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Annual Report 2001



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The National Board



Board Meeting Sydney, October 2001

Back Row (l-r): David Speechley (QLD), Di Coxon-Ellis (NSW), Lynne Malone (WA), Julia Phillips (NED), John Gamlen (Vice SA)

Front Row (l-r): John Pugh (Finance), Kay Cox (Coaching), Mary Sweeney (President), Jean Heath (ACT), Jeanette Holowiuk (VIC), Pauline Samson (TAS), John Pollock (NT)

Executive Committee 2001

The members of the Executive Committee are Mary Sweeney (President), John Pugh (Finance Director), Kay Cox (Coaching Director) and Julia Phillips (Executive Director).

National Presidents 1975-2001

Bill Lough	1975-1978
Peter Jackson	1978-1984
Ivan Wingate	1985-1988
Graeme McDougall	1989-1992
Glenys McDonald	1993-1998
Mary Sweeney	1999 - present

Life Members

Kay Cox
Peter Gillett
Glenys McDonald
Gary Stutsel

Portfolio Holders 2001

Each Branch, with the exception of the ACT, has responsibility for an area of AUSSI's operations, known as a Portfolio. The Portfolios for 2001 were:

NSW	Membership Development Di Coxon-Ellis
NT	Swim Meet Policy Ted Giblin (Jan-Jul) John Pollock (Aug-Dec)
QLD	Risk Management David Speechley
SA	Recording Darryl Hawkes
TAS	Communications Pauline Samson
VIC	Technical Development Alan Davis
WA	Programs Lynne Malone

President

Just twelve months ago, as I sat typing my report for the year 2000 Annual Report, I certainly didn't envisage then just what changes would occur in twelve short months.

Now as I reflect on 2001, I see it as a complex year. The year revealed the possibility of new and uncertain horizons. It was the end of an era and the beginning of a new era. It has brought excitement, disappointment, success, frustration and surprise. However, through all these complexities and emotions, 2001 was a great year for AUSSI as we have grown in strength and knowledge with each shared experience.

The first major change occurred in the National office. As far back as 1994 the course was set by the then Board that at the end of 2000 we must advertise the position of our National Executive Director. After an exhaustive selection process, Julia Phillips was chosen to fill the position and she commenced work for AUSSI in March 2001.

Ivan Wingate had been our Executive Director for over ten years and by his example, enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication, had become widely known and admired. Ivan has helped to create the AUSSI that exists today, and I thank him sincerely on behalf of all AUSSI members for his contribution to swimming in general, to our organisation in particular as National Executive Director, and also on a voluntary basis in positions he has held at various levels of coaching and administration, including the position of National President.

The National Office was moved to Melbourne (another major change after eleven years in Adelaide), and a very functional and comfortable office has been set up at Williamstown. Julia is highly skilled in sports administration and had previously been National Executive Director to the sport of badminton. She has brought her own particular style to the administration of the National Office and has already standardised various documents in an effort to present a more consistent corporate image for AUSSI. Julia has gained sponsorship and is looking for opportunities to gain more.

We also have a sports administrator, Rachel Coffee; a young elite swimmer employed through the AFL Sports Ready Training Program, who assists Julia in the office.

The incorporation of AUSSI in Victoria has necessitated a rewrite of our Constitution to meet current requirements for incorporation. As a number of our By-Laws needed to be transferred to our new Constitution, the By-Laws and Rules also needed alterations. This process has taken up quite a deal of the Management Committee's time over the latter part of the year.

Although committees are covered in separate reports I must mention the National Computer Committee, as the problems of some of our present programs and plans to upgrade other software have been a major priority of the Board. I thank all members of the National Computer Committee, particularly the Committee Chairman David Ryan, for their specialised assistance.

AUSSI was pleased to offer congratulations to the Immediate Past National President Glenys McDonald on receiving the Order of Australia Award for her work over more than two decades to sport and AUSSI Masters Swimming in particular.

The National Swim was held in April at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The pool swim, open water swim and social functions were a success both in presentation and financial return and thanks must go to the hard working committee under Danny Smith for producing an event of which Victoria can be proud. Victorian members also assisted with transporting Board members to and from the airport, the pool and open water swim. The generous and cheerful way this support was given certainly made Board members feel that

John Pollock, Pauline Samson, Jean Heath, David Speechley and Lynne Malone hard at work at the October 2001 Board Meeting in Sydney



the hours of work and the hours of time they spend at meetings are appreciated.

This year the Management Committee changed the format of Board meetings a little in an endeavour to have time for discussions in areas of particular importance, and whilst the discussions seemed to be productive at the time, no real benefit has followed through.

The portfolio system is another area of concern. We recognise that whilst some portfolios are extremely successful, others are not as successful as they could be, and still other branches don't at present have a portfolio. The last major review of our operational structure was held about 1993, and the time seems right for another review. We need to recognise and address at least some of the issues that cause the portfolio system to fail. Discussion on portfolios will continue into 2002 in an endeavour to improve the system.

There has been one notable change to the Board membership this year. Dr Ted Giblin, until recently Director of Swim Meets and Northern Territory's Delegate to the Board for a number of years, has left to study overseas. Ted has given generously of his time and medical expertise in assisting at the National Swim and with medical issues pertaining to adult swimmers. He will be missed by AUSSI, but John Pollock has ably taken his place on the Board.

On an international level, the Pan Pacific Championships were to be held in Hong Kong in October; however the tragedy in New York in September was the catalyst that caused the organisers to cancel the event.

Considerable debate has taken place regarding the implementation of the swim rule changes passed by FINA in Japan. In particular, the elimination of the use of the breaststroke

kick in butterfly was of major concern to older swimmers, a large number having swum the stroke in this way since they were children. FINA has now allowed the breaststroke kick in butterfly for the World Championships in New Zealand in March 2002, and the final decision of the rule is pending the outcome of a motion Australia has put forward to the FINA Masters Congress to be held in New Zealand.

In September Julia Phillips and I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Sports Industry in Canberra, and whilst there took the opportunity to liaise with various other people and organisations including Australian Swimming. Several talks had been held during the year between AUSSI and ASI, and it was agreed that a two-day strategic workshop would take place at the end of November between the two organizations, with the aid of some funding from the Australian Sports Commission. The object of the workshop was to explore the possibility of the two organisations drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding. The four AUSSI Management Committee members attended, with five representatives from ASI, two representatives from the Australian Sports Commission, and facilitator Les Bee, Manager of the Victorian Coaching Centre. AUSSI's decision to take part in the workshop was probably the most momentous and perhaps far reaching decision made by the Board for many years.

In the late 1970s AUSSI affiliated with the then ASU on the same basis as Diving, Water Polo, and Synchronised Swimming, and like those organisations, AUSSI was set up as an autonomous organisation.

On a national basis our relationship with ASI over the years has mostly been very good, as has the relationship of a number of our AUSSI branches with the ASI State associations. However in other branches there have been some unpleasant experiences, often due to the personal agendas of a few individuals, and a lack of any understanding by others. This has at times created mistrust and a lack of effective two-way communication between the two organisations.

Both AUSSI and ASI representatives recognised early in the workshop that to create understanding, we need to create trust. This trust was established, and discussions culminated in the drafting of a Memorandum of



From the left: John Pugh, Kay Cox, DI Coxon-Ellis and Mary Sweeney consider reports at the October Board Meeting.

Understanding, which has been given the title of, "Swim for Life."

The opening statement says, "This MoU is a commitment by both organisations to identify and develop areas of synergy. This will be achieved by recognition of the roles of the two bodies in the swimming industry with each maintaining their individual identities, autonomy and governance."

The MoU is still undergoing fine-tuning by both groups, but the seven core areas covered in the MoU are:

- collaboration on the use of pool facilities;
- coordinated approach to coaching and coaching education;
- coordinated approach to officiating and officials education;
- integrated approach to the development and delivery of marketing;
- increased membership to both organisations through provision of clear, continuous opportunities to "Swim for Life";
- well organised, efficient, and effective clubs within each organization; and
- maintenance of existing specialised competitions and programs, and investigation of opportunities for joint initiatives.

Regardless of the positive benefits that will flow from collaboration on the above points, already the improved communication, improved understanding, early exchange of ideas and recognition of the expertise and autonomy of both organisations has, I believe, proved the workshop a success. If these positive outcomes can be repeated in branches and States, the workshop will have been an outstanding success.

On reading this report one can easily wonder why it has taken twenty-six years for AUSSI and ASI to sit down together and contemplate writing such a Memorandum of Understanding. I believe that it was, and still is, a very complex issue but also as with a lot of things we do in life, success usually depends on the timing. It seems that the timing was right in 2001. I thank Brendan Lynch (Manager Corporate Services) from ASI for his willingness to host the workshop in the ASI board room, Les Bee for facilitating the workshop, and the Australian Sports Commission for helping with funding.

My thanks to all the AUSSI Board members for their assistance in so many ways throughout 2001. When I receive e-mails that have been sent around midnight or just after daybreak, I realise just how hard and long some of our volunteers work on AUSSI affairs.

I especially want to mention the Management Committee members, John Pugh, Kay Cox and our two NEDs, firstly Ivan Wingate and latterly Julia Phillips. Saying thank you seems inadequate, as their contribution in 2001 cannot really be summed up in two words.

This year as I type my report, I clearly recognise that change will occur in AUSSI in 2002 in some areas, but as long as that change allows AUSSI to continue to grow from strength to strength for the benefit of our members then we will together welcome it, work with it and triumph because of it.

Mary Sweeney, President

The Hon Justin Madden MP, Minister for Sport and Recreation in Victoria, delivers the opening speech at the 2001 National Swim. Mary Sweeney and David Pope (Federation Peak) are seated.

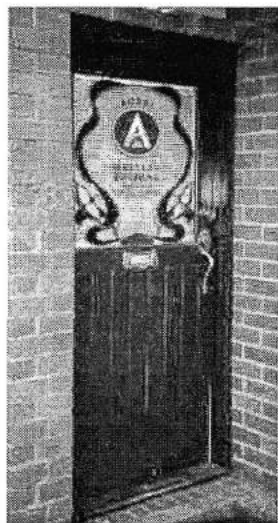


Executive Director

My first nine months with AUSSI were exciting, demanding, and very enjoyable. I was fortunate to take up the reins from Ivan Wingate, whose considerable skills and expertise had positioned AUSSI as a very professional sporting organisation, and to have in place a hard-working and supportive Board of Management.

My first official day with AUSSI was spent in Canberra, meeting with Sport Industry Australia, the Australian Coaching Council, the Australian Sports Commission, and Australian Swimming. This was certainly hitting the ground running, but took advantage of the fact that I was in Canberra for personal reasons, and was a very valuable day in meeting some of the people that we interact with on a regular basis.

The most important task facing me initially was to find suitable premises for AUSSI, and manage the transfer of the National Office from Adelaide to Melbourne. This included a full fit-out and acquisition of a number of key items of office equipment, so it was a busy couple of weeks.



makes it a delightful place to work.

The building has four small offices and a reception area, allowing for office and storage space, and a small meeting room. We have a private car park right by the office, plus there is plenty of on-street parking if required.

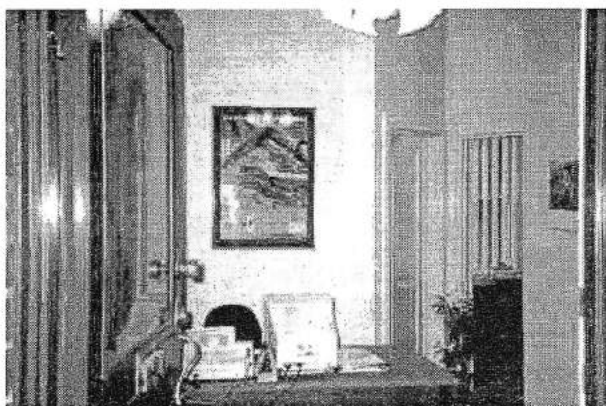
During my first month I also attended the National Swim and the Board Meeting, and so was able to meet many people face to face, and have some time to socialise with AUSSI members.



That first Board meeting passed in a bit of a blur, but one important decision made by the Board was the appointment of Sports Travel Pty Ltd as AUSSI's preferred travel agent. I subsequently negotiated a sponsorship arrangement for AUSSI with Sports Travel, which provides for Sports Travel to handle all our official travel arrangements, and in addition, where personal travel and/or accommodation is booked, to pay a commission to AUSSI.

As Mary mentioned in her report, AUSSI employs young elite swimmer, Rachel Coffee, in the position of Sport Administrator. Rachel's employment is through the AFL Sports Ready Traineeship scheme, which I have used several times previously, and is a wonderful scheme for both employer and employee. The AFL subsidises the cost of employing a sports person (funded through a \$1 per ticket levy on all tickets sold for the Finals series), which makes it cost effective for the employer, and gives the young sportsperson that important first career step. Formal training is also part of the arrangement, so Rachel will also be awarded a Certificate in Sport Administration to support her year of practical work experience.

After several meetings with Zoggs, I was delighted to be able to advise the Board that Zoggs had become AUSSI's latest sponsor, focusing particularly upon the Record Cards that are used to record swims for awards. This led to



a revision of the award, with the old badges being replaced by polo shirts, windcheaters, and jackets, together with certificates and plaques, depending on the award. Zoggs also expanded its sponsorship to provide "Dawn of the Millennium" goggles to all Branches. It was up to each Branch to determine how to award the goggles, but most seemed to use them as prizes at a Branch Swim.

Mary has already covered the joint planning meeting with Australian Swimming in Canberra in some detail, so I will say only that it was very satisfying to see this come about, and to thank all involved for their support.

Mary has also mentioned the re-draft of the Constitution, By-Laws and Swim Rules, and commented that this project has taken up a considerable amount of time. If I add that the revision numbers of the final documents were twelve for both the Constitution and By-Laws, nine for the Swim Rules, and five for the Open Water Swim Rules, then it reveals just how much work was involved. I'd like to thank everyone for their assistance on this project, but especial thanks to Mary, who often spent hours each evening poring over revisions and double-checking references.

Another project that took up a lot of time and effort in 2001 was the AUSSI Strategic Plan, which, by the end of the year, was looking very good indeed. Work will continue on refining this during 2002, so that AUSSI has a professional and useful Strategic Plan in place by the end of the year.

There were a number of visits and meetings during the year, some in Melbourne, some inter-State, details follow. Most of the inter-State meetings were at no cost to AUSSI, as I simply added on a day or two to personal travel arrangements. See page 6 for details.

Photos on these two pages show the entrance and reception area of the AUSSI National Office in Williamstown, Melbourne.

The meeting with students from Canberra University in July related to a project that was undertaken by them on behalf of AUSSI. The students, as part of their studies in Sport Management, undertook some market research to identify reasons for the low membership numbers within the ACT. I asked them to look particularly at the 30-40 year old age group, and their findings did reveal some interesting facts.

For example, 64% of those interviewed indicated they initially discovered AUSSI by word of mouth. Whilst this is encouraging in that existing members are obviously encouraging their friends to join, it also suggests that promotional activities are not having a major impact on membership recruitment. When surveying potential members in the target age group, only 14 surveys out of 50 yielded a positive response, which indicates that AUSSI has a great deal to do in terms of promotion if it is to become an attractive life style choice in that age group in the ACT. A copy of the full report was given to ACT President Jean Heath, for reference by the ACT Branch when considering its future recruitment activities.

I would like to thank QLD Branch for hosting the National Registration Database meeting in September. David Ryan, Chairman of the National Computer Committee chaired the meeting, with David Speechley representing the Branch point of view, John Kerr representing the Registrar point of view, and Mary Sweeney and I representing the national point of view. Also attending was Andrew Daws, an independent software developer, who was able to offer his comments and expertise in a number of important areas. The result of this meeting was to establish a firm plan for the development of the national registration database in line with changes in technology and software that have occurred since the database was first implemented.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board members, Branch Secretaries and Administrators, and the Branch Executive members, for their wonderful support and assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank David Ryan and Darryl Hawkes for their tremendous work, and unfailing good humour in dealing with my many requests. Mary Sweeney, John Pugh and Kay Cox have been wonderful throughout the year, and I can attest to the hours that they devote to AUSSI business every week. Finally, my thanks go again to Ivan Wingate and Sue Harris for making my task so much easier, and for their kindness to me in Adelaide.

Julia Phillips, Executive Director

Official Visits 2001

		30th Jul	Helen Frew, Australian Coaching Council (Canberra)
3rd Mar	Jean Heath, ACT AUSSI (Canberra)	30th Jul	Sue Baker Finch and Don Cameron, ASC (Canberra)
4th Mar	Ron Burns, Sport Industry Australia (Canberra)	30th Jul	Heather Reid, Australian Sports Commission (Canberra)
4th Mar	Steve Francia and Brad Patterson, Australian Swimming (Canberra)	31st Jul	Helen Slattery, AFL Sports Ready (Melbourne)
4th Mar	Antonia Harmer, Australian Coaching Council (Canberra)	15th Aug	AUSSI Victoria (Melbourne)
4th Mar	Sue Sinclair, Australian Sports Commission (Canberra)	22nd Aug	Shane O'Leary, World Masters Games (Melbourne)
20th Mar	AUSSI Victoria Board Meeting (Melbourne)	13th Sept	Brendon Lynch, Australian Swimming (Canberra)
21st Mar	Ivan Wingate, AUSSI National Office (Adelaide)	13th Sept	Dr Alan Pearce, AMSCN Editor (Canberra)
2nd May	Frank Zdrilich, Lowe Lippmann Bott (Melbourne)	13th Sept	Arthur Dunning and Lindy Dunn, Dept of Veterans Affairs (Canberra)
17th May	Graham McConnachie, Zoggs (Melbourne)	13th Sept	ACT AUSSI Committee Members (Canberra)
2nd Jun	NOAS Workshop (Melbourne)	14th Sept	Sport Industry Australia AGM (Canberra)
7th Jun	Di Coxon Ellis, NSW AUSSI (Sydney)	29th Sept	National Registration Database Workshop (Brisbane)
8th Jun	Corinne Roberts, Sports Travel (Sydney)	16th Oct	AUSSI VIC Board Meeting (Melbourne)
12th Jun	Dena Sharrock, Zoggs (Sydney)	23rd Nov	Frank Zdrilich and Roy Foster, Lowe Lippmann Bott (Melbourne)
16th Jun	Telstra Grand Prix Swimming (Melbourne)	21st Nov	Les Bee – AUSSI/ASI MoU preparation (Melbourne)
19th Jun	Launch of World Masters Games (Melbourne)	27th Nov	Les Bee – AUSSI/ASI MoU preparation (Melbourne)
21st Jun	David Speechley, QLD AUSSI and David Ryan, NCC (Brisbane)	29th Nov - 2nd Dec	AUSSI/ASI Planning Meetings (Canberra)
28th Jun	Helen Slattery, AFL Sports Ready (Melbourne)	7 th Dec - 9th Dec	Telstra Grand Prix Swimming (Melbourne)
5th Jul	Di Coxon Ellis, NSW AUSSI (Sydney)	10 th Dec	Swimmer of Year Dinner (Melbourne)
5th Jul	NSW AUSSI Branch Executive members (Sydney)	18th Dec	Jeanette Holowiuk, AUSSI VIC (Melbourne)
9th Jul	Dena Sharrock, Zoggs (Sydney)		
28th Jul	Jean Heath and Students from University of Canberra (Canberra)		
30th Jul	Vena Murray, Australian Swimming (Canberra)		

Director of Finance

Report For the Year Ended 31st December 2001. The accompanying financial reports show the organisation's financial performance for the past year and its financial position at the end of the year.

Statement Of Financial Performance

This is an operating report that shows how the organisation gets its income, better called 'revenue', and how it has spent this income to provide services to branches and to clubs and their members. In general terms both income raising and expenditure are guided by long and medium term priorities, identified in the current strategic plan, and by the short term priorities reflected in action plans identified in the year's budget.

In my report for the year 2000 I pointed to the financial challenges arising from the move of the National Office from Adelaide to Melbourne and the consequential change in operating costs. Change always causes budget uncertainties but this year's report shows a small operating surplus of \$1,470, which shows that the changed pattern of expenditure was managed responsibly.

Looking at individual items of income, it is pleasing to see that the Executive Director was able to negotiate \$4,720 for sponsorship from two sponsors, Sports Travel and Zoggs. On the other hand our main source of revenue from member registration was down by \$11,120 on the previous year amount and \$15,756 less than budget. This means an actual decline of 500 'equivalent' fee paying club members since last year. How to reverse this drop in membership will be the main challenge over the next few years.

Looking at expenditure items, there were increases in costs of computer software, telephone charges and printing, all resulting from relocating and upgrading the National Office. These should not recur. On the other hand the overall costs of operating the new office were kept down by economising on the use of office support staff.

One ongoing matter of concern is the expenditure on specialist portfolios. This was 45% less than budget, which shows the difficulties some portfolios are having in fulfilling their roles. The portfolio system is presently under review.

Statement Of Financial Position

The structure of this statement is largely unchanged from the previous year. It shows an increase in the item office equipment. This was essential to enable the new Executive Director to function properly and efficiently as an administrator and to offer services not provided previously.

Otherwise the statement shows that the organisation has the cash resources to easily meet its operating costs and debts, and to present itself with confidence in bids for major events or ventures with other organisations in the swimming industry.

The Future

While the current year's reports show that the organisation has operated satisfactorily and is in a sound financial position there is still the challenge to increase income, either through sponsorship or by increasing the number of clubs and club members. The competition for sponsorship money and adult swimmers is fierce and will require our best and ongoing efforts if we are to maintain and improve services to Masters swimmers.

John Pugh, Director Of Finance



Jeanette Holowiuk, John Gamlen (vice Delegate, SA), and John Pugh consider changes proposed to the FINA Rules at the Board Meeting in Sydney in October 2001.

Independent Audit Report

To the Members of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc

Scope

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc for the year ended 31st December 2001 as set out on pages 1 to 5. The Association's Committee are responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (South Australia) 1985 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committees' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act (South Australia) 1985. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over membership registrations and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed:

- (a) the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc as at 31st December 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended;
- (b) we obtained the information we required for the audit and the Association kept proper accounting records and other books during the year ended 31st December 2001; and
- (c) the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.

GARROTT & GARROTT
Chartered Accountants

Finance Director's Statement

In the opinion of the Director of Finance the financial statements set out on pages 9-12:

- (a) present fairly the financial position of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc at 31st December 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended; and
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (South Australia) 1985 to prepare accounts.

John Pugh
Director of Finance

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc		2001	2000
For the year ended 31st December 2001		\$	\$
		Notes	
Income			
AMSCN subscriptions		1,586	2,181
Branch affiliations		1,432	1,718
Coaching accreditation fees		99	214
Interest received		9,661	9,045
Members registrations		154,699	165,819
Sales of merchandise		589	1,231
Sponsorship		4,720	-
Sundry income		98	166
Swim meets		5,454	25,131
Total Income		178,338	205,505
Expenditure			
<i>General Administration</i>			
Affiliations and subscriptions		730	821
Audit		950	900
Awards and gifts		302	1,364
Bank charges and interest		497	584
Board meetings and teleconferences		21,029	18,271
Computer software		3,623	537
Depreciation		3,494	1,540
Fax and telephone		6,408	3,870
Insurance		38,784	24,333
National Executive Director's fees		56,791	54,858
Office support staff		4,185	-
Other meetings and conferences		3,511	2,960
Postage and photocopying		3,405	3,864
Printing and stationery		10,517	12,498
Rent and utilities		10,134	-
Stocks/Equipment written off		1,478	4,246
Sundry repairs and administrative expenses		1,215	256
<i>Total General Administration</i>		167,053	130,902
<i>Specialist Portfolios</i>			
Coaching		1,056	2,153
Communications		2,173	793
Marketing		841	75
Membership development		-	13
Planning and risk management		-	566
Programs		460	1,053
Recording		4,189	3,794
Technical development		1,096	548
<i>Total Specialist Portfolios</i>		9,815	8,995
Total Expenditure		176,868	139,897
Net surplus for the year		1,470	65,608
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year		250,997	185,389
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		252,467	250,997

The above statement of income and expenditure should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc		2001	2000
As at 31st December 2001		\$	\$
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand		1,300	1,300
Cash at bank	2	11,587	26,487
Investments	3	223,459	212,930
Shares - ESSO Employees Credit Union Ltd		10	10
Accounts receivable		3,228	607
Advances		2,000	4,000
Inventories		5,240	6,592
Prepayments		726	500
Total Current Assets		247,550	252,426
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Equipment		15,720	5,003
Trophies and cases		1,034	1,034
Total Non-Current Assets		16,754	6,037
TOTAL ASSETS		264,304	258,463
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		5,764	536
GST clearing		(1,270)	(334)
Unearned revenue		7,343	7,264
Total Current Liabilities		11,837	7,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES		11,837	7,466
NET ASSETS		252,467	250,997
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		252,467	250,997
TOTAL EQUITY		252,467	250,997

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc	2001	2000
31st December 2001	\$	\$

1 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (South Australia) 1985.

The committee have determined that AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the diminishing value method to write off each individual asset over its estimated useful life.

(b) Inventories

Stocks of brochures, posters, books and lapel pins are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value on a first in first out basis.

2 Cash at Bank

Commonwealth Bank - cheque account	<u>11,587</u>	<u>26,487</u>
	<u>11,587</u>	<u>26,487</u>

3 Investments

Commonwealth Bank - cash management account	70,459	67,930
Commonwealth Bank - commercial bill	<u>153,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
	<u>223,459</u>	<u>212,930</u>

DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc

31st December 2001

	Original Cost	Dep Rate	WDV b/f	Dep Charge	WDV c/f
PLANT & EQUIPMENT					
Historians cabinet		10	68	7	61
Life Member badge die		10	-	-	-
Conference phones (2)		10	139	14	125
Fax/Phone system Panasonic KX-595		10	514	51	463
370 Brother fax		10	429	43	386
Mobile phone		10	-	-	-
Dual 486DX2-66 Notebook computer (S/n 8375249)		33	170	56	114
Panasonic fax machine KX-F2710AL	800	20	272	54	218
Panasonic fax machine KX-F2710AL	800	20	272	54	218
Printer	878	33	144	48	96
Floppy disk drive	172	33	-	-	-
Filing cabinets for historian	350	10	226	23	203
Viewmaster VM Logo computer	2,805	40	869	348	521
Fax, Copier, Printer	690	25	373	93	280
			<u>3,476</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>2,685</u>
ADDITIONS					
Office furniture (various)	3,409	10	3,409	341	3,068
Compaq PC, modem and monitor	2,778	40	2,778	1,111	1,667
Filing cabinet	245	10	245	25	220
Colour jet printer and cable	172	40	172	69	103
Telephone handset	72	10	72	7	65
Mitsubishi monitor 17700	375	40	375	150	225
Laser printer Xerox docuprint 2125	2,500	40	2,500	1,000	1,500
Konica photocopier/document feeder	5,855	40	5,855	-	5,855
Desk pedestal	332	10	332	-	332
			<u>15,738</u>	<u>2,703</u>	<u>13,035</u>
				<u>3,494</u>	<u>15,720</u>
DISPOSALS					
	Cost	Depn	WDV	Proceeds	Profit/Loss
Filing cabinet			49	49	-
KAR desk top computer			72	-	(72)
Toshiba photocopier	3,300	2,174	1,126	-	(1,126)
10 bin sorter	800	520	280	-	(280)
	<u>4,100</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>(1,478)</u>

Director of Coaching

This year has been one of consolidation. With a record number of coaching courses conducted last year, several coaches have been completing the requirements for accreditation. All Branch Coaching Directors are working hard to provide coaching services and coach education to their members. We now have a new editor of the Australian Masters Swimming Coaches Newsletter with Claire Reaburn's retirement after a sustained and successful period as editor.

Coaching Accreditation

Unfortunately the official coaching numbers do not yet reflect all those that did the courses last year. As a result the number of accredited coaches is still declining. This decline 5% (mid year figures) is not as large as it has been in previous years. The number of Level 2M accredited coaches is increasing with 16% of coaches having this higher accreditation. Congratulations to New South Wales, which, through a concerted effort over the past few years, now has the highest number of coaches 29%, followed closely by Qld 26% and WA 23%. Table 1 shows the change in coach numbers over the past seven years. In order to change this trend around we need to set some targets for the coming years, and for Branches to provide courses and to promote these to clubs. There is also a developing market for adult coaches outside of our clubs and we need to actively explore this option.

The year started well with several Branches indicating they intended to run courses; however, all but one of these (Qld) was cancelled due to low numbers. This suggests that Coaching Directors need assistance to promote the courses and to look at innovative ways of presenting them. Branches are able to get assistance from the National Coaching Director and the National Office, however more help is needed from within the Branch with staffing, marketing, fees and resources.

As a result of the talks with Australian Swimming (ASI) and the newly formed Memorandum of Understanding between AUSSI and ASI, both organisations' coaching courses will be more closely aligned. We have always recognised prior learning (RPL) for coaches with an ASI Level 1 accreditation, and we will extend this by looking at other ways both ASI and AUSSI can improve education for coaches and officials.

Coach of the Year Award

It was pleasing to see that three branches submitted nominations for 'Coach of the Year', which is to reward AUSSI coaches for their outstanding efforts during the year. The award this year was won by Louise Stovin-Bradford from Seaside Pirates in NSW. Often coaches take on more than the coaching role at club and Branch level. Louise managed several roles during the year showing exceptional coaching leadership, congratulations Louise.

ASCTA Conference

Due to a variety of reasons we had very limited involvement in this conference this year. Mary Sweeney attended the dinner on my behalf to present the 'Coach of the Year Award'. We have been working on a substantial involvement for 2002, aimed at providing education in Masters coaching and improving our profile amongst the swimming fraternity.

Mentoring Workshop

I was fortunate to attend a two-day workshop in Melbourne conducted by the Australian Sport Commission's Sport Education Unit, previously known as the Australian Coaching Council. The objective was to introduce sports to the concept of conducting mentoring programs with their coaches and officials. Such a program can offer opportunities for personal development of our coaches and officials, and has the potential to vastly improve the quality of coaching and officiating in AUSSI. Plans to introduce a mentoring program on a national basis in 2002 were put in place, with implementation of this program to be followed up and monitored by the Sports Education Unit.

Australian Masters Swimming Coaches Newsletter (AMSCN)

As mentioned earlier, Claire Reaburn stepped down as editor of AMSCN in the latter half of this year. I would like to thank Claire for her excellent efforts in producing the Coaching Newsletter. As editor she has maintained a high standard of material that has been published and has made a valuable contribution in keeping coaches informed. Thanks also to Peter Reaburn for his input and technical advice, and to all the coaches who have contributed to the newsletter. Jacinta Stirrat's (NT) regular articles have been welcome and have kept up the local AUSSI input.

The newsletter will now be produced from the national office under new editor, Alan Pearce Ph D, who is an exercise physiologist and coach educator with a sporting background. Alan has coached swimming, and is currently working at the University of Canberra as a lecturer in Coaching Science and Human Physiology.

Branch Coaching Directors

This year Ian Dear (Vic) and more recently Ketrina Clark (Tas) have taken up positions as Branch Coaching Directors. I have worked with several Coaching Directors over the past year, and have an appreciation of the problems they face in delivering coaching services. Hopefully we can overcome some of these and I look forward to building on the experience of the past year to increase the number of accredited coaches and have a successful coaching year in 2002. My thanks to the Coaching Directors for their time and dedication.

Conclusion

As I said earlier, this year has been one of consolidation, but one in which the foundations have been made for positive change and an exciting year in coaching. I would like to thank Ivan Wingate and Julia Phillips for their assistance in administering the coach education programs. Also thanks to the Management Committee and Board for their continued support, and to all those dedicated coaches who work to provide a high standard of coaching for all AUSSI members.

Kay Cox, Director of Coaching

Members of the 2001 Coaching Panel were:

Dr Peter Reaburn, Ted Tullberg, Peter Jackson, and Kay Cox (National Coaching Director)

Coaches of the Year

1989	Kay Cox WA
1990	Anita Killmier SA
1991	Anita Killmier SA
1992	Neroli Nixon VIC
1993	Ed Peters WA
1994	Elly Fleig SA
1995	Susette Pow WA
1996	Peter Jackson NSW
1997	Rod Porteous QLD
1998	Alina Graham QLD
1999	Rod Porteous QLD
2000	Louise Stovin-Bradford NSW



National Coach of the Year Louise Stovin-Bradford with her Award for NSW Coach of the Year, accompanied by Paralympian Lucy Williams.

Table 1. The number of trained coaches at the end of each year for the last 7-year period and the % change in numbers.

Year	Number of Coaches	% Change
1995	161	
1996	191	23
1997	220	15
1998	228	4
1999	206	-9.6
2000	189	-8.2
2001 (mid-year numbers)	179	-5.2

Membership Development

The AUSSI promotional brochure was allocated \$2500 for review and reprint. The project to replace the black & white flyer was passed to the national office, and all branches were asked to supply a copy of their branch flyer to the NED for comparison and compilation of a National brochure.

Review of the AUSSI Club Development Manual and disk has been deferred, as there was insufficient time whilst organising the National Swim. All volunteer and paid administrative time has been directed towards the National Swim, and on setting up the new registration database details.

The "ABC of membership benefits" flyer, which explains the benefits of AUSSI to help retain members, was distributed to all other branches and published in the National newsletter. This was done at no additional cost but absorbed into newsletter and mailout costs.

The Membership Development brief was to locate and ascertain the use of the AUSSI video. Firstly we located our own, which has not been used for years and in fact, remains in storage. Queensland is the only branch that seems to have been proactive in its use. Other branches have either been unable to locate their copies, or have chosen not to use them for some reason. Work on the video of AUSSI Rules has been suspended until the rules are finalised at the AGM in April.

Finally, of serious concern is the member dropout rate. For instance NSW lost 23% of its year 2000 members in 2001, although overall membership increased. There are many reasons why members leave, many of which are beyond our control, but we do need to work harder and smarter at retaining our members. As Table 1 shows, we are losing more members than we gain. This suggests that although we are attracting new people, we are not meeting the needs of many of the members once they join, and this is something that all our clubs and branches need to address.

Di Coxon-Ellis, Director of Membership Development

Swim Meet Policy

During 2001 the process of revising the National Swim Meet Guide continued, with many minor changes being made as a result of decisions and suggestions made at the National Board meetings in March and October, and the experience gained at the 2001 National Swim in Melbourne.

Of some concern has been the extent to which the procedures and protocols set out in the Swim Meet Guide are actually considered by organisers of the National Swim. Partly to address this problem, it was decided at the October 2001 Board Meeting to extract from the Guide those sections which the Board considers to be mandatory and to publish them in a separate document. In this way it is hoped that some of the difficulties that arise in the preparations for, and conduct of, National Swims might be obviated.

The resultant document is much shorter than the Guide (8 pages compared with 42), and hence should be easier to use as a reference; however, it will still be necessary to refer to the Guide, and particularly to its appendices, to ensure that correct procedures are followed.

The National Swim Meet Guide and its accompanying checklist are excellent examples of AUSSI documents that are continually evolving in response to changed circumstances, new ideas, and experience.

John Pollock, Director of Swim Meet Policy

Table 1: Registration Figures by Branch and Year

Branch	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
QLD	1873	2009	2009	1879	1726
NSW	1627	1554	1523	1523	1553
WA	1290	1419	1467	1331	1238
VIC	1371	1360	1288	1195	1134
SA	611	664	732	675	719
TAS	343	338	323	348	321
NT	114	158	186	153	143
ACT	122	139	107	115	162
TOTALS	7351	7641	7635	7219	6996

Risk Management

2001 was satisfying for the Risk Management Portfolio and myself personally as delegate because, whilst healthy debate occurred during meetings, common sense and a consensus approach for the communal good of the organisation prevailed.

The highlight was the finalisation of a computer database to track injuries and incidents, thus enabling AUSSI to act proactively to reduce risk for our members. Dr Ted Giblin (NT) assisted in setting up the medical fields, whilst a Queensland Branch volunteer, Don Hogg, undertook the task of setting up the database, inputting data, and creating a range of meaningful reports. Both are to be commended for their assistance.

The continuing task of trying to be proactive by establishing AUSSI policy in response to demand, and hopefully in some cases before the need arises, resulted in policies, or agreement on the intent of future policies, in the areas of :

- alcohol;
- sun protection;
- warm up and swim downs;
- privacy;
- pregnancy;
- drugs;
- nutrition;
- smoking;
- harassment and discrimination; and
- breach of policy response.

Many more areas of concern have been identified, with the two Board meetings held in 2001 clarifying many issues, and allowing continued development of AUSSI policy.

Of concern for AUSSI, like many sports, is the balance between the cost of insurance and the demand for levels of cover by members. AUSSI hopes that by decreasing the potential risk, not only will members remain safe but also our costs may remain low.

David Speechley, Director of Risk Management

Recording

Computer software advances have again been the major change to the recording of the Top Ten, and to a lesser extent, Records. The creation of the club Top Ten program and the introduction of the Aerobic software have increased the involvement of the clubs. This will reduce the effort required by the branch Top Ten recorders as long as the branches promote the use of the software.

National Records continued to tumble. This year 280 records were approved and certificates issued to recipients. The women have out performed the men with 158 female records compared to 108 male records. Relays remain a challenge to clubs, with only 14 records being bettered.

Our web page continues to keep me busy requiring regular updates of our current records and historical national and world record data.

Once again it is a pleasure to submit the names of those who achieved FINA Masters world records during 2001:

Betty Stern, 80-84 years of Hills AUSSI, NSW (1 SC)

Margaret Cunningham, 75-79 years of Whitsunday Masters, QLD (2 LC, 1 SC)

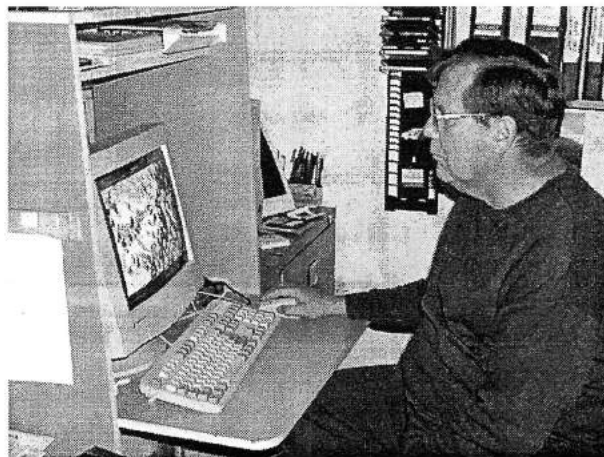
Pam Hutchings, 65-69 years of Ettalong Pelicans, NSW (4 LC, 6 SC)

Jan Wicks, 55-59 years of Albany Creek, QLD (1 LC, 1 SC)

Thanks to all the branch recorders for their wonderful co-operation with software, Top Ten and Record matters.

Darryl Hawkes, National Recorder

National Recorder, Darryl Hawkes



Communication

This portfolio is for the maintenance of the national website and publication of the national newsletter, AUSSINEWS.COM.

During 2001 we registered our own domain name, aussimasters.com.au, used for all our official email addresses and our website. With the move to the new domain, the website was given another facelift with the use of 'flash', and making documents available as pdf files.

The national website was launched on Jan 25th 1999. Since then, the 1.5 million hits and 300,000+ visitors have had access to results, records and documents, as well as the online version of AUSSINEWS.COM (see below), and links to other websites of interest to Masters Swimmers. The busiest month for the website for 2001 was March with the release of the National Top 10, followed by April when the National Swim results were uploaded. The historical records were added in 2001, and the results and records are still the most popular pages viewed.

In 2001, Queensland Branch joined the list of branches with their own website. This takes the pressure of the national website to provide information for and about Branch activities.

The website is one of the easiest and cost effective methods of reaching many people, and continues to give us world wide exposure. The space on the server has been extended to add more services, including the revised times and software manual for the National Aerobic Trophy.

The National Newsletter, AUSSINEWS.COM published every alternate month and posted to clubs, is also available from the website in full colour as a pdf file. It would be great to be able to print the newsletter in colour for all clubs, however the cost is prohibitive. In the past the newsletter has not carried advertising, but some space was given to our major sponsors, Sports Travel and Zoggs, during 2001.

The regular column for National Records has expanded to one and a half pages, and it is the best way of congratulating our swimmers on their achievements. Lane 9 continues to report on the misadventures of AUSSI swimmers, however the stories seem to be from only one branch. Opinions, questions, letters and stories are always welcome from members as this is their publication.

Pauline Samson, Director of Communications

AUSSI Sponsors



Serious swimmers prefer



AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc would like to thank its sponsors, Sports Travel Pty Ltd and Zoggs, for their support throughout 2001. Their contribution to the promotion of Masters Swimming is not only recognised, but very much appreciated.



AUSSI would also like to acknowledge the financial assistance received from the Australian Sports Commission in 2001, which was used towards the cost of attending the joint planning meeting with Australian Swimming Inc.

Technical Development

The Technical Committee comprises Alan Davis (Technical Director and Chairman), Russell Ogden (QLD), Sue Johnson (NSW), with the co-opted assistance of Pauline Samson (TAS), from time to time.

In November 1995, AUSSI courses for accreditation of Referee, Marshall, Check Starter and Timekeeper were officially registered with the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme. This expired in November 1999 however, and to retain the registration, the courses needed to be updated to a Competency Based Training (CBT) structure.

This was carried out at a workshop held at the AUSSI national office on Saturday 2nd June. Les Bee, Manager of the Victorian Coaching Centre, was asked to facilitate the workshop, the participants being Alan Davis, Jeanette Holowiuk, Pauline Samson, and Julia Phillips.

In the process of re-designing the AUSSI technical courses to comply with CBT requirements, a new technical education structure evolved. This resulted in a decision that the Referee course only would be accredited by the NOAS, and the remaining courses accredited by AUSSI.

The Board approved the revised structure at its meeting in October. The project continued for the remainder of the year, with the worksheets being drafted for the new courses.



From the left: Les Bee, Jeanette Holowiuk, Pauline Samson and Alan Davis at Technical Workshop held at the AUSSI National Office, Williamstown.

The total number of accreditations at the end of 2001 was 50, summarised as follows:

Branch	Referees	Starters	Other	Total
ACT			1	1
NSW	3	3	16	22
NT			1	1
QLD		2	11	13
SA			3	3
TAS				0
VIC		1		1
WA		3	6	9

The Medical Disability form has been revised to comply with current rules, and requires Club approval before being submitted to the National Office. I would like to thank Pauline Samson for her assistance in the revision process.

Alan Davis, Director of Technical Development



Jeanette Holowiuk, Alan Davis and Les Bee in the meeting room at the AUSSI National Office, hard at work revising the courses for Technical Officials.

Programs

The Aerobic Trophy became a National Program in 1982. It is designed to encourage people to compete in distances from 400 metres to 1,500 metres, and up to one hour in duration, in the full variety of strokes.

The total number of swims that can be completed throughout the calendar year is 62, in the following categories:

- 25 individual 400m swims
- 25 individual 800m swims
- 3 by 1500m swims
- 3 by 1/2 hour swims
- 3 by 3/4 hour swims
- 3 by 1 hour swims

Points are gained for the completion of each different event. These combine with points gained by fellow Club members, and contribute to a total point score for each competing Club. The highest scoring Club is then declared the National Aerobic Champion.

2000 Aerobic Award		Points
1st	Sunshine Coast QLD	7841
2nd	Somerset WA	7037
3rd	Gladstone QLD	6636

This past year has been an interesting one, with the review of the Aerobic Trophy being completed. I was a little disappointed with the small number of submissions from clubs and

individuals, but the Board investigated all of the suggestions for improvements in the trophy conditions before making its decision.

The result of this review was a slight relaxation of the standards for the Aerobic Trophy. The changes were passed at the first Board Meeting of the year, with the software that is used to record the swims being updated and distributed to branches in October. No changes to the format of the Award were made, so presumably the majority is happy with the rules for this event.

This year has seen a decrease in the number of clubs competing, but an increase in individuals scoring the top points. Those clubs who do compete find it a rewarding and challenging part of their swimming program. It is certainly a great way to get fit.

As an extension of the Aerobic Trophy, the Tassie Award, which commenced in 1986, goes to the club averaging the highest number of points per registered member.

2000 Tassie Award		Points
1st	Campbelltown NSW	142.92
2nd	Sunshine Coast QLD	137.58
3rd	Maroochy QLD	135.63

During 2001, the Board put into place a sanction policy for all National Open Water Postal Swims, to be effective from 2002. The policy includes provision for a sanction number for all sanctioned Postal Swims. An up-to-date list of all sanctioned events, together with the Guidelines and Application Form, are available on the AUSSI web site.

Lynne Malone, Director Of Programs

Competing Clubs:						
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
ACT	1	1	2	3	3	2
QLD	17	17	21	19	24	21
VIC	9	11	13	20	10	11
SA	3	2	4	4	6	5
NT	3	2	1	2	3	3
TAS	4	4	3	7	6	6
NSW	16	21	20	20	22	20
WA	22	21	21	19	19	19
TOTAL	75	79	85	94	93	85
Maximum Point Scorers:						
Men	18	18	24	32	40	41
Women	29	23	28	34	37	38
Completed all Swims (Not gaining Maximum Points):						
Men	11	12	18	17	13	14
Women	14	14	14	17	21	15

The table to the left shows historical data for the Aerobic Trophy by year and branch, and the breakdown by gender for maximum point scorers and swims completed.

National Computer Committee

This year has been a very active one for the National Computer Committee.

We started in earnest mid February with our first conferlink. It was at this meeting that a number of issues were raised, including the identification of some problems with our existing software, web site standards, and virus protection software.

The following summarises what has been achieved in conjunction with the National Office since that meeting:

- official ownership by AUSSI of our approved software with signed agreements from the original authors of the software;
- storage of both the latest source and executable code at both the National office and with the Chairman of the National Computer Committee;
- updates of any AUSSI approved software to be approved firstly by the National Computer Committee (this is mainly to ensure that all users receive and use the latest version);
- distribution of the Aerobic software (a lot of work went into not just the creation of the software but also the documentation and install routine);
- a set procedure for distribution of any AUSSI approved software;
- identification of a person to act as Computer Liaison Officer within each branch; and
- adoption of a procedure to replace our current registration database software.

This last item is being implemented in three phases, which were identified at a workshop held in September, and approved by the Board at its meeting in October.

The first phase was to have our National Office use eight databases (one from each branch). This was to allow National to interrogate at branch level those databases that were still functioning.

The second phase (which began towards the end of the year) was to create an entirely new database of financial members for 2002, with the 2001 databases being archived for historical purposes. This was to address the

serious issue of corrupted data that we knew existed in more than one branch database. This phase also saw the start of the new number system for AUSSI, which will be carried into the third and final phase of the exercise.

The new numbers were implemented for several reasons, but primarily, to provide a simple means of identifying the branch with which the member is affiliated, and secondly, to avoid a repeat of the situation that occurred two years ago, when one branch issued to its new members numbers already being used by another branch. That resulted in the original members being "overwritten" on the national database, and for a period, they were not recorded as members at national level. This caused considerable work at branch and national level to rectify.

This last phase, for which much planning took place last year, will involve the creation of new software for the database, the import of data for our financial members, and finally the import of historical data.

The National Computer Committee relied heavily on feedback from each branch during this period of change, which has helped to ensure the software adopted is practical, and fit for its purpose. Not all operations undertaken by the Committee have gone smoothly, but we have been successful so far in dealing with the problems as they arose.

We thank all clubs and branches for their co-operation during what has been a time of significant change, as it is this co-operation and trust that ensures the ongoing success of our endeavours. Information Technology has become more and more a part of our daily lives, and this has been reflected in the increased workload of the National Computer Committee.

It is worth noting that a significant amount of time and money has been directed into computer-related projects, which will result in some fairly sophisticated software that will not only cater for our needs, but work successfully on all windows based operating systems.

I take this opportunity to thank the other members of the Committee for their efforts throughout the year.

David Ryan
Chairman National Computer Committee

Members of the 2001 National Computer Committee were:

Mark Hepple, Helen Rubin, Brett Larkin, Pauline Samson, David Ryan (Chairman).

ACT Branch Report

During the past year Branch membership has increased rapidly, due almost entirely to the efforts put in by one Club.

Increased advertising in local shopping centres led to a larger turn out at club training sessions, especially in winter. This higher profile led to more enquiries, resulting in an increase in that club's membership from 61 in 2000 to 110 in 2001. Congratulations are certainly in order.

Coaching sessions catering for all levels are carried out three times per week at each club. We are privileged to have a number of qualified coaches (both AUSSI and ASI), with more interest being expressed by members concerning future courses. We are beginning to establish a relationship with coaches at the AIS, and coaching sessions have been held for our members at two-monthly intervals during the year.

Technical expertise is also being fostered with three officials' courses taking place in 2001. A total of 19 members passed these courses (including one from inter-State), increasing the level of education of our members.

A number of Swim Meets were held during the year. The ever-popular two-day Branch

Championships were held in May, with inter-club meets approximately every two months. The good results at these and other inter-State carnivals reflect the considerable efforts club members have put into their training. Unfortunately our annual Long Distance Meet was cancelled due to a clash with the local ACT elections and the Australian Masters Games in New South Wales. The Tuggeranong Vikings AUSSI Club successfully held its inaugural Challenge Swim Meet in November with considerable interest from inter-State. Members really enjoyed the different concept with awards from all events and the overall winner being based on closest to nominated time. Plans are underway for a second Challenge meet in 2002.

October saw the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of AUSSI in the ACT with a get-together of members from the first five years. This included two foundation members and another early member now residing in Queensland.

The Branch newsletter, T.I.D.A.L., continues to be issued at the usual bi-monthly intervals. Members eagerly await it.

The future appears to hold lots of challenges for AUSSI in the ACT. We need further increases in membership and in volunteers, especially at the Branch level.

Judy Ford, Secretary

AUSSI Members enjoying the barbecue by the beautiful Albert Park Lake on day 2 of the National Swim, 2001



NSW Branch Report

Membership for the 12 months of 2001 reached 1553, consisting of 383 new members and 1170 re-registrations, an increase on the 2000 total of 1523. The year ended with 50 affiliated clubs.

Our large clubs have continued to thrive, with Seaside Pirates, North Sydney, and Warringah, finishing with over 100 members, and Manly with 99 members. Our club for swimmers in remote areas of NSW, the Bush Rangers, is building in numbers with three members attending carnivals.

The State Long Course Championships were held at Blacktown in March, and the State Short Course Championships were held in September at Tuggeranong, ACT.

Shoalhaven Seahawks again conducted the NSW Open Water Championships, on February 10th at Callala Beach, including a 3km Championship event and a 1km non-Championship swim.

The NSW 800 metre and 1500 metre Postal Swim was conducted during January and February of 2001. A large contingent travelled to the AUSSI Masters National Swim in Melbourne.

In NSW, there were 20 inter-club carnivals plus two long distance meets. Our members also competed in one ACT Championship event.

The big event for NSW in 2001 was the 8th Australian Masters Games, which was held in the Hunter Region. This event was organised and promoted by Cessnock Masters, and conducted by Masters Swimming NSW. This event attracted the largest number of competitors at a National Masters Games; 667 swimmers, and was a resounding success for competitors and organisers.

Mark Hepple has serviced most carnivals and produced the NSW Top Ten listings, which were submitted to the National Recorder. Some difficulties were experienced with the transfer of Top Ten 2000 but these problems should not occur in this years listing as the progressive Top Ten has been posted on the website for checking during the year.

Harry Schofield has been kept very busy with records by NSW swimmers, including a number of world records. Helen Rubin has continued her hard work for Aerobics and website, plus coping with the additional work in creating and maintaining the website for the National Swim 2002.

No Coaching Accreditation courses were conducted in NSW in 2001, as it was a year of consolidation for the three courses run in 2000. Branch Coaching Director Kathy Johnson began the process of completion of accreditation for all those who participated in Level 1 & 2M courses over the last two years.

Technical courses were conducted at Warringah, Blacktown, Cessnock, Wett Ones and Wests Auburn, on request of clubs. Thirty-five technical certificates were issued to NSW members in 2001.

NSW "Splash" magazine is mailed quarterly to each member. This is made possible as a result of partial funding by the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

The current office accommodation in Sports House remains rent-free, with free email and Internet services and access to meeting rooms. Sports House was to be relocated to Homebush, but the lease was extended to 2002.

Our Management Committee meetings are held the third week of every month at Sports House. Sub-Committee meetings are conducted as necessary, at the discretion of those involved. Volunteer hours have more than tripled as a result of a written request from the President to members asking for assistance in the Office for one day per month.

An allocation of \$9850 was made from the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation for the 2000/01 fiscal year. The Cancer Council (Sunsmart) grant of \$1500 was awarded for purchase of a shade structure for officials. Sunscreen and Cancer Council material is supplied at all meets. The International Year of the Volunteer Grant for \$2000 was allocated for the conduct of courses for officials.

Under a Review Panel set up at the Special General Meeting, a survey was conducted of all members through Splash. The Review Panel prepared a comprehensive report, and recommendations will be acted upon after the National Swim.

Sub-committees have been established for Club Development; Coaching Education & Training; Risk Management & Safety; Events (including Technical Officials) and Marketing plus the National Swim 2002 Organising Committee, all comprised of tireless volunteers working for the good of this organisation.

Thanks go to the National Administration and Executive under whose structure all this is possible.

Di Coxon-Ellis, Secretary/Administrator

NT Branch Report

Membership decreased to 143 from the 2000 total of 153. Alice Springs 62, Arnhem Salties 15, Darwin Stingers 66. The gender balance was 46 male to 96 female, and the average age was 45, ranging from 41 in Arnhem Salties and 39 in Alice AUSSI to 53 in Darwin Stingers.

Branch meetings were held on a monthly basis in Darwin, with a Darwin member representing Alice Springs. Despite several attempts, it was not possible to get the Arnhem Club to nominate a Darwin-based delegate as its representative.

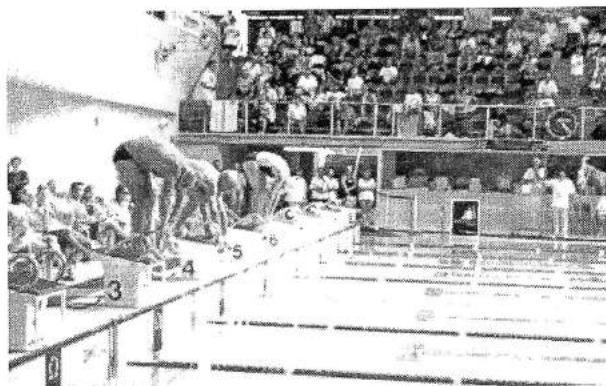
The Branch conducted two championship meets in 2001, both in Darwin; the Short Course Championships in May and the Long Course Championships in November. For the first time the Long Course Championships were conducted as an email meet. An inter-club postal swim program was introduced in 2001 to try to overcome the lack of competition suffered by Territory swimmers because of the great distances between the three clubs. Three meets were held using this system.

All three clubs participated in the 2000 Aerobic Competition, with Darwin placed 10th overall and 16th in the Tassie Award, Arnhem 33rd/15th and Alice Springs 31st/42nd. NT swimmers were also well represented in the Top Ten results for that year. Gerda Williams (55-59 age group) from Darwin was the most successful in this respect, gaining 18 first placings, four seconds and three thirds. Three swimmers from the NT competed in the 2001 National Swim in Melbourne, and one competed in the Australian Masters Games in Newcastle.

No coaching courses were conducted during the year, although two members completed the practical phases of the Level 1M course conducted in Alice Springs in November 1999. Regular coaching programs were provided within each of the individual clubs.

The major sponsor of the NT Branch was again the NT Department of Sport & Recreation, which provided grants for administration and travel at branch level and for individual club development.

John Pollock, President



Victorian Politicians under Starter's Order at the National Swim, 2001

QLD Branch Report

A year of change is the best description for 2001. A new Constitution was agreed at the Annual General Meeting, which was held in conjunction with the State Swim in Townsville.

A number of executive members then focused on a complete re-write of the By-Laws to mirror the needs of the Constitution, the result being endorsed in December. A smaller Executive now oversees the day to day conduct of the branch affairs with a larger "reference group" meeting on a less frequent basis to determine policy and strategic direction.

For the first time in 10 years the State Swim was hosted in the northern half of Queensland, and approximately 300 swimmers enjoyed the hospitality that only north Queensland knows how to provide. The historic Strand Pool, scene of the 1956 Australian Olympic swimming team camp that featured so many champion swimmers, was the venue for two days of intense competition, followed by a tropical night under the "big top" marquee for presentations at the Mercure Inn.

The number of clubs continued to increase, but members slid below the 2000 mark. Much discussion with many creative suggestions about ways to encourage membership of this great organisation took place, and a branch membership committee was tasked to grapple with finding some key strategies to implement.

Forty sanctioned swim meets took place, ranging in location from Atherton and Mareeba in the north to Duck Creek hosting the Lismore

"Rainbow Masters Games" in the south. A review of the sanctioned swim meet guidelines and better communication between the branch and clubs resulted in well-conducted meets.

Branch Administrator of six years, David Speechley was re-appointed for a further three years from a strong field of applicants. Our office at Sports House continues despite the Lang Park redevelopment. A feature of this year has been the creative use of volunteers, with the resulting input of two volunteer hours for every paid hour in the office helping our membership dollar stretch further. Sponsorship continued to rise with Mercure Inns, Konica, Polar Heart Rate Monitors, Zoggs, Matador Stop Watches, Oz Sports Trophies and minor sponsors increasing their sponsorship, and keen to assist where possible.

Viv Irwin, President

SA Branch Report

"The Year of the Volunteer" brought mixed blessings for the Branch.

Although we had strong support throughout the year, as always, from those volunteers that perform the vital, basic "nuts and bolts" tasks of organising and officiating at swim meets, maintaining records and keeping up with registrations, we had real difficulties in filling positions on the Council. In particular, the task of Secretary becomes more onerous every year and Anita MacDonald, who had held the position for three years, took a rest at the AGM. After much casting about, Ivan Wingate took over the role for six months with, inter alia, a view to seeing if it could be restructured into a paid part time administrative position. Various other roles had to be divided between more than one person. In the end, the Council of Clubs formed the view that the number of members in SA and the available finances on an ongoing basis meant that a paid position (rather than one including a modest honorarium, barely covering expenses) was not feasible.

Filling executive positions looks to be a continuing challenge, reflecting the difficulties in the transition of AUSSI into a more professional organisation, or even part of the "Sports Industry". It was felt smaller branches, like SA, will have to find new strategies to cope with the changes.

Apart from this, activities in the Branch were relatively stable. Once again the clubs

organised six sanctioned AUSSI meets in the pool, including three inter-club meets, and both long and short course State Cups. The new(ish) long distance meet catering for 400, 800 and 1500 metre swimmers grew in popularity.

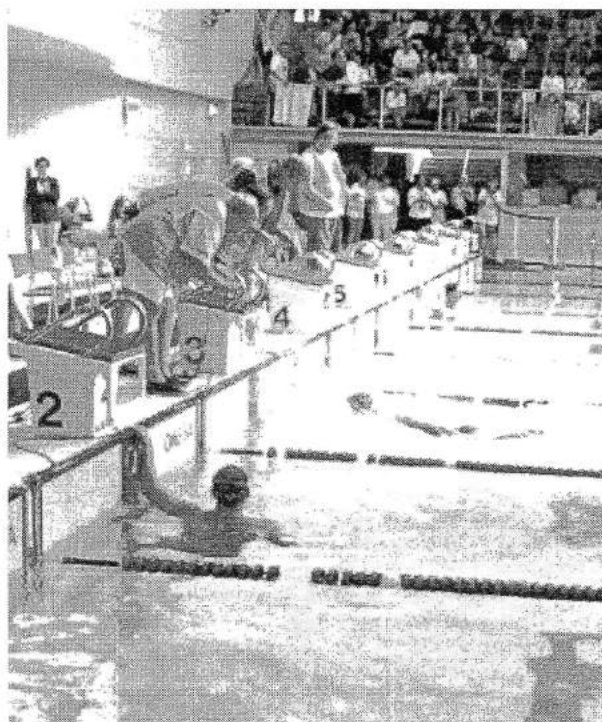
The Open Water Swim program ran more smoothly than in previous years, in no small measure due to the purchase of \$11,000 worth of dedicated equipment, with 22 swimmers receiving awards for completing all SA Open Water swims during the season. It is a measure of the popularity of Open Water Swimming in SA that, although it is not an AUSSI event, eighteen of our members went, at considerable expense, to Perth in February to swim the Rottnest Channel, eight of them solo!

For 19 years AUSSI has been part of the "Henley to Grange Swim" on Australia day, Adelaide's historic and most popular sea swim. Plans were put in place for a separate event for adults only to be run by AUSSI in future, due to irreconcilable differences with the amateur club that has hitherto run the event and wanted to change the date.

SA has historically put up a good showing at the National Swim, but regrettably, for reasons that nobody completely understands, only nine of our swimmers managed to get over to Melbourne this year, only five more than made it to Munich for the World Masters Championships!

Andrew Martin, President.

Victorian Politicians getting to the end of the race at the National Swim, 2001



TAS Branch Report

The year 2001 has been one of consolidation, with the Branch reviewing its Strategic Plan for the next five years, which period includes the National Swim that takes place in Tasmania in 2005.

The Tasmanian Branch is relatively small, numbering some 320 members and eight active Clubs. Despite the small number of members, the Branch Committee meets bi-monthly for face-to-face meetings, and Branch activities include three championship meets, several inter-club meets, and the Aerobic Trophy competition.

Membership numbers remained constant last year, with new members replacing those who did not re-register. The Branch has tried to establish a club in any venue that has a training pool. This has not been easy, as committee members are harder to find in smaller areas therefore these potential clubs have been more difficult to establish.

In Hobart the loss of the Aquatic Centre for several months last year (April to September) due to fire damage meant that training venues were at a premium. Clubs reached out and offered alternative times and venues to assist those clubs that would normally train at the Aquatic Centre, and members were able to continue with their AUSSI programs at no extra cost.

The position of Coaching Director was vacant for 2001, but all Clubs had supervised training and coaching sessions, and members were invited to coaching clinics, which included visiting coaches from the AIS.

During 2001, three Championship Meets were conducted. The Long Course Summer Meet was held in Hobart, and both the Short Course Long Distance, and Winter Short Course, were held in Launceston. Inter-club meets continued throughout 2001, especially for longer distances.

A number of Tassie swimmers competed successfully at both the National Swim in Melbourne and at the Australian Masters Games in Newcastle.

The Branch held five management meetings during 2001, as well as its Annual General Meeting. The Committee is a dedicated group who work well together and are committed to providing an excellent service to the members. The Branch is in a very sound financial position, for which thanks are due to the hard-working members of the Committee.

I would like to thank the members of the committee, our representative at National level, and all our members, for their loyalty and support. Their contribution is what makes the Tasmanian Branch so successful.

Peter Neilson, President



Gathered at Hazelwood Pondage for the 2001 National Swim Meet Open Water Swim

VIC Branch Report

Membership for the 12 months of 2001 totalled 1,134, which is down from last year's 1,195 members.

We lost and gained a few clubs, bringing the total number to 36 at the end of 2001, comprising 13 country clubs and 23 metropolitan clubs. Our new members were primarily due to the establishment of one new club, the Glamourhead Sharks (40 members). We continue to experience problems in retaining existing members.

The highlight of 2001 was the 26th Annual National Swim. The pool events were held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, with the Open Water event being held at Hazelwood Pondage. It was a successful meet, both for the Branch and for AUSSI National, with a small profit thanks to our main sponsor, Federation Peak. A big thank you to all the people from the Branch who worked well together to make this event the success it was.

A Branch Organising Committee, headed by Danny Smith, also began work last year for the World Masters Games which are to be held in October 2002. With the assistance of the World Masters Games staff, the National President, National Executive Director, and Ivan Wingate (FINA Technical Delegate), a great deal of work was undertaken during the past year for this event.

Our State Long and Short Course Championships were again conducted at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park, where many State and National records were broken. Numbers were down on previous years but this was a trend in all types of competition last year. Again the State Long Distance Short Course and Long Distance Long Course events were held. These events allow members to compete in distances not normally available at meets conducted by clubs. Several clubs also held inter-club events, but due to lack of numbers in some cases, events had to be cancelled.

Our newsletter, "The Swimmer", continues to be a primary link between the Branch and its members, and a very important one it is too. A great deal of information is communicated to members, including a Yearly Swim Calendar, tips on diet and training, clubs news, and other items of general interest. The Branch wishes to thank Harold Gusdorf for his great work in editing and publishing The Swimmer.

Our Branch does not receive any funding from the State Government. This year Federation Peak sponsored the National Swim, and we thank David Pope and his staff for their help in making the meet a financial success.

The Branch office moved from Camberwell to a new office in Boronia in March 2001, which is shared with the Victorian Aquatic Industry Council and VICSWIM. The office is now further from the CBD, but it is much more convenient for staff and volunteers.

2001 saw a new President, Barbara Brooks, take the helm in Victoria. Barbara has been involved in this Branch's activities for many years. Shirley Mc Farland (Vice President), Alan Davis (Secretary), and Bruce Ripper (Treasurer), together with the President, made up the Branch's Executive Committee.

Ian Dear took over the vacant position of Coaching Director in 2001, and made great progress towards organising a Coaching Course for Victoria. Due to lack of numbers, communication problems, and time restraints, the course did not proceed, but has been re-scheduled for a future date. Ian has also been in contact with other swimming groups to improve the delivery of coaching education and courses to AUSSI members. Ian was appointed President of Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association Victoria (ASCTAV) in November, and a Sub-Committee was formed to look at the relationship AUSSI Victoria has with this organisation.

Catherine Watmough, ably assisted by her husband Paul, took over the reins as Branch Registrar during 2001. She dealt with several issues that resulted from problems experienced with the national database, and has handled this Branch's registration administration with ease.

Kate Greenway resigned from her position of Recorder late in the year. We would like to thank Kate and her partner John, for all their work handling this very busy portfolio over the past years. An interim Recorder was appointed for the remaining months of the year.

Laurie Henry, who joined the Technical Committee last year, was responsible for rostering officials for all Branch Swim Meets. Technical Director Alan Davis handled this task for the National Swim.

Jeanette Holowiuk, Branch Administrator

WA Branch Report

Anyone reading the minutes of the 20 February 2001 Annual General Meeting of AUSSI (WA) could be forgiven for assuming the Branch was in crisis!

The meeting did not have a quorum, due to the inability of several Board of Management members to attend, and only one of 5 vacant Board positions was filled, with the position of President also left vacant. However less than 6 weeks later all Board positions were filled (which had not been achieved for several years!) and a number of the officer positions supporting the Directors also had keen AUSSI Members actively involved in the Branch management.

To avoid a repeat of that situation, the Branch Constitution was amended during 2001 to provide for two-year terms for the elected Board Members, with three of the six positions falling vacant each year. The Branch Business Plan was updated and adjusted to a July to June timeframe to better fit with the Department of Sport and Recreation funding programs.

The loss of four clubs (Bayswater, Hedland, Kalgoorlie and Wickham) resulted in the loss of 46 of the total reduction of 93 members compared with 2000. New club Southside Wesley partially offset this loss by adding seven new members. Fourteen clubs have increased their membership by a total of 95 members but 15 clubs (including the four clubs lost) have

resulted in a total reduction in membership of 188 members. While the member retention rate of nearly 80% is very good compared with most sporting associations, the continued well being of AUSSI depends on the introduction of new members and new clubs to provide improved access to the organisation.

The year saw considerable innovation in the conduct of Branch events. The Swim Around Australia was an AUSSI National event co-ordinated by the WA Branch. The national response was disappointing with only 21 clubs (11 from WA) participating. Only 7,381,579 metres were swum, however the activity raised a total of \$5369.10, which was distributed between the participating clubs (50%), branches (25%) and AUSSI National (25%).

The annual State Swim was conducted at Arena Joondalup, which was quite a change from Challenge Stadium. The Club Challenge Finals, which have previously been conducted over one weekend (four different events) at Challenge Stadium, were decentralised and conducted at three different venues over three different weekends.

The Branch was active in coordinating the efforts of four clubs to manage the swimming component of the inaugural Fremantle Masters Games, which was a successful event.

Australia Day was an appropriate day for 12 Members nominated by AUSSI WA to each be presented with the Australian Sports Medal by Senator Sue Knowles, following the Australia Day Swim, which is conducted by the Carine AUSSI Club.

A new innovation was the Presentation Night, which took the form of a Masquerade Ball on 23rd June. Presentations to the Coach of the Year, McDonald Administration Shield winning Club, Official of the Year, Outstanding Service to AUSSI WA Award, Open Water Swim Series winners, and Past President Bob Dunstan, were appreciated by 164 people present at the Fremantle Sailing Club for a great night.

Trevor Sutton again manned the AUSSI stand at the 'Have-a-Go' Day held at Burswood Park by the Seniors Recreation Council, presenting AUSSI to potential members. A pilot event conducted jointly with the City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club on 22nd December offered people over 50 years of age the opportunity to swim and/or walk at City Beach.

The Organising Committee for the 2003 National Swim has been planning this event under the leadership of Bob Dunstan.

A Timekeepers' Course and Starters' Examination were conducted with support from Department of Sport and Recreation. Several Referees are close to completion of the Referee Accreditation, aided by the rostering of trainee Referees for all events, which is a huge task handled well by Technical Officer Gail Gray.

A number of coaches who did the 2000 Level 1M Coaches Accreditation Course completed their deck time to gain their qualification. The State Coach visited 10 clubs, including Geraldton and Busselton. The Branch purchased an underwater camera to assist coaches and swimmers at all levels. The camera is to be made available to clubs who arrange to have members properly trained to operate it.

The National Aerobics Award program was reviewed, and the recommended changes were adopted by AUSSI National for 2001.

The Branch has a raft of officers in positions that support each of the Directors. Rhonda Maloney retired as Editor of the Branch Newsletter, "Different Strokes", and Lynne Duncan has continued the good work. A new position of Web Master was created for David Voysey to take over responsibility from Lynne Malone for the ever-increasing web site. AUSSI WA is also well served by members representing the Branch with other organisations. In addition to her elected role as AUSSI National Coaching Director, Kay Cox represents the Branch on the AUSTSWIM Board and also the WA Sports Federation Mature Age Sport Advisory Committee. In addition to his elected role as Branch Finance Director, Trevor Sutton represents the Branch on the Seniors' Recreation Council and at WA Sports Federation Council meetings.

The continued support of the Department of Sport and Recreation for programs by AUSSI WA is acknowledged and appreciated, and the Branch again benefited from the services of Mavis Owens in the Multi Sports Office.

Thanks to Ivan Wingate and Julia Phillips in the National Office for their support throughout the year. We acknowledge also the continued support of sponsor TYR, which again sponsored the Open Water Swim Calendar and also provided vouchers for presentation to award winners at the Presentation Night function. There are hundreds of people who contribute to the success and enjoyment of AUSSI by all Members – people who contribute at National, Branch and Club levels who are the 'backroom' workers. Thanks to all these people who give of themselves for AUSSI.

Brian Colliver, President

National Swim 2001

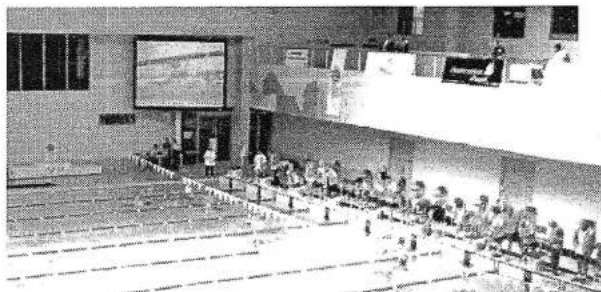
The 26th AUSSI Masters National Swim was without a doubt a very successful swim meet. This success stems from the dedicated and skilful attitude and effort from the Organising Committee and its large contingent of helpers.

The 5 days of competitive swimming saw over 500 swimmers, including 139 competitors for the Open Water Swim at Hazelwood Pondage.

Problems throughout the meet were minimal in that only on one instant did the Appeals Committee have to meet. I would like to thank our National President, Mary Sweeney and the Chief Referee, Alan Davis, for their input in helping to resolve this situation. I would also like to thank Dr Ted Giblin for his assistance during the competition, especially at the warm ups early in the mornings.

Organisation of the National Swim started in November 1999, using the Committee that had been formed to deal with the Public Sector Games 2000. Various people were allocated responsibility for the management of each portfolio as set out in the National Swim Meet Guide. Monthly meetings took place at the Branch Office in Camberwell, and we kept in close contact with the National Office to ensure that we were "on the right course".

The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) was the venue used for the pool competition, as it is located very close to the CBD of the City of Melbourne. This pool is a state-of-the-art facility, consisting of a multipurpose 75 metre 10-lane pool. Being only a few years old, it has ample changing rooms, showers, and



National Swim 2001 showing vision on the big screen of the underwater camera provided by sponsor FEDERATION PEAK

toilets, a wide concourse, AOE equipment, plus marshalling and recording rooms. The venue management addressed the problem of slippery tiles by supplying an amount of non-slip matting that worked well for the event.

For some reason here in Victoria/Melbourne, sponsorship is extremely hard to find. At a very late stage we did receive two significant responses: \$3,000 from the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation, and a \$10,000 sponsorship arrangement with Federation Peak, a new company supplying underwater cameras. We would like to thank both supporters, as their contribution was a significant factor in the success of the event.

The Welcome Function and Presentation Dinner were held close to MSAC, and proved to be very successful. Many thanks to social coordinators Barbara Brooks and Dorothy Dickey and their helpers.

Danny Smith, National Swim Meet Director



Above: Victorian politicians receiving their medals after completing the Special Event at the 2001 National Swim Meet.

Left: At the Finish — Officials waiting for the swimmers at the finish of the 2001 Open Water Swim.

Australian Masters Games

When I contacted Adelaide Swim Co-ordinator, Andy Wills, more than two years ago to ask if he had any advice for me concerning the organising of the swimming for the 8th Australian Masters Games, he replied "Yes, one word. Resign!"

It occurred to me that this remark had the same effect as waving a red flag at a bull. What is it that makes a man respond to a challenge, particularly when the odds are greatest?? My answer is confidence, because I knew that if I could put together the right team, then we would be capable of producing a great swim meet.

Fortunately, I did not have to look beyond my Cessnock Cub to find the people with the expertise to enable us to get the job done. The hard part was keeping them all interested for two whole years. This was accomplished by having a committee large enough for each of the individual co-ordinators to concentrate solely on their own allotted portfolios. Pride would then kick in to make sure that their particular tasks were done as well as, or better, than everyone else.

Entries came in slowly at first, but when our number of competitors exceeded the previous record set in Melbourne in 1997, I was convinced that we were in for four very special days of swimming. This assumption proved to be correct.

Another who deserves special mention, although not on the Organising Committee, is Jim Baird who put together our high quality program, produced the daily newsletter, printed and designed both the record certificates and the Heroes of the Hunter commendations. Without his contribution we would not have gained the high degree of excellence with which we have been credited.



Committee member, Diane Dunn was responsible for the social portfolio, and to say she performed admirably would be an understatement. Diane broke her social events into four categories. On the first two days of competition, she had arranged with Lambton Bowling Club, which is adjacent to the pool, to present "Happy Hours" at the conclusion of the day's events. Both of these occasions proved very popular with the swimmers, as the Bowling Club provided nibbles while everyone relaxed and planned their evening activities. During the Happy Hour, the Bowling Club allowed my committee to hold a debriefing in its boardroom so that we could analyse the day's events.

On the Saturday night, Diane organised our main social function, which was to take the form of a great sit down three-course meal in the Starlight Room at West's Leagues club, which had been beautifully decorated by members of the Cessnock Masters Club to resemble Davey Jones Locker. Guests were welcomed with champagne, while plenty of McGuigan wines were on hand to cleanse the palate. Popular duo, Fire and Ice, was there to provide the music that had the large crowd on their feet for most of the evening.

Our guests of honour were our major sponsors Fay and Brian McGuigan of McGuigan Wines, our corporate sponsor Glen Geary of The Good Guys, and Olympic swimming legend, the great John Konrads. Words can never express how wonderful this night was. It had everything, great food, great wine, great music and great company.

Another feature we included in the Games program on Saturday afternoon was a Fun Celebrity Relay, which took place immediately following the official opening by Brian McGuigan. The Cessnock Club challenged two teams of celebrity swimmers, which included some current world champions, an Olympic basketballer, Dena Sharrock (National Marketing Manager for Zoggs, which is one of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia's major sponsors), and the great John Konrads. Of course Cessnock members won, even if they had to cheat a little to do it.

Estelle Player, Sandra Cole, Alison Cameron, Barbara Muirhead ready for medal presentations



Competitors Rhonda O'Donnell and Nicole Snell relaxing between swims

On the fourth and final day of competition, John Konrads continued to act as a roving ambassador, giving talks and presenting medals. This was absolutely brilliant as everyone either wanted his autograph or to have a photo taken with him. John also presented the "Heroes of the Hunter" with their certificates. This particular innovation saw thirteen former Olympic swimmers from the Hunter receive scrolls to commemorate their dedication to swimming in this area.

The last event saw us finish in plenty of time to clean up the venue and head into Beaumont Street for the Farewell Party. Once again, Diane had taken care of the social side by booking out an entire restaurant for members of the swimming fraternity. We had the whole of the Australian Pizza Kitchen at our disposal, and what terrific food was prepared for us. McGuigan Wines once again came to the party to help wash down the pizza. This was another brilliant evening, but unfortunately the end of the road as far as the 8th Australian Masters Games were concerned.

In conclusion I would like to thank Masters Swimming NSW, and in particular Di Coxon-Ellis and Gary Stutsel, for giving me the opportunity to show just what we in the Hunter are capable of. I knew it, but it took the 8th Australian Masters Games to prove it to everyone.

Phil Baird, Swimming Co-ordinator,
8th Australian Masters Games, 2001

The members of my Committee fulfilled their allotted roles in excellent fashion, with the combined results producing a meet that was conducted without any major disruptions and to the liking of all those who participated. I wish to commend to you my Committee and the roles they have played during the past two years.

Secretary	Barbara Baird
Function Co-ordinator	Diane Dunn
Treasure	David Grove
Medals Presentation	Alison Cameron
Hospitality	Diane Partridge
Media / Sponsorship	Mike Dunn
Medical Liaison	Cheryl Moore
Venue Co-ordinator	Ted Nebauer
Meet Director	Phil Murray
Merchandising Officer	Pat Wilson
Venue Liaison	Dennis Moore
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Gordon Moore
Northern Districts	Barbara Starr and Arthur Roberts

The Medal Dais featuring novelty wine cask podiums supplied by Sponsor McGuigan's Wines



National Trophy Winners 2001

Founder's Trophy	Malvern Marlins (VIC)
Runners Up Trophy	Doncaster Dolphins (VIC)
Visiting Club Trophy	Manly (NSW)
National Heart Foundation Trophy	Catherine Watmough (VIC)
Swimmer of the Meet – Male	Bob Barry (NSW)
Swimmer of the Meet – Female	Pam Hutchings (NSW)
National Aerobic Trophy	Sunshine Coast Masters (QLD)
Tassie Award	Campbelltown (NSW)
Coach of the Year 2000	Louise Stovin-Bradford (NSW)
Official of the Year 2000	Not Awarded

Relay Trophies

80-119 years	Malvern Marlins (VIC)
120-159 years	Malvern Marlins (VIC)
160-199 years	Seaside Pirates (NSW)
200-239 years	Doncaster Dolphins (VIC)
240-279 years	Doncaster Dolphins (VIC)
280-319 years	Manly (NSW)
320-359 years	North Lodge Neptune (VIC)

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the following people for supplying photos used in this report:

Harold Gusdorf — National Swim 2001
Louise Stovin-Bradford — Coach of the Year
Phil Baird — Australian Masters Games
Darryl Hawkes — Recording
Julia Phillips — All other photos

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA INC

Budget for the year ending 31 December 2002

	Budget Amount \$	Comments
Revenue		
Branch affiliations 8 x \$225	1 800	
Coaches' accreditation	200	
Coaching Newsletter (Subscriptions 150 @ \$16, Sponsorship \$2000, Advertising \$400)	4 800	
Interest	8 000	Not subject to GST
National swim meet share	3 600	
Pre-World Masters Games Project	1 500	
Project sponsorship/funding	7 000	
Registrations 7400 equivalent members @ \$25	185 000	Amount fixed until 2004
Sales of merchandise (Mastering Swimming)	500	
	212 400	
GST payable (1800+200+4800+1500+7000+185000+500)/11	<u>(18 250)</u>	
Total Revenue net of GST	<u>194 150</u>	
Expenses		
General administration		
Professional Fees		
Audit fee	1 100	
Bank charges	600	Not subject to GST
Board and Management Committee Meetings		
Accommodation and travel	20 000	
Teleconferences (4 x \$500)	2 000	
Office Premises		
Rental (52 @ \$250)	13 000	
Furniture and equipment	2 500	
Utilities	900	
Depreciation	4 000	Not subject to GST
Operations		
Affiliations and subscriptions	1 000	
Computer software	1 500	
Insurance	42 000	
Postage	2 000	
Fax & telephone	4 000	
Repairs and maintenance	1 500	
Stationery	5 000	
Photocopier costs	900	
Staff		
NED remuneration	52 000	Not subject to GST
Workers Compensation Insurance	1 050	
Office support staff	12 000	Not subject to GST
Attendance at National Swim	750	
Conferences and travel	2 000	
Printing and Stationery for Special Projects		
Coaching Newsletter	3 000	
Annual reports and rules (Annual report: Top Ten; Rules & Policies)	4 500	
Miscellaneous		
Awards and gifts (including Coach of the Year)	500	
Other conferences and travel	2 000	
Sundry administration	1 300	
Total general administration (carried forward)	<u>181 100</u>	

Total General Administration (brought forward)	181 100
<i>Special Project</i>	
Strategic Planning Workshop	8 500
<i>Specialist Portfolios</i>	
Coaching	17 000
Communications/internet	2 200
Marketing	500
Membership development	2 000
Planning & risk management	500
Programmes	1 300
Recording	1 500
Computing	15 000
Swim meet policy/medical	400
Technical Development	800
Total Special Project & Specialist portfolios	49 700
	230 800
Input tax credits recoverable (123300+49700)/ 11	(15 730)
Total expenses after recovery of Input Tax Credits	215 070
Estimated surplus (deficit)	(20 920)

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA INC

Budget for the year ending 31 December 2002

	Budget Amount \$	Comments
Revenue		
Branch affiliations 8 x \$204.55	1,636	
Coaches' accreditation	180	
Coaching Newsletter (Subs 150 @ \$16, Sponsorship \$2000, Advertising \$400)	4,364	
Interest	8,000	
National swim meet share	3,600	Revise down by \$3,600
Pre-World Masters Games Project	1,360	Revise down by \$1,360
Project sponsorship/funding	6,360	
Registrations 7400 equivalent members @ \$22.73	168,200	Revise down by (400) \$9,090
Sales of merchandise (Mastering Swimming)	450	
Total Revenue net of GST	194,150	Revise down by \$14,050
Expenses		
General administration		
Professional Fees		
Audit fee	1,000	
Bank charges	600	
Board and Management Committee Meetings		
Accommodation and travel	18,182	
Teleconferences (4 x \$500)	1,818	
Office Premises		
Rental (52 @ \$227)	11,818	
Furniture and equipment	2,275	
Utilities	820	
Depreciation	4,000	
Operations		
Affiliations and subscriptions	910	
Computer software	1,365	
Insurance	38,182	
Postage	1,818	
Fax & telephone	3,637	
Repairs and maintenance	1,365	
Stationery	4,545	
Photocopier costs	820	
Staff		
NED remuneration	52,000	
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,050	
Office support staff	10,910	
Attendance at National Swim	682	
Conferences and travel	1,818	
Printing and Stationery for Special Projects		
Coaching Newsletter	2,730	
Annual reports and rules (Annual report: Top Ten; Rules & Policies)	4,090	
Miscellaneous		
Awards and gifts (including Coach of the Year)	455	
Other conferences and travel	1,818	
Sundry administration	1,182	
Total general administration (carried forward)	169,888	

Total General Administration (brought forward)	169,874	
<i>Special Project</i>		
Strategic Planning Workshop	7,726	Revise down by \$7,726
<i>Specialist Portfolios</i>		
Coaching	15,455	
Communications/internet	2,000	
Marketing	455	
Membership development	1,818	
Planning & risk management	455	
Programmes	1,182	
Recording	1,364	
Computing	13,636	
Swim meet policy/medical	364	
Technical Development	727	
Total Special Project & Specialist portfolios	<u>45,182</u>	
Total expenses net of GST	<u>215,070</u>	Revise down by \$7,726
Estimated surplus (deficit)	<u>(20,920)</u>	
Revised Deficit		
Original budget deficit	(20,920)	
Add decrease in revenue estimates	(14,050)	
Less decrease in expense estimates	<u>7,726</u>	
Revised Deficit	<u>(27,244)</u>	

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