWIM. TAKE THE TIME TO MINGLE,
MUNCH AND KILL THAT THIRST.



"Swim to The Top"

Darwin 1993

The Nationals News

Day Three - Thursday May 6

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with the timekeeping and lap-counting during the 800m Freestyle yesterday. There were a few lovely incidents during the running of this event.

Frank Tillotson (78) from Holmes Lumber Jax Club in the U.S.A. was swimming in Lane 8. He looked up and saw 9 on the lap counter. When 7 appeared, he called out, "How come it was 9 before?" In Australia we count down, in the U.S.A. they count up!

Geoff Noonan (49) of Arnhem Salties was the most polite of all the 800m F/S swimmers. He looked up and checked his lap count and then called out, "Thankyou"

Ron Hosking from Darwin was the starter for the 800m F/S. He sure put the wind up the swimmers in Heat 7 when he stood them on the blocks and announced that they were about to swim the 1800m F/S!!

And while we're on Heat 7 - Michelle Schofield, swimming in Lane 1 just couldn't help carrying on with her official duties even while she was swimming. After swimming a few laps, she noticed that the electronic time-board wasn't working and she called out to the officials, "Tell Harry the board!" It took everyone a while to catch on to what she meant - they thought she was saying, "Tell Harry I'm bored"! Then just in case the timekeepers had gone to sleep, she called out to let everyone know when she was at the half way mark of her race. Wow Michelle - just imagine how fast you would swim if you didn't waste so much breath talking!

Greg Bush (40), local Darwin triathlete, broke the National Record for his age group with his 800m F/S swim. He looked very relaxed as he emerged from the pool and I jokingly asked him if he was about to leap straight onto his bike. "Yes" he replied, "I've got a 60km ride to do now." Come on Greg, you can take a rest occasionally.

Could it be true that *two* male officials managed to drop their lap counters into the water during Heat 2 of the 800 F/S?

FOR SALE

Townsville Masters

tank tops \$8

T-shirts \$10

Polo shirts \$20

Just look
for the purple
and green
frog.

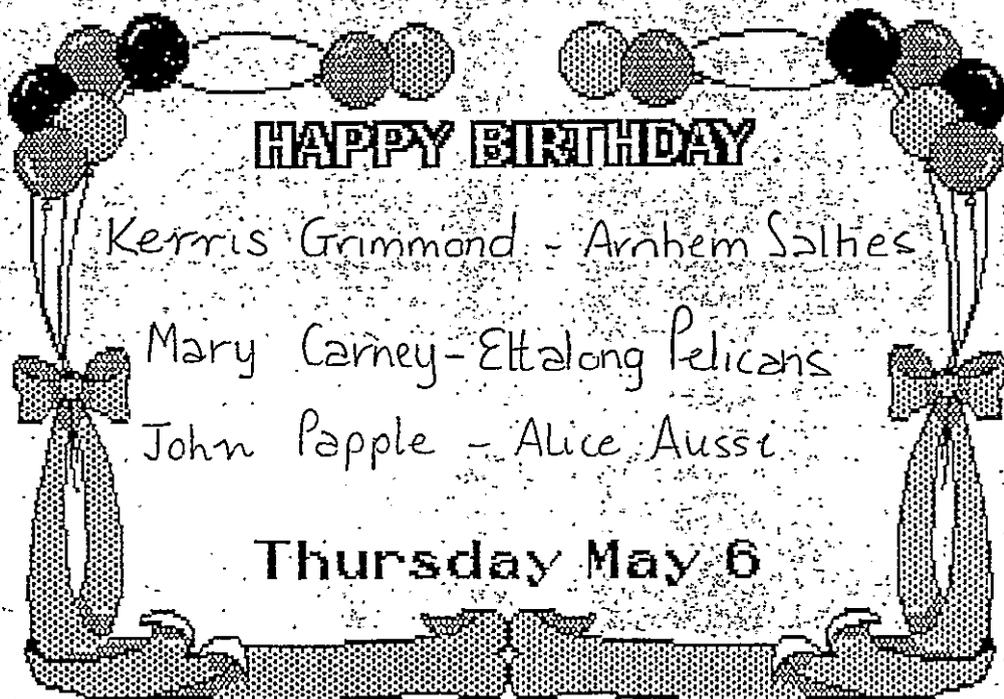
Muriel Cadman from the Ettalong Pelicans arrived in Darwin on Tuesday to compete in the National Swim. She came by ship - had a wonderful trip on the Fairstar, and would have liked to continue the voyage, but her swimming took priority.

And while we're on the Ettalong Pelicans, a couple of female Pelicans had a couple of sherries on Tuesday night and ended up in the hotel pool fully clothed. The water must have sobered them up a little and they decided to go up to their rooms and have a shower - still fully clothed!

There were some incredibly hungry people at the Welcome Function on Tuesday night. The Sailing Club had been warned that swimmers would be very hungry people and it was stressed that although it was not supposed to be a meal, there should be plenty of food available. Well there was plenty of food, but every time a tray came out from the kitchen it was pounced upon by the swarming hoards, so that, unless you had a strong killer instinct, it was impossible to get anywhere near the food! Fortunately, after half an hour or so, these half-starved people settled down. And there ended up being heaps of food left over!

A few ladies from the Darwin Stingers and the Arnhem Salties decided that after the Welcome Function they would drop into Cafe Caz and have a little something sweet. Claire Hudson had her waffles with cream, ice-cream, caramel sauce and strawberries! And then she complained that it kept her awake all night! Jenny Craig would not be pleased Claire!

HENRY WALKER HAPPY HOUR
THURSDAY & FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE LAST SWIM OF THE DAY
CASUARINA POOL GROUNDS
BE THERE TO MINGLE AND MUNCH
AND ENJOY A FEW COLD ONES



From Rosemary Phillips (Pharmacist), of Emu AUSSI

Make your own SPIRIT EAR DROPS - half water half metho. Just buy an empty dropper bottle from your pharmacist. Make sure you use S.V.M. which is pure metho.

Here's a bit of information about our World Record breaking swimmer; Frank Griffith.....

Frank was born in Waverley in Sydney in February 1908 and learnt to swim at 3 years old. He joined the Sydney Swim Club in 1913 and has always been a member of a club since. He joined the Bondi Swim Club (his father was a foundation member in 1891) and was in a state champion team for some years as well as winning individual events. He enrolled in the Law faculty at Sydney University in 1935 and was a member of the University Swim Club. He was awarded a "BLUE" (University Award of Merit) for his swimming achievements. Frank has also been a member of Bondi, Caloundra and Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Clubs and was still active on patrol until 1991 with a group known as "Dad's Army"! He joined AUSSI in 1978 at Port Macquarie and since then he has attended most State and Australian Championships as well as 3 World Masters Swims. All up Frank holds in excess of 100 records at these levels! He is now 85 and a member of the Gladstone Groopers. He enjoys good health (and a beer) and hopes to continue swimming and breaking and setting records for quite a while yet.

Good on ya Frank - you're an inspiration to us all.

COME ALONG TO THE HENRY WALKER HAPPY HOUR
FRIDAY MAY 7 IN THE CASUARINA POOL GROUNDS
ENJOY A BEER OR A COOL DRINK AT THE END OF THE DAY'S SWIMS
AND SEE THE PRESENTATION BY THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH
(HOST FOR THE 1994 NATIONAL SWIM)



"Swim To The Top"

Darwin 1993

The Nationals News

Day Four - Friday May 7

IMPORTANT STUFF

1. Only about 10 clubs have confirmed their addresses at the Information Booth so far. Could a representative from each club please come and do this today ensure that results are forwarded to the correct addresses.
2. Could clubs please return trophies won last year. These are needed for the Presentation Dinner.
3. Only Queensland has so far advised the ladies at the Information Booth as who will present their State's trophy at the Presentation Dinner. This information needed urgently so that the presentations on Saturday night run smoothly. Could all you other branches - choose a representative and let us know.
4. The Information Booth will remain open today for one hour after the end of swimming. Please make sure you come and pick up medals and ribbons - there are still some to be collected from swims on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
5. Souvenir T-shirts ordered on Tuesday will be available after 10:00am from the Information Booth.
6. All swimmers who intend swimming in the 5km Swim at Lake Alexander Saturday must confirm at the Information Booth by 12 noon today. There will be briefing for the 5km swim at 3pm today in the Marshalling Area.
7. Helpers will be needed for the 5km Swim on Saturday morning at 7am. If you can assist with timekeeping etc. we would be most grateful.

Nobody in swimming is infallible. It is said that our National Executive Direct should have lodged a Medical Disability Certificate for Old Timers Disease. suffered a severe lapse in memory in the 200m I.M. and commenced backstroke age after the Breaststroke before realising and changing to Freestyle. He was disqualified.



Just a couple more stories arising from the 800 F/S on Wednesday.....

New timekeeper asks, "Do you have to press the red toggle at the end of the 800 F/S?" Reply: "No, at the 700m mark so as to prime the touch pad!"
Question - how do you prime the touch pad for a 50m event?

Opal Eddy (66) from Ettalong wanted to thank the Darwin Stingers for having someone at the end of the pool to talk to during the 800m. Next time she requests that we also provide some cold juice or water please.

THANKS DARWIN

Thermal springs to enjoy
Heat every day
Amphibians galore to see
No chlmneys needed on any day
Kindred spirits all around
Sunsets are Incredible



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Darwin to win
Adrenelin is pumping
Records are being broken
Winners are grinners and an
Inspiration to others
Nothing to lose - swimmers beware crockerdillies

North Sydney's team may be small but they are consistent. Its relay teams have come last in every event so far. But the women's 120+ Freestyle team has taken the cake for deciding to forsake a certain medal to give an exhibition of drill swimming - just to show that they can train and compete at the same time. In fact it was so entertaining that it caught the eye of a Channel 7 sport reporter and they will be appearing on Sportsworld next weekend.

The Cronulla-Sutherland ladies have been "fraternising" with swimmers from quite a few different clubs from all Branches. They believe in fostering the "fun" side of "fitness and fun" and they have thoroughly enjoyed the company of the gentlemen (oh, and the ladies as well!) from Australia and overseas. They are dedicated to the ideals of bringing everyone together for the benefit of AUSSI and they are willing to do this any way they can. Go for it ladies.

THE RAMS AND THE WAMS

Two clubs who have met at these Nationals have discovered the following
- both clubs have the same colours (pink and blue) with identical club costumes.
- initials for their club names rhyme - RAMS (Ryde AUSSI Master Swimmers) & WAMS (West Auckland Master Swimmers)
(hang on a minute - shouldn't the RAMS be the New Zealanders?)
- the NZ club has one Aussie member and the Ryde mob have one Kiwi member.

The two clubs have swapped caps, badges and addresses. Have any other clubs found similar coincidences?



Darwin Stingers member, Wendy Gillespie has been given a new nickname during the preparations for the National Swim. The National Swim Committee were discussing what to serve as finger-food for one of the social functions. Someone said that they thought we should serve something small and hot. To which someone else replied, "That sounds like Wendy!" So if you see her around, remember to call her "Finger-food".

Pauline Benjamin (69) from Miami Masters had a bit of bad luck at the recent Pa Pacs in NZ. She fell while getting out of the pool resulting in a broken nose, black eyes, bruised boobs (Owi) and an injured leg. But she hasn't let it stop her from coming to Darwin.

Something for you to think about -

Many have commented about the quality of the medals, and why can't we have medals for 2nd and 3rd? The answer is simply about money. A National Swim costs a lot more to run than the entry fees cover. The deficit is made up by sponsorship. The medals are a major cost item. About 400 gold medals will be given out during the Meet, so over a thousand would be required if we had silver and bronze too. Entry fees would have to increase by about \$4 per person (or \$6 if the medals had ribbons). Most swimmers will be paying to benefit the person who wins, many of whom don't care much about the medal anyway. What would you like to see at future National Swims?

A few of his swimming squad are wondering why Darwin coach Dave Milburn misses his heat of the 50m Fly. He says he was late due to coaching commitments. But the word is going around that he was worried about making the distance.

Many thanks to the hard-working computer buffs who altered the program and the had to do the results by hand so that we could run the relays in age groups. This has been a real crowd pleaser.

I have had a note from Bob Hadaway of Inglewood AUSSI who has a bit of a confession to make. Bob had been a casual beach runner and then joined Claremont AUSSI about 9 years ago as a beginner swimmer. David Cummins was the club president at the time. David is a strong runner in addition to his swimming prowess. One year at the Perth City to Surf, Bob volunteered to pick up a group of runners at the finish. While he was waiting at the finished gate, he saw David come through, finishing well up in his age group. At the AUSSI training night, Bob casually mentioned to David that he had seen him come through the finish gate while he was waiting for some slower runners. Some time later, Bob was moaning about his poor swimming performance, when David interrupted and said to the group "The old bugger is not the world's best swimmer but he sure can run. He beat me in the City to Surf run." It took Bob a while to figure out the full implication of the statement, until he realised that David actually thought he had run the City to Surf and finished before Dave had. Bob is now feeling the need to come clean with you David - he is not the magic runner that you thought he was!

"Swim To The Top"

Darwin 1993

The Nationals News

Day Five - Saturday May 8

THE N.T. BRANCH AGM WILL BE HELD AT 2PM ON THE GRASS OUTSIDE THE CASUARINA CLUBROOMS ON SATURDAY MAY 8. PRESENTATIONS OF MEDALS FOR THE N.T. CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL FOLLOW ON AT 3PM.

The cholesterol lady was kept fairly busy during the week. She seemed to think we were a pretty healthy bunch. She said most of us are a good weight (she obviously hasn't been watching me in a pair of bathers from the back end!), non-smoking and have good healthy attitudes. We knew swimming was good for us and she has confirmed that.

A group of Adelaide Masters went to the fish feeding the other evening and enjoyed it. Especially Amanda, who nearly fed herself to the fish and had to be dragged away at closing time. Her *Mummy* (Linley Cooper) has promised to buy her a goldfish and bowl when they return to Adelaide.

Times must be hard for Physiotherapists in Darwin. Phil Gabel, Darwin Stingers member and local Physio, couldn't afford a new pair of bathers, not even for the Nationals. Come on Stingers, have a whip around and see if you can buy him a pair to make him a little more decent!

And another Stingers member with clothing problems - Paula rocked up to the pool on Friday with no knickers on! I wonder if that had anything to do with the pair that were found on Thursday afternoon? Were they your only pair Paula?

Russel Philpot (Ettalong) was in the army in Darwin during the war. While out collecting wood, his group discovered Berry Springs. He went looking for the spot again while he was up here for the Swim, and was really thrilled to see how it has been made into recreation area for people to enjoy.

In the second heat of the 50m Breaststroke (there you are Ivan and Fritz, I've spelt it proper this time!), officials had to wait quite a while for competitor Bernie Busst (82) of Western Suburbs to undress before his race. Bernie must be a Virgo, because he then proceeded to neatly fold his clothes and pack them tidily in the crate, before stepping forward for his swim.

God created men as a joke - that's why he gave women a sense of humour.

Were Darwin Stingers really using their lane for warming up on Friday morning, or were they just having a wet gossip session?



Diamond Beach Hotel Casino	Letter (re advert.)	N/C
Evian Mineral Waters		
Exceed Sports Drink		
Fannie Bay shops- Beach Bums	\$100. for ? Mkt.c'tee to follow	
Fernando - La Vela	\$100 event (200m fly) 1/2 page ad-Claire & brochures	
Futura Natural Spring Water		
Gullivers Sports Travel (NSW)	\$150 ad - inside front cover	Rec'd? <i>ADVT</i> ✓ <i>MONEY?</i>
HACS	Pens for bags & \$50 for a 1/2 page ad (Ron Hosking will collect)	
Happy Gardens Restaurant ?		
Honda Masters Games	1 page ad.(Rec'd) & event-Rick - shoulder bag for 400m free.	
Hibiscus Shopping Town		
Henry & Walker Group	Acknowledged / Followed up.	?
Image Offset	Discount on printing?	
Independent Grocers		
Intergroup Travel	\$100 for an event	Rec'd
Just Aerobics		
Kerry Holden	letter (re advert.)	
K.G.Young & Associates	1 page ad. & 1 event-\$200	Rec'd
Lee Regency Restaurant	\$100 for event	Rec'd \$100-
Lindau Ford	letter (re advert.)	
Monique's Hair Design		
Mr Prawn Seafood	Letter Following	
MBF	letter (re advert.)	NO.
M M I Insurance.-Bill Ray	letter sent / Followed up	No.
Mirambeena Resort	discount on rooms	Nil
Mobil Oil (Ian Cuthbert 815199)	200 litres fuel - Raffle?	<i>following letter</i>
Multiplex Constructions		
* Nabalco (Gove)	\$100 for event	
National Brewing (N.T.)	Major Sponsor - PRODUCT.	Rec'd
National Heart Foundation	Brochures ??	
NT Credit Society	letter (re advert.)	
Cheap Foods Northlakes & CAS.	CAS. to follow up.	
Perkins Shipping	1/2 page ad	rec'd?
Paul's/Q.U.F.	1 page ad & 1 event & Coke-Cl.	Rec'd <i>Money Rec'd</i>
Plains Video Casuarina (Lee?)	\$100 for event <i>letter to come.</i>	
Post Office Coffee Shop	1/2 page ad.-Claire & broch.s	
Pro-Air Air conditioning	Esky \$500 for raffle	Rec'd
QBE		

Rowlands/Fitzgeralds		
Rite Price	<i>follow up.</i>	
Sheraton (Melia) Hotels	discount on rooms	nil
Star Printers(StuartPk)		
Shell <i>[Phil Thick Jr]</i>		
Sweat Shop	1/2 page ad \$50 <i>Rich</i>	<i>rec'd \$50</i>
Zip Print (Winnellie)		
Telecom	letter <i>Reply.</i>	<i>NIC</i>
Tenpin Bowling Alley-(N'cliff)	<i>Voucher follow up Advt.</i>	
Territory Rent-a-Car	Offered courtesy car & discount on hire rates.	<i>(1/2 page) (\$50)</i>
Territory Wildlife Park	\$100. ad. & brochures-Claire	Rec'd
T.I.O.	letter (re advert.)	<i>NO.</i>
Tipperary Developments		
Tropo Shop <i>GONE TROLLO</i>	<i>follow up.</i>	
Trower Rd Night & Day Pharmacy	Claire	
United Constructions	\$250 day &/or event:5k swim?	
Westpac	\$100 for an event	Rec'd
Woolworths	\$100 for event	Rec'd
Your Home Realty (Phil Keitt)	\$200 for 800 Free & 1 pg ad.	Rec'd
<i>412345 YVONNE HUGHES</i>		
ZEDAR	<i>MAJOR SPONSOR \$2500!</i>	
DYSR	<i>✓ - \$3500!</i>	

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Start</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Start</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Finish</u> <u>Time</u>
<u>Tuesday 4th May</u>			
1. 400m Individual Medley	8.00am	8.37am	10.21am
2. 100m Freestyle	10.15am	10.37am	11.42am
3. 100m Breaststroke	11.30am	11.53am	12.45pm
4. 200m Backstroke	1.15pm	1.44pm	3.02pm
5. Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay	2.25pm	3.10pm	3.30pm
<u>Wednesday 5th May</u>			
6. 800m Freestyle	8.00am	8.06am	12.26pm
7. 50m Butterfly	4.00pm	4.04pm	4.28pm
8. 200m Individual Medley	4.35pm	4.34pm	5.35pm
9. 50m Freestyle	5.50pm	5.46pm	6.35pm
10. Womens 4x50m Freestyle Relay	6.40pm	6.40pm	7.03pm
11. Mens 4x50m Freestyle Relay	6.45pm	7.05pm	7.15pm
<u>Thursday 6th May</u>			
12. 200m Freestyle	8.00am	8.16am	9.53am
13. 100m Backstroke	9.45am	9.55am	10.41am
14. 50m Breaststroke	10.45am	10.58am	11.36pm
15. 200m Butterfly	11.40am	11.48am	12.17pm
16. Womens 4x50m Medley Relay	12.10pm	12.25pm	12.48pm
17. Mens 4x50m Medley Relay	12.25pm	12.49pm	12.58pm
<u>Friday 7th May</u>			
18. 400m Freestyle	8.00am	8.10am	10.46am
19. 50m Backstroke	10.40am	10.56am	11.31am
20. 100m Butterfly	11.25am	11.38am	12.01pm
21. 200m Breaststroke	1.00pm	1.13pm	2.34pm
22. Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay	2.15pm	2.39pm	2.56pm