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Annual Report 2004



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National Board



Left to right:
 John Pollock (NT), John Pugh (Finance Director), Paul Watmough (Victoria), Pauline Samson (Tasmania), Craig Smith (South Australia), Lynne Malone (Western Australia), Diane Gregory (ACT), Mary Sweeney (President), Therese Crollick (Queensland), Ian Davis (New South Wales), Tony Keogh (Coaching Director).

National Management Committee 2004

Mary Sweeney	President
John Pugh	Finance Director
Kay Cox	Coaching Director (January-May)
Tony Keogh	Coaching Director (June-December)
Julia Phillips	Chief Executive Officer

National Presidents 1975-2004

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
 Ivan Wingate

National Committees 2004

The following people were members of National committees during the period January to December 2004.

Coaching	Louise Stovin-Bradford
Coaching	Peter Reaburn
Governance	Ian Davis
Governance	Diane Gregory
Governance	Julia Phillips
IT	Helen Rubin*
IT	Mark Hepple
IT	Paul Watmough
Membership	Therese Crollick
Records	Paul Watmough*
Records	Pauline Samson
Records	Lynne Malone
Swim Meet	John Pollock*
Swim Meet	Lynne Malone
Swim Meet	Rob Lucas
Technical	Pauline Samson*
Technical	Gary Hoff
Technical	Gary Stutsel
Technical	Fran O'Hara

*Chairman

President's Report

As this is my final report as President, some of my comments include the progress of AUSSI over the last six years that I have been President, as well as the progress of AUSSI during 2004, and some thoughts for the future.

I joined AUSSI in 1984 and even at that time I was impressed by the fact that AUSSI was a unique sport by any standards. We are one of the oldest Masters Sports and one of the few autonomous Masters Sports. Our history has meant we have evolved virtually governed "by the members for the members." Being member based and member run has been our strength over the years and will stay our strength in the future. As a Masters Sport, we receive no government funding on a national basis, we rely almost solely on membership registrations and we rely very heavily on our volunteer base at branch and club levels to convert policy into practical reality.

Like most other things in life, AUSSI has changed over the years to firstly meet the expectations of an ever changing society and secondly, for the advancement of AUSSI as a whole. Some changes are not always clear to members and need to be handled with care and concern for the member, volunteer, club and branch.

National Office

Julia Phillips (CEO for the past three and a half years) has streamlined a number of processes in an endeavor to gain maximum efficiency. Until recently Julia was supported in the National Office by two part time staff, one of whom dealt solely with coaching and technical matters.

Late in 2004 the Board agreed that the National Office may, upon application and contribution to costs, act as secretariat for any branch that is unable to, or wishes not to, administer its own branch. The Victorian Branch has taken up this option. To accommodate this venture, a full time

person was appointed to the office to work part time on administration of the Victorian Branch and part time on National Office duties. The venture will be evaluated in April 2005 after a trial period.

AUSSI/Swimming Australia MoU

In 2002 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between AUSSI and Swimming Australia and recognises the autonomy of both bodies. This MoU was re-evaluated in 2004 and re-signed by both parties. Collaboration is currently taking place in Western Australia on mapping the commonalities of the technical rules and courses of both organisations. The same process had commenced at national level for coaching courses, but was temporarily halted when the structure of coaching courses and personnel within Swimming Australia changed. This is again being investigated at a national level to allow for easy transition of personnel to both AUSSI Masters and Swimming Australia coaching accreditations.

Information Technology

Keeping up with technology in this technological age has been an ongoing task for AUSSI. In 2004 the AUSSI National Board entered into an agreement with Swimming Australia to use its registration database for AUSSI registrations. The new web-based database for AUSSI officially commenced registrations at the beginning of 2005 and will replace the older database which has served AUSSI well. Mention should be made at this time of at least three members, Geoff Upton, Darryl Hawkes, and Brett Larkin, who wrote original software programs that AUSSI has used for many years.

Discussion has taken place at Board level regarding replacement of our two national swim programs. The Board approved the use of the commercial swim meet software, Meet Manager, as the



official swim meet software for AUSSI and final discussions at the April 2005 Board meeting regarding distribution, software licence and costs should enable the process to proceed to conclusion.

Committee System

The Committee system replaced the Branch portfolio system in early 2002. The majority of the committees are working extremely well. Unfortunately personnel to adequately staff these committees remain an ongoing problem, with the Membership and Participation Committee being inactive due to lack of membership.

Membership – Market Research

The Board reviewed the subject of membership in 2004 and agreed that membership is best handled at branch level. It is recognised that membership is won or lost at club level, as often the prospective member's decision to join or not is the result of the welcome received upon attending the club training nights.

It is imperative that the National Board has a role in membership, however, and needs to continue to consider ways it can assist the branches in the task of gaining and retaining members, i.e. financial assistance to the branches or other incentives or support to branches, clubs, or members.

A marketing research project was undertaken in 2003. The results of this research has not yet been properly evaluated or acted upon due to lack of personnel on the Membership and Participation Committee. This research project remains an area for follow up during 2005 to justify the cost and time spent on this project.

An ever increasing number of sports and other leisure activities compete for membership today, and in an environment such as this, it is essential that AUSSI be marketed more efficiently and that the National Board leads this marketing challenge.

5 and 10 Year Awards To Members

In an endeavour to recognise the importance of the numerous volunteers in our organisation and to express our thanks for their contribution to AUSSI, the National Board approved 5 year awards and 10 year awards for volunteers on a national level.

The recipients of the 5 year awards were:

David Forsyth	1989 - 1994
Anita Killmier	1988 - 1993
Carol Davis	1978 - 1984
Peter Jackson	1981 - 1986
Des McCormick	1981 - 1985
Mary Connolly	1977 - 1983
Jean Heath	1998 - 1994
John Pugh	1999 - 2004
Ted Giblin	1995 - 2000
David Speechley	1997 - 2001
Doug Tantau	1993 - 1997

The recipients of the 10 year awards were:

David Cummins	1989 - 1999
Pauline Samson	1993 - 2004
Darryl Hawkes	1994 - 2003
Mary Sweeney	1995 - 2004
David Ryan	1995 - 2004

My congratulations and thanks to them all.

Confederation of Australian Sport

The Confederation of Australia Sport (previously Sports Industry Australia) AGM was held in Melbourne this year and was officially attended by Julia Phillips, and myself as President. Kay Cox, past National Coaching Director

also attended and was presented with the prestigious Eunice Gill award for services to Australian Sport.

The Confederation is faced with serious financial problems coming into 2005 and the continued status of the organisation is under review. AUSSI remains involved in the Confederation, as it owns the Australian Masters Games and the organisation of the Games is always of concern to AUSSI as a Masters Sport. The Confederation has been seen as the official voice of Australian Sport in government circles and it is hoped that the future of the Confederation can be resolved favourably early in 2005. Julia Phillips was elected to the Board of the Confederation for 2005 and I congratulate her on her election.

FINA World Masters Swim

The FINA World Masters Swim was held in Italy in 2004 and by all accounts from AUSSI swimmers, it was the most swimmer-friendly World Swim ever held. The popular use of two pools for the swimming competition allowed for shorter days of competition and has raised the expectations of swimmers for future World Masters Swims.

For the first time in many years no official representative was sent by AUSSI to the event and I believe this disadvantages AUSSI in the international arena. My belief is that AUSSI should send the National President, or his/her representative to all such swims in the future to provide official representation as many other countries do and to liaise with other Presidents on an international basis.

FINA Oceania Swim

During 2004 AUSSI was advised that a FINA Oceania Swim would be held in Fiji in May 2005 and AUSSI was invited to assist in its planning, together with New Zealand and Fiji. Unfortunately it was to be held shortly after our own National Swim and it was the Board's decision to decline the invitation to assist with organisation of the event if held in 2005.

It is important that organisers of such events in future have longer forward planning and more discussion with, and input from, the countries in the region to avoid event clashes in these countries. This swim was planned to engender enthusiasm in Masters Swimming in the Oceania Region and AUSSI trusts that it will meet expectations in this regard, and wishes the organisers every success.

Board meetings

Two Board meetings were held, one in Adelaide in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting and the National Swim.

Changes occurred in the National Management Committee with the resignation of Kay Cox as National Coaching Director. Her expertise in all matters concerning AUSSI will be sadly missed and the Board has expressed its thanks to Kay for her contribution to AUSSI, both as a member of the National Management Committee and as National Coaching Director. The NMC approved Tony Keogh's nomination to fill the casual vacancy and his appointment was ratified at the 2004 October Board meeting.



*NMC Members:
John Pugh,
Mary Sweeney,
Julia Phillips,
Tony Keogh*

National Swim and Australian Masters Games

The National Swim hosted by the South Australian Branch in Adelaide was a very enjoyable event thanks to a well geared organising committee. Many of the same volunteers are now faced with organising the swimming at the Australian Masters Games to be held in Adelaide in 2005. Congratulations to the South Australian organising team for producing a National Swim to remember.

Restructure

In 2004 the National Board agreed to follow a process of restructure of the National Board. A sub-committee was appointed to produce a proposed structure to be presented to the April 2005 Board meeting. The Board's approval of a new structure will be the basis for a proposed revised constitution. It is important that all voices be listened to whilst working through this stage so what is finally produced is a document that is acceptable to all.

Volunteers

I find as I conclude this report that my reflections are again drawn to our volunteers who are so necessary to the continued growth of AUSSI. Volunteer work of any kind means enormous sacrifice on the part of the giver and I thank all those AUSSI volunteers with whom I have been privileged to work over the last six years at all levels. Again I stress the importance of volunteers not being underestimated in any changes that AUSSI contemplates in the future.

I thank all those Branch Delegates who have sat around the Board table at meetings over the past six years and I especially thank the members of the National Management Committee – Kay Cox, John Pugh, Tony Keogh and our previous National Executive Director Ivan Wingate and current CEO Julia Phillips for their support.



The National Flag being passed from South Australia to Tasmania at the National Swim Presentation Dinner in Adelaide.

Change of President

I leave the position confident that the organisation to which I have devoted a large part of my life over the past six years will continue to be governed by a group of volunteers with concern for the individual member uppermost in their deliberations.

For myself I will no doubt miss the involvement at national level for a while but will continue to be involved in AUSSI at club level and as a competitive swimmer. In 1984 I thought AUSSI was a unique organisation and as we enter 2005 I believe that is still true.

My best wishes go to all members and my support goes to your incoming President for his term of office.

Mary Sweeney, President

Chief Executive Officer

This year has proven to be a significant one for the National Office, with a new staffing structure, the continuing development of a new governance structure, and a new initiative to provide administrative services to our branch associations.

Governance

As reported in last year's Annual Report, in 2003 the Board approved in principle a proposal to move away from a federated model of governance to one more suited to the needs of a small sporting organisation. At the Board Meeting in March 2004, it was agreed that a workshop would be held on 19th and 20th June 2004, to consider and debate all the governance options open to AUSSI.

Professor David Shilbury of Deakin University was appointed to facilitate the workshop, and participants (seen hard at work below) were Mary Sweeney (President), John Pugh (Finance Director), Julia Phillips (CEO), Diane Gregory (ACT), Ian Davis (NSW), John Pollock (NT), David Ryan (QLD), Craig Smith (SA), Pauline Samson (TAS), Paul Watmough (VIC), and Lynne Malone (WA).

The workshop participants considered the strengths and weaknesses of AUSSI's current governance model and discussed their implications. David Shilbury provided an overview of the various governance options that are available, and then the participants considered the relevant strengths and weaknesses of each model within the context of its suitability for AUSSI. After critical analysis and feedback on all the options, the Board selected an Independent Hybrid model as the preferred governance option. This decision was formally adopted at the Board Meeting in October 2004, and a Governance Committee was formed to take the project to the next stage. The Commit-

tee met in Melbourne on the first week-end in December, and then circulated its recommendation to branches and Board members. This project is scheduled for completion in 2005.

Administrative Services

In an exciting new initiative for AUSSI, the Board agreed to a proposal to allow the National Office to provide administrative services to branches on a cost-recovery basis. The Victorian Branch was the first to take advantage of the new opportunity, and in November 2004, sub-contracted its administrative services to the National Office. This has resulted in substantial savings for the Branch, in particular in the areas of salaries and overheads. It also enabled the National Office to employ a full-time Sport Administrator, Jeanette Holowiuk, who joined us in December 2004. Jeanette is no stranger to AUSSI, having held the position of Victorian Branch Executive Director for a number of years, and she was also the Victorian delegate to the National Board between 2001 and 2003.

Staffing Structure

In addition to the full-time CEO and Sport Administrator, the National Office also employs a part-time Technical Development Officer, Loren Bartley. Loren has focused on improving the internal procedures for recording and



storing data relating to Coaches and Officials, including liaison with the Australian Sports Commission in relation to the process for Coach and Official Accreditation and Re-accreditation in line with the new service level agreement.

A key project for Loren in 2004 was the Masters Swimming Coaching Survey, which provided the Board with a great deal of useful information from our current and expired coaches. Loren's other key tasks during 2004 have been to write articles for each of the national newsletters explaining the process for gaining coaching and technical accreditation and keeping qualifications current, and providing ongoing support to branches for any coaching and technical related matters.



Official Travel Agent

The contract between AUSSI Masters Swimming and Sports Travel expired after the FINA World Championships last year, and after careful consideration of tenders from various companies, the Board appointed International Sports Tours as Official Travel Agent for AUSSI Masters Swimming. I would like to thank Corinne Roberts and the staff of Sports Travel for their wonderful support up to and including the FINA World Championships in Riccione last year, and welcome Brian and the folks at International Sports Tours.

Registration System

AUSSI was well ahead of its time in the development and implementation of a national database, but with expansion of Windows-based operating systems, the old DOS registration program was rapidly becoming obsolete. There were several options available for its replacement, but after careful consideration the Board accepted the recommendation of the IT Committee to utilise the swimming-specific web-based registration system developed by Swimming Australia Ltd. The system was tested during the latter part of 2004, and came on-line officially in December. There have been some teething problems, but feedback from clubs and branches is extremely positive, especially regarding the ease of use and flexibility of the system.

I would like to thank Helen Rubin and the members of the IT Committee for their assistance and support, and Swimming Australia Ltd for making the system available to AUSSI. I would also like to thank Sascha Saharov of Swimming Australia Ltd for his patience and support throughout the training and implementation period.

Sponsors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our national sponsors, ZOGGS, Sports Travel, and International Sports Tours, for their support to AUSSI and its programs. I would also like to thank Marsh Pty Ltd for its support for our insurance program, and the National Heart Foundation for sponsoring the National Heart

Foundation Trophy, which is awarded each year at the National Swim. Thanks also to Swimming Australia Ltd for its support of Masters Swimming.

National Website

Pauline Samson, our Webmaster, completely renovated the website during 2004. The new look is intended to make the site easier to navigate, and has also reduced by a considerable amount the storage space used on the trump.net server. Anyone who has had any involvement in maintaining a web site will appreciate just how much work is involved, and I would like to thank Pauline for her efforts over many years in keeping the website up to date. The statistics in the table below show a very impressive hit rate, with the peak in April coinciding with the release of the Top Ten and Aerobic results.

Month	No of Requests	No of Page Requests
Mar-04	35,397	6,082
Apr-04	76,074	11,264
May-04	39,564	8,321
Jun-04	32,665	7,621
Jul-04	32,872	7,652
Aug-04	42,754	9,582
Sep-04	36,883	8,696
Oct-04	35,830	8,724
Nov-04	40,443	10,310
Dec-04	32,507	8,471

Other reports mention the wonderful work of Frank Braun in developing a web-based system for Top Ten and Records so I will not repeat those comments here. It would be remiss of me however not to thank Frank for the hours of work he has given freely to AUSSI to develop this new system, which has proven to be a wonderful service to our members and clubs.

Farewell

Although the Annual Report should only reflect on things that happened during 2004, this will be my last report for AUSSI Masters Swimming, and I would like to make a few general comments.

It will be almost four years to the day since I started with AUSSI when I leave at the end of February. It has been a simply wonderful four years, and I count myself fortunate to have made so many friends from all over Australia.

We have achieved a great deal during the past four years, and AUSSI is well-positioned to continue to grow and prosper in the future.

I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers from the branches who have helped to make my job not only pleasant, but also much easier. There are far too many to name individually, but the members of the National Committees deserve a special mention. These people undertake their duties at national level in addition to whatever roles they hold at branch level, and the hours of work they provide to AUSSI is extraordinary. There is no question that AUSSI has great strength in the quality and commitment of these volunteers, and I would like to record my thanks for the work and friendship of our National Committee members.

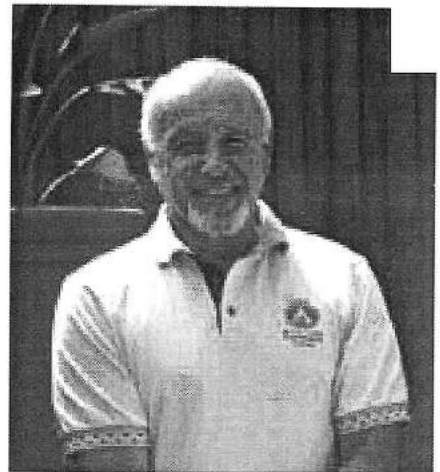
The relationship between the CEO and members of the National Management Committee is a particularly close one, and I would like to thank Mary Sweeney, John Pugh, and Kay Cox for their friendship and support throughout the last four years. I consider each of them to be a personal friend in addition to being a colleague, and wish them all the very best in whatever they do in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff of the National Office who have given such wonderful commitment to AUSSI and its branches; in particular Jen Lindsay, Susan Walker, Jeanette Holowiuk and Loren Bartley.

Thanks to you all for the wonderful memories and lasting friendships that my time with AUSSI has provided.

Julia Phillips
Chief Executive Officer
March 2001-February 2005

Director of Finance



This report is to be read together with accompanying audited financial reports and the statement of actual-to-budgeted financial performance. Together they show the financial performance for the past year and the financial position at the end of the year.

Statement of Financial Performance

This operating report shows how the national body gets its income, and how it has used it to provide services to member branches, and through them to affiliated clubs and their registered swimmers and officials. In general terms both income raising and expenditure are guided by long and medium-term priorities, identified in the current strategic plan, and the short-term priorities reflected in the year's budget.

The overall result for the year was a deficit of \$25,243, made up of an operating deficit of \$11,772 and expenditure on special projects of \$13,521. The main cause of the operating deficit was a drop in expected income from sponsorships and member registrations. Since 1999 the number of members registered has declined from 7,635 to 6,616, which is disturbing for a body that depends on members for about 85% of its total revenue. However, administration expenses were generally below budget as was the overall deficit. So on the expense side we operated efficiently.

Statement of Financial Position

The structure of this statement does not vary significantly from year to year. It shows that 90% of the total assets are cash or cash equivalents. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities is 16:1, and quick assets cover current liabilities by 15.69:1. Both ratios are excellent. Of the cash assets, 93% are invested in interest bearing investments, which is appropriate for an organisation with our current aims and objectives.

Overall the statement shows that we have the cash resources to meet operating costs and debts easily. We can present the national body with confidence in bids for major events or ventures with other players in the swimming industry.

The Future

While the current year's reports show that we have again operated satisfactorily and are in a sound financial position there is still the challenge to increase income. This means that branches must increase the number of clubs and that clubs must attract and retain more members. Unfortunately this is not happening. Increasing sponsorship, but without losing independence, is another priority for the CEO and staff, and there are some projects in progress.

Dedicated work by the IT committee has clarified developments in this area and decisions were made to 'out source' the membership database and buy a commercial package for recording at swim meets. The terms for the latter are still being negotiated. These decisions mean that software will not be developed 'in house' by volunteer members or by the costly alternative of paying professional programmers.

Coaching projects still appear to require resources in the long-term that may be difficult to sustain for an organisation of our present size. The Board may find it worthwhile to review the existing structure of coach education and explore ways of ensuring that it can continue in a feasible and cost effective way.

John Pugh, Director of Finance

Finance Director's Statement

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

- (a) present fairly the financial position of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc at 31st December 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended: and
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981 to prepare accounts.

John Pugh, Director of Finance

Independent Audit Report

To the Members of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc

Scope

The Financial Report and Committee's Responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, accompanying notes to the financial statements and finance director's statement for AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc for the year ended 31 December 2004.

The association's committee are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981. This includes responsibilities for determining that accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members, maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity, and therefore, the financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for distribution to members in order to fulfill the committee's financial reporting requirements. It has been prepared using the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material

misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. As a result, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position and financial performance.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing the appropriateness of disclosures made and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

While we considered the effectiveness of the association's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial report presents 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 at 31 December 2004, and of its performance for the year then ended;
- we obtained the information we required for the audit and AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc kept proper accounting records and other books during the year ended 31 December 2004; and
- the rules relating to the administration of the funds of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc have been observed.

GARROTT & GARROTT
Chartered Accountants
Launceston
Ian R Wright, Partner

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc		2004	2003
For the year ended 31st December 2004		\$	\$
		Notes	
Income			
Branch affiliations		1,636	1,636
Coaching accreditation fees		17	201
Interest received		8,766	10,179
Members registrations		160,438	164,861
Sales of merchandise		72	387
Sponsorship		7,980	10,959
Sundry income		40	146
Swim meets		6,277	13,869
Total Income		185,226	202,238
Expenditure			
<i>General Administration</i>			
Affiliations and subscriptions		1,220	901
National Newsletter production costs		2,369	2,766
Audit and IT set-up		1,255	1,000
Awards and gifts		1,551	150
Bank charges and interest		399	376
Board meetings and teleconferences		18,670	19,075
Computer software		669	644
Depreciation		4,040	4,026
Fax and telephone		6,214	6,093
Insurance		37,902	33,554
Legal costs		3,060	-
National Executive Director	Salary and superannuation	60,673	56,921
	Sponsorship commission	1,596	1,992
Office support staff		23,929	14,006
Other meetings and conferences		4,359	5,414
Postage		1,968	1,204
Printing and stationery		8,073	11,568
Rent and utilities		13,272	12,613
Sponsorship costs		1,737	925
Stocks/Equipment written off		2,462	600
Sundry repairs and administrative expenses		1,530	1,802
<i>Total General Administration</i>		196,948	175,630
<i>Special Projects</i>			
Coaching workshop		655	600
Governance planning workshop		10,950	-
Marketing survey		-	9,380
Technical workshop		1,916	-
<i>Total Special Projects</i>		13,521	9,980
Total Expenditure		210,469	185,610
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(25,243)	16,628
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year		275,753	259,125
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		250,510	275,753

The above statement of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc		2004	2003
As at 31st December 2004		\$	\$
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand		1,300	3,782
Cash at bank	2	14,423	17,720
Investments	3	224,213	247,219
Shares - ESSO Employees Credit Union Ltd		10	10
Accounts receivable		5,611	650
Advances		4,000	4,000
Inventories		1,750	4,810
Prepayments		3,639	1,137
Total Current Assets		254,946	279,328
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Equipment		10,405	11,675
Trophies and cases		1,034	1,034
Total Non-Current Assets		11,439	12,709
TOTAL ASSETS		266,385	292,037
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		10,026	10,051
GST clearing		(1,276)	(1,176)
Unearned revenue		7,125	7,409
Total Current Liabilities		15,875	16,284
TOTAL LIABILITIES		15,875	16,284
NET ASSETS		250,510	275,753
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		250,510	275,753
TOTAL EQUITY		250,510	275,753

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc 31st December 2004	2004 \$	2003 \$
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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 (Victoria) 1981.

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 books and plaques 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	14,423	17,720
	<u>14,423</u>	<u>17,720</u>

3 Investments

Commonwealth Bank - cash management account	53,119	80,277
Commonwealth Bank - commercial bill	171,094	166,942
	<u>224,213</u>	<u>247,219</u>

DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc

31st December 2004

	Original Cost	Dep Rate	WDV b/f	Dep Charge	WDV c/f
PLANT & EQUIPMENT					
Life Member badge die		10	-	-	-
Conference phone		10	51	5	46
Panasonic fax machine KX-F2710AL	800	20	139	28	111
Panasonic fax machine KX-F2710AL	800	20	139	28	111
Printer	878	33	43	14	29
Floppy disk drive	172	33	-	-	-
Office furniture (various)	3,409	10	2,485	249	2,236
CompaQ PC, modem and monitor	2,778	40	600	240	360
Filing cabinet	245	10	178	18	160
Colour jet printer and cable	172	40	37	15	22
Telephone handset	72	10	52	5	47
Laser printer Xerox docuprint 2125	2,500	40	540	216	324
Konica photocopier/document feeder	5,855	40	2,108	843	1,265
Desk pedestal	332	10	269	27	242
Refrigerator (GR-131SSF)	273	33	123	41	82
Telephone handset and headset	403	10	327	33	294
Microwave oven (MS194A)	149	33	67	22	45
Elite 4 drawer filing cabinet	226	10	183	18	165
Digital camera - Pentax Opto 330 RS	906	40	326	130	196
Filing cabinet trolleys (2)	140	10	113	11	102
IBM Think Pad	2,133	40	1,479	592	887
2 Filing cabinets (historian)	362	10	326	33	293
Brother Fax 645 plain paper	217	20	174	35	139
Predator CD writer	272	33	182	60	122
Trophy display cabinet	1,414	10	1,414	141	1,273
			<u>11,355</u>	<u>2,804</u>	<u>8,551</u>
ADDITIONS					
Intel Celeron 2.4Ghz system	764	40	764	306	458
Panasonic KX-P7100 laser printer	291	40	291	116	175
Intel Pentium 4 2.8Ghz system	2,035	40	2,035	814	1,221
			<u>3,090</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,854</u>
				<u>4,040</u>	<u>10,405</u>
DISPOSALS					
	Cost	Depn	WDV	Proceeds	Profit/Loss
Dual 486DX2 - notebook computer			51	-	(51)
Viewmaster VM logo computer	2,805	2,617	188	-	(188)
Mitsubishi monitor 17700	375	294	81	-	(81)
	<u>3,180</u>	<u>2,911</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(320)</u>

Director of Coaching

A list of coaching numbers and accreditation updates has been provided by Loren Bartley of the National Office, see tables on pages 13 and 14. There were 33 new Level 1M coaches who received their accreditations this year. Congratulations to each of these coaches.

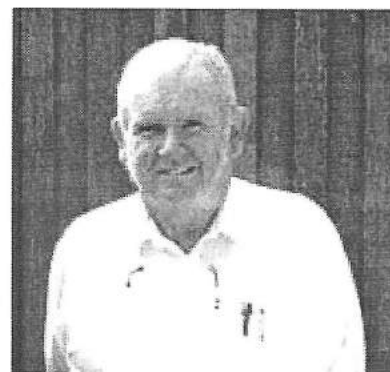
Due to the fact that there is a 'lead time' from completion of a course to finalisation of accreditation, most of these accreditations were candidates from courses which were conducted during 2003, and there were even some from 2002.

During 2004, there was one Level 1M course conducted. This was held in Queensland in June. Unfortunately, other Level 1M courses which were originally planned were delayed or cancelled for various reasons that were beyond the control of the organisers. At this time we have been advised of three Level 1M Courses proposed for the Year 2005.

There were no Level 2M courses conducted in 2004, and no new Level 2M Coaches registered. We have been advised by the Director of Fitness and Coaching for the South Australia Branch, Kathy Heenan, of one proposed Level 2M Course which is expected to be held in May, 2005 in Adelaide. As a result of the lack of courses during 2004 it would be expected that new accreditations will be at a low level during 2005.

Clinics and Workshops

A number of clinics or workshops were conducted during the year. An exhaustive list of these is not available at the time of writing this report, but it is known that New South Wales Branch conducted a workshop on "Starts, Turns and Finishes" during August. This workshop was presented by Louise Stovin -Bradford and Jeff Price.



New South Wales also conducted a presentation in October in the City of Goulbourn; the aim of this presentation was to introduce Masters Swimming to a group of swimmers and coaches.

Queensland Branch conducted a Clinic for swimmers and coaches at Lennnox Head in February 2004. This clinic has recently been an annual event for both swimmers and coaches and is normally organised by Therese Crollick and Alina Graham.

These activities were initiated and conducted by the respective branches and are mentioned in this report as it is considered that they are a very important aspect of coaching service by which we can provide benefits to both swimmers and coaches.

ASCTA Convention

AUSSI Masters Swimming has again been invited by ASCTA to participate in its Annual Convention, which will be held on the Gold Coast in April/May 2005. It has been suggested that we could present a Bridging Course to help ASCTA licensed coaches obtain a Masters Swimming Accreditation. Should this not be practical we have the opportunity to provide a Masters Swimming Seminar. ASCTA has set aside time for us during the day on Sunday, 1 May 2005. The format and speakers have not been decided yet, but these will be announced as soon as possible.

	1M		
	Male	Female	Total
ACT	1	1	2
NSW	30	31	61
NT	1	3	4
QLD	28	28	56
SA	6	7	13
TAS	3	1	4
VIC	14	9	23
WA	9	22	31
National	92	102	194

Total Number of Accredited Coaches at the end of 2004

	2M		
	Male	Female	Total
ACT			0
NSW	1	2	3
NT			0
QLD	3	3	6
SA			0
TAS	1	1	2
VIC			0
WA	6	8	14
National	11	14	25

Coaches Accredited in 2004

	1M		
	Accreditation	Re-accreditation	Total
ACT			0
NSW	9	6	15
NT			0
QLD	5	2	7
SA			0
TAS			0
VIC	12	2	14
WA	7	2	9
National	33	12	45

Coaches Accredited in 2004

	2M			Total
	Accreditation	Re-accreditation	Upgrade	
ACT				0
NSW				0
NT				0
QLD				0
SA				0
TAS				0
VIC				0
WA		3	4	7
National	0	4	7	

Coaching Manuals and Course Presenter Kits

The new Level 1M Coaching Manuals were issued in the second half of the year. There have not been any workshops to introduce coaches and branch administrations to the manuals. It was decided to create and issue Course Presenter Kits in conjunction with the issue of the new Manuals. To date the Course Presenter Kits for Level 1M have been completed in draft format and issued to the Coaching Committee members for review and edit. It is expected that this process will be completed soon.

The Level 2M Manual was also issued last year. The Level 2M Course Presenter Kit has not been completed. This kit is in process and should be completed soon, but we do not yet have a forecast date for the draft kit to be sent for review and edit.

Accreditation courses for Level 2M are conducted less frequently, so it would appear to be a logical procedure to try to conduct the workshops for this Manual at the same time as accreditation courses.

Matching Competencies

It was decided to attempt to obtain some degree of harmony between AUSSI Masters coaching accreditation procedures and Swimming Australia courses. To achieve this it is necessary to compare the competency requirements for courses provided by both organisations.

Satisfactory completion of this process could lead to benefits to both bodies, especially in the area of achieving coaching accreditations. For example, course costs and administration could be shared by both organisations. Discussions have been held with Swimming Australia and ASCTA.

Negotiations are in process to obtain an appropriate person to conduct the comparison, review and matching of competencies for this purpose. It is hoped that this process will be completed early in 2005.

New Appointments

We have been advised that two branches have appointed new Coaching Personnel this year. Victoria has appointed David Chambers as Coaching Director, and South Australia has appointed Kathy Heenan as Branch Fitness and Coaching Director. Congratulations and best wishes to both David and Kathy.

Kay Cox

It would be inappropriate to report on the 2004 coaching year without making reference to Kay Cox. Kay resigned as National Director of Coaching in May 2004, after many years in the job. Kay has been the major contributor to coaching matters in AUSSI Masters Swimming during this period and is known and acclaimed Australia wide for her work and professionalism.

Kay will be a great loss to AUSSI Masters and it will be difficult to replace her knowledge and experience. I am certain that everybody from Masters swimming would join in wishing Kay every success for the future.

A number of people have been of great assistance to me in my short introduction to this position. To all of you – Thank You!

AJ Keogh, National Director of Coaching

Membership and Participation

Congratulations to the NSW and South Australian branches, which increased the number of registered members last year over 2003. This makes NSW AUSSI's largest branch, a position previously held by the Queensland Branch.

The Membership and Participation Committee had difficulty in attracting members last year, but there were a number of activities and ongoing programs conducted by the National Office during 2004.

ZOGGS Good Idea Award

Clubs and branches submitted some wonderful ideas during 2004, with the judges having to make some difficult decisions to decide the winner of each gift pack. Congratulations to all those whose Good Ideas were printed in the national newsletter, and of course to the winners: the NSW Branch (April); Yarra Roughies, Victoria (August); and The Hills, NSW (October).

National Swim Survey

The 2003 National Swim questionnaire was provided to all competitors at the 2004 National Swim in Adelaide, and was again also made available on the AUSSI National website. There were 122 responses, with 94 being from those who attended the National Swim in Adelaide, and 25 from the website. (A total of 28 were received from the website, but three were blank.)

Being the second year that this has been used, we have been able to correlate the responses for 2003 and 2004 to highlight the differences and similarities between the two years. The following tables have been calculated as a percentage of the total number of responses in order to provide a realistic comparison between 2003 and 2004. The full analysis is available from the National Office.

Julia Phillips, Chief Executive Officer

ZOGGS Million Metre Awards

This program has gone from strength to strength, and on behalf of AUSSI Masters Swimming, I would like to congratulate the 2004 additions to the Million Metre Clubs as follows:

Ten Million Metre Club

Joseph Jones	Toowoomba Masters AUSSI	QLD
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Seven Million Metre Club

Ailsa Duncan	Sunshine Coast	QLD
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Five Million Metre Club

Ian Redpath	Brisbane Southside	QLD
Peter Nowlan	Mackay Masters Swimmers	QLD
Ailsa Duncan	Sunshine Coast	QLD
Peter Forster	Toowoomba Milne Bay AUSSI Masters	QLD
Rob Lucas	Mackay Manta's Masters Club	QLD

Three Million Metre Club

Diana Fabijan	Aquadome Otters	SA
Robyn Hughes	Sunshine Coast	QLD
Owen Williams	Innisfail	QLD
Robyn Payne	Townsville	QLD
Jeannette Rein	Mandurah Mannas Masters	WA
Steve Raynes	Perth City Masters	WA
Pamela Walter	Stadium Snappers	WA
Peter Cain	Cairns Legends AUSSI Masters	QLD
Margaret Kelly	Miami Masters Swimming Club	QLD
Jennifer Napier	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
Peter Long	Seaside Pirates	NSW

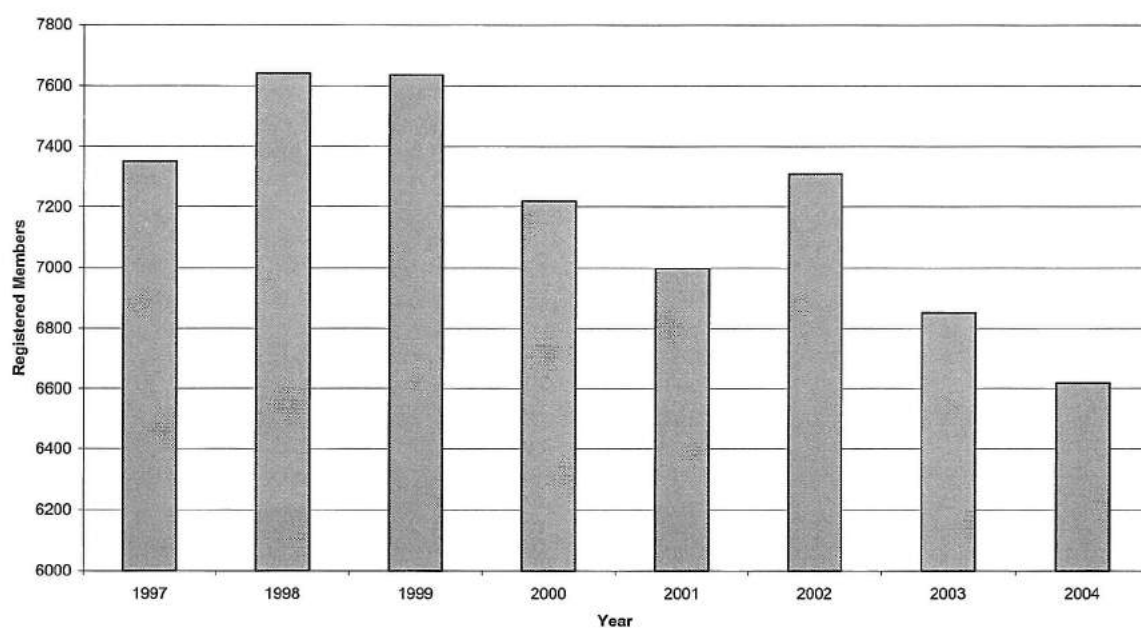
One Million Metre Club

Neville Bambrick	Toowoomba Masters	QLD
Sue Johnstone	Wollongong AUSSI Masters	NSW
Barbara Briggs	Campbelltown AUSSI Master	NSW
Pamela Smart	Blacktown City Masters	NSW
Helga Duncan	Campbelltown AUSSI	NSW
Julie Gunthorp	Miami	QLD
Peter Cain	Cairns Legends AUSSI Masters	QLD
Lyle McKinnon	Redcliffe Peninsula	QLD
Lisbeth Veenendaal	Nerang AUSSI Masters	QLD
Bev Stubbings	Brisbane Northside Master	QLD
Gary Backus	Twin Towns Services	QLD
Jane Charuba	Trinity Sea Eagles AUSSI	QLD
Arthur Thomas	Twin Towns Services	QLD
Patricia Scott-Glasscock	Twin Towns Services	QLD
Doris Howe	Rum City AUSSI Masters Club	QLD
Suzie Bower	Launceston Masters	TAS
Jocy Anderson	Talays	TAS
Pam Walker	Mandurah Mannas Masters	WA
Denise Robertson	Miami Masters Swimming Club	QLD
Daniel Blackborrow	Noosa AUSSI Challengers Swim Club	QLD
Peter Long	Seaside Pirates	NSW

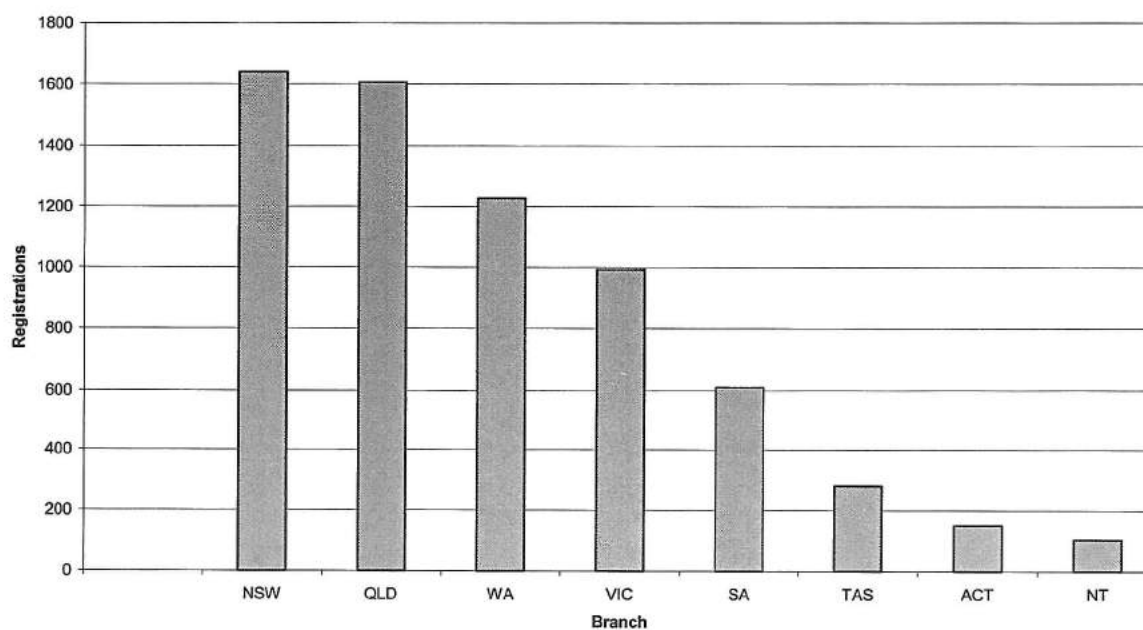
Registration Numbers by Year

Branch	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
ACT	122	139	107	115	162	169	164	152
NSW	1627	1554	1523	1523	1553	1724	1631	1640
NT	114	158	186	153	143	156	132	105
QLD	1873	2009	2009	1879	1726	1886	1660	1606
SA	611	664	732	675	719	658	597	612
TAS	343	338	323	348	321	305	301	281
VIC	1371	1360	1288	1195	1134	1134	1065	993
WA	1290	1419	1467	1331	1238	1277	1303	1227
TOTALS	7351	7641	7635	7219	6996	7309	6853	6616

Registrations by Year



Registrations 2004



National IT Committee

The main direction of the work of the National Information Technology Committee in 2004 was to update the current software programs used by AUSSI Masters Swimming.

Registration Management System

The first function of the Committee was to make a recommendation to the National Management Committee for a new registration management system. One package that was being considered by the Committee was CLUBSINC. This system was the most favourable considered at that point of time, but still needed customisation to fit the requirements of Masters Swimming. Before making a recommendation, the Committee decided to investigate the registration management system used by Swimming Australia. Two members of the National IT Committee and the NSW Branch Administrator attended a demonstration in January. It was found that this system offered functionality suitable to our organisation, including on-line registrations. The CEO was asked to liaise with Swimming Australia (SA) regarding the viability of making this software system available to AUSSI. An offer was made by SA, giving AUSSI a view of a secure segment of the database.

The IT Committee presented four options to the Board at its meeting in March 2004:

- * adopt CLUBSINC proposal;
- * adopt SA proposal;
- * adopt some other package; or
- * adopt no package at this time and continue investigations.

The Board voted to adopt the Swimming Australia proposal for implementation from 1 January 2005. Registration data from the current registration system (NACS) was transferred successfully and the training database was made available to AUSSI Masters in November. Branch registrars and administrators were given training by teleconference. The new database became available in December 2004, in time for 2005 registrations.

Swim Meet Software

In the first half of the year work continued on writing the specifications for a swim meet software program with Windows functionality and electronic timing interface. This was to include an environment for reporting records achieved in a meet, as well as provide users with a variety of outputs. This was in preparation for seeking tenders for the writing of this software.

In June 2004 however, the National Management Committee asked the IT Committee to revisit the possibility of using Meet Manager, as compared with developing a new product. This was considered a more cost-effective and timely option, as it appeared that the original estimate for development, testing and implementation of the new swim meet software might be understated.

After considerable discussion, the IT Committee agreed that Meet Manager would be suitable; the program provided most of the functionality needed. It was recommended and approved at the Board Meeting in October 2004 that a complete copy including the timing console of Meet Manager be

purchased for each branch, and the number of standard copies purchased for each branch would be pro-rata based on the number of members.

Before making the recommendation to the Board Meeting, the IT Committee had queried the licence flexibility and were of the opinion that AUSSI was acting in terms of the licence agreement by purchasing one copy for each branch. However, when seeking written confirmation from the software suppliers this proved to be incorrect. There remain a number of licence issues to be resolved, so in December 2004 the National Management Committee decided to delay the purchase of Meeting Manager until the April Board Meeting, allowing the IT Committee more time to review the licence requirements. All branches were refunded with the levy paid for the development of new swim meet software.

National Record and Top Ten

The Records Committee is to be congratulated on the new results web-based program developed for the maintenance of Branch and National Records, as well as Top Ten. See Report from National Records Committee.

Other Projects

Upgrading the existing Records Program to include 25m and 100m relay records.

Helen Rubin, IT Committee



*IT Committee members l to r:
Paul Watmough, Helen Rubin, and,
Mark Heppel.*

National Records Committee

The National Recording Committee has a number of responsibilities, including the following tasks and duties:

- Receiving and validating Top Ten submissions from branches;
- Maintaining the Top Ten listing and provide a copy to the National Office annually for publication;
- Submission to FINA times that are acceptable for the FINA World Top Ten;
- Ensuring that all record claims are correctly documented and authenticated;
- Submission to FINA, World record applications;
- Advising National Office of the success of claims in order for issue of certificates;
- Maintaining a historical listing of National and World Records achieved by AUSSI swimmers;
- Issuing updates of current records to branches as required and to the National website after validation of those records;
- Providing advice to the NMC on any matters that may streamline the process of record claims, maintenance and publication.

The committee met its objectives for the year, specifically with regular updates of record details for inclusion in the Meetsys swim meet management software, FINA and National Top Ten collation, submission and reporting, keeping the current and historical National Records updated on the AUSSI website.

Web based Top Ten and records

During 2004, the National Records Committee introduced the web-based collation of Top Ten and Records. The process was developed to enable branches to load meet results gradually throughout the year, which allows swimmers to view throughout the year how they rank compared with their comp at other clubs.

Development of this system was provided by Frank Braun, who swims with Malvern Marlins. Frank essentially developed a prototype, which was then expanded as more and more branches started to use it. The Committee offers its sincere thanks to Frank for the enormous effort and enthusiasm he has dedicated in developing and supporting this system. Interfaces were built to accept input from Meetsys, Aerobics, and the generic transfers that are part of the Meet swim meet management system. Record extracts were also built for Meetsys. Towards the latter part of 2004, an input and extract program was created to cater for Hy-Tech's Meet Manager swim meet management system. International and National meets were also loaded on to the web, in particular the World Masters at Riccione and PAN PACS in Brisbane.

It was a major challenge to identify AUSSI swimmers, particularly at the PAN PAC's as their numbers were not always recorded; additionally there were a number who used a different surname or first name when registering. We look forward to further enhancements in 2005.

National Records

Relay Short Course – 55

Relay Long Course – 3

Ind. Female Short Course – 52

Ind. Male Short Course – 47

Ind. Female Long Course – 54

Ind. Male Long Course – 56

There were 268 National Records awarded during 2004.

FINA Records

Michael Moloney, VPP, 65-69

SC 200m Breaststroke

LC 200m Breaststroke

Betty Jones. WIW, 95-99

LC 50m Freestyle

Paul Watmough, Chairman

National Technical Committee

The National Technical Committee met in Melbourne on January 2004 to review all of the materials associated with the Guidelines for Accreditation scheduled for issue during 2004. Some of the materials needed additional and more recent information, and any materials that were not written at that time were completed later in the year. The Committee also reviewed the time requirements for practical hours to ensure consistency. This full review of the courses was necessary, both to keep our technical officials up to date with latest trends, and to ensure our courses are reaccredited as they expire.

The course materials were also formatted (with the assistance of the Technical Development Officer) so that presentation is consistent, and all the logsheets have been reworked to reflect competency based assessment.

As rules were amended by the Board and feedback was received from trainee officials, the Committee undertook to ensure that all materials were constantly reviewed and updated accordingly.

The Committee identified a number of rules that needed refining, and a number of rules which may need to be considered to be endorsed "applies to Na-

tional Swims only", to avoid restricting creativity within branches and clubs.

With the constant review of our courses, ensuring that our trainers of officials are highly qualified and kept up to date with the latest and best information, AUSSI can be assured that our technical officials will be among the best in Masters Swimming.

Pauline Samson, Chairman

Accreditations 2004

	Timekeeper	Chief T'keeper	Check Starter	Marshal	Starter	Referee	Total
ACT							0
NSW	30	14	10	10	5	1	70
NT	2						2
QLD	41		2	2	2	1	48
SA							0
TAS							0
VIC	1		1	1	2	1	6
WA						1	1
National	74	14	13	13	9	4	127

Total Accreditations to December 2004

	Timekeeper	Chief T'keeper	Check Starter	Marshal	Starter	Referee	Total
ACT	28	4	1	4	3	3	43
NSW	187	52	38	44	29	18	368
NT	6			1	2		9
QLD	332	7	81	111	72	23	626
SA	37	1	2	5	2	4	51
TAS	31		2	2	1	4	40
VIC	47	9	24	21	14	13	128
WA	84	10		1	20	17	132
Unknown	5		1	1	2		9
National	757	83	149	190	145	82	1406

Courses Conducted 2004

	Timekeeper/ Chief Timekeeper	Check Starter/ Marshal	Starter	Referee	Total
ACT	1	1		1	3
NSW	9	8	2		19
NT					0
QLD	4	1	1		6
SA					0
TAS					0
VIC	1				1
WA	1	1	1	1	3
National	16	11	4	1	32

Accreditation and Course data maintained and compiled by Loren Bartley

National Swim Meet Committee

During 2004 the process of revising the National Swim Meet Guide and its accompanying checklist continued, with incremental changes being made as a result of decisions and suggestions made at the National Board meetings in April and October, information in the Report on the 2004 National Swim in Adelaide and comprehensive comments and suggestions from the Meet Coordinator of the National Swim, John Gamlen. Other changes were made necessary by amendments to the Rules and By Laws of AUSSI.

Work continued on the Masters Games Swim Meet Guide as an Appendix to the main Guide. ACT members associated with the last Australian Masters Games have been asked to comment on a draft version, prior to presentation to the Board in April 2005.

The National Swim Meet Committee maintained contact by email; a cost effective means of operating but one that has logistical disadvantages in terms of full participation by all members in an undertaking of this nature.

John Pollock, Chairman

ACT Branch Report

For the first time the NT and the ACT got together to have a competition. It was run in March and was named the Territory Tussle. The NT swam in Darwin and Alice Springs, while both ACT Clubs swam at the new ten lane 50 metre complex at Belconnen in Canberra. Results were tallied after the event and the Northern Territory declared the winner.

The opening of the new Belconnen Pool provided an excellent opportunity to expand AUSSI Masters Swimming in the ACT. The Branch has sponsored the expansion of Canberra North Club into Belconnen where one training session is conducted each week (to be expanded when the demand requires it), a decision will be made in the near future on whether to continue as an annex of Canberra North or to spawn a new club.

The ACT Long Distance meet was run in May and the ACT Championships were run by proxy at the NSW championships, which were conducted in an ACT pool. The results of the ACT competitors were extracted to produce the ACT Championship results.

A Territory-wide General Meeting was called to muster support and awareness of the 2006 National Swim to be held in Canberra. Although some burnout still exists from the hosting of the 2003 Masters Games, approximately 20 volunteers came forward. The National 2006 Swim Committee was formed and many of the key roles filled. The committee is actively preparing for the National Swim.

The structure and existence of the ACT Branch continues to be the focus of much discussion. In response to the continued difficulties in attracting people to undertake Branch positions (e.g. the Secretary position had been

vacant for all of 2004), the clubs and the Branch have agreed to fill Branch positions by allocating Branch positions equally amongst the clubs and having club committee members filling dual roles, one at club level, the other at Branch level; e.g. one club's Recorder is also the Branch Recorder etc.

The ACT Branch sadly wishes a farewell to David and Jill Mortlock (Branch Recorder and Treasurer) who moved north for the warmer outdoor pools of Hervey Bay. David and Jill for many years have made extraordinary contributions to Masters Swimming at both club and Branch levels.

The Branch AGM for 2004 for various reasons has not occurred in the usual November calendar entry and has been scheduled to occur early in 2005.

Greg Gourley, President

NSW Branch Report

Once again NSW membership increased over the year by a small margin and we saw the formation of three new clubs: Blue Mountains Phoenix, Prairiewood AUSSI and Myall Masters.

Events

Masters Swimming NSW now holds State Long Course and Short Course Championships, a State Relay Meet, and a Long Distance State Championship, which was held for the first time in 2004. We also conduct a State Open Water Championship which was jointly hosted by Manly, Warringah and Seaside Pirates clubs.

The Open Water Swim was held in February at the Manly Dam, and although we had fierce competition from other ocean swims we had over 100 competitors in the water. This is rather a fun event, with the competitive swimmers vying for the medals in the 3km Championship event, many swimmers enjoying the 1km swim and prizes being awarded for teams of swimmers who finish fastest in their age group. Congratulations to the clubs who organised the event for making it fun for all.

The Long Course Championships were held at Blacktown in March and attracted 412 competitors. In a closely fought battle Warringah won the first division point score.

The State Relay Meet was held at the Olympic Pool at Homebush, with 389 competitors and 540 relay combinations. This proved to be one of the most exciting meets of the year, with 4x 25m, 50 m and 100m relays in freestyle and medley. The competition was fierce with two points separating the winners and second place at the end of the day. Sandbern Swim Club won both the total point score and average point score trophies followed by North Sydney in both categories. Prizes such as BridgeClimb tickets, massage packs, and Fitness First Vouchers were awarded to teams

closest to specified times, which added to the excitement of the day.

In 2004 for the first time we held a State Long Distance State Championship, which was swum at Blacktown and attracted 110 competitors who swam distances of 400m, 800m or 1500m. This was a popular addition to the calendar, giving our long distance swimmers a chance to shine at their chosen events. The first division trophy was won by the Blacktown club.

Our Short Course Championships were held at Tuggeranong in Canberra in October and we had 301 competitors including swimmers from Victoria, Queensland, ACT and a couple of English visitors. Manly Masters won the first division point score for the second year in a row.

It is great to see the trophies being spread over many of our clubs, no one club dominated during 2004 and there was great rivalry and competition at all meets.

In fact, the overall Interclub Point Score (IPS) trophy was not decided until the last meet of the year at Raymond Terrace after a great rivalry between Warringah and Novocastrian. It was won by Warringah but only by a few points.

During 2004 there were 17 Interclub Point score carnivals, a Sports Festival and a "Meet with a Difference" which we held to replace the cancelled NSW Masters Games. Many of our swimmers competed at the National Swim in Adelaide, the World Championships in Riccione, and the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

Events Committee

In the past two years we have conducted an extensive training program for officials so that each club hosting a swim meet will be able to provide its own accredited Chief Timekeeper, Marshal and Check Starter. From the start of 2005, this is a pre requisite for any

club to hold a meet. This has meant a large increase in the number of officials in NSW and has lessened the burden on the small core of officials who were working every meet.

Club Development and Marketing Committee

McGuigan Wines was again the major sponsor of Masters Swimming NSW during 2004, with other sponsorship provided by Tricom, ZOGGS, BridgeClimb, Fitness First, Purely Natural Spring Water, Spin Internet Services and others. The Members of this Committee are continually seeking new sponsors and are working on a number of potential companies and ideas.

Each member of this Committee has a number of clubs to mentor and this has meant better communication between clubs and the Masters Swimming NSW Board, with the new clubs being particular targets of our attention.

A number of ideas from the Committee have been implemented during the year, including the fantastic promotional calendar for 2004, electronic distribution of carnival flyers to clubs, and the new promotional poster which is currently being printed.

Coach Education and Training Committee

Planning took place at the end of the year for a Level 1M training course to be held early in 2005, and during 2004 many past coaching course participants completed their training hours. Various coaching clinics were held at club level, with Louise Stovin-Bradford and Jeff Price coordinating clinics between different clubs.

Awards

Jenny Whiteley (seen here in the pool) was presented with the 2003 NSW Masters Athlete of the Year and the 2003 Australian Masters Athlete of the Year at glittering ceremonies in Sydney early in 2004.



Web Page

A new look home page was designed late in 2004 and the improvement will continue through 2005. The website has proved to be the best way to stay in touch with events in NSW with all swim meet programs on the website at least one week prior to the Meet, and results of the Meet often appearing the next day.

We also provide the Constitution, the IPS rules, all forms, information on how to become an official, a map of NSW with all clubs featured, our Newsletter 'Splash' and all important news and announcements to keep our members and potential members in touch with what is going on in NSW.

Safety

Unfortunately there were a small number of incidents in NSW during 2004, all handled extremely well by the clubs and people involved. These incidents have forced us to look at our safety procedures very carefully and have led to a heightened awareness in all clubs to look after their members.

Other Achievements

Two Masters Swimming NSW members, Jenny Whiteley and John Bates, swam at the Olympic trials in Sydney in March. Masters Swimming NSW swimmers also did exceptionally well in Riccione at the World Championships with numerous medals brought home, Kevin Vickery leading the NSW medal tally. Allan Dufty was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch through the streets of Sydney with many other celebrities.

Volunteers

NSW has again been extremely lucky to have the continued support of the volunteers from Volunteering NSW who timekeep and do various other jobs at all NSW State Meets. Many of these volunteers are now accredited timekeepers, and some are moving on to other courses.

We also have numerous volunteers from our membership who spend time in the State office each month helping with administrative tasks.

Masters Swimming NSW appreciates the support of the NSW Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, which provides us with rent-free accommodation at Sports House, free email, internet access and meeting rooms as well as a Sports Development Grant to help in the running of the Branch.

Jane Noake (President) and Di Coxon-Ellis (Administrator)

NT Branch Report

Membership numbers at 105 (36 male, 69 female) were down on the 2003 total of 132; Alice Springs 48 (14 male, 34 female), Darwin Stingers 57 (22 male, 35 female). The average age was 49.6, up from 46 in 2003. Changes in total numbers and age distribution were due mainly to the fact that Arnhem Salties Club did not register any swimmers in 2004 and decided in December to dissolve the club.

Age distributions were:

	Male	Female	Total
Alice Springs	48.4	42	43.9
Darwin	56.4	53	54.3
Branch	53.3	47.6	49.6

Branch Meetings

Regular Branch meetings were held in Darwin, with a Darwin member representing Alice Springs.

Swim Meets

The Branch conducted two championship meets in 2004. The Short Course Championships were held in Darwin May and the Long Course Championships were held in conjunction with the Alice Springs Masters Games in October. Three email interclub meets were held during the year. The first was an open event for Australia Day, while the one in March also served as the inaugural Territory Tussle against the ACT Branch. This event was won by the ACT, with Darwin Stingers the top point-scoring club.

Results

Darwin and Alice Springs clubs participated in the 2003 National Aerobic Competition, with Darwin placed 4th overall and 7th in the Zoggs Aerobic Award and Alice Springs 19th/15th. NT swimmers were also again well represented in the Top Ten results for that year.

Coaching

No coaching courses were conducted during the year, mainly because of the difficulty in getting enough candidates from such a small member base in two widely separated locations to run one.

Sponsorship

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

John Pollock, Branch Secretary

QLD Branch Report

The members of the Queensland Branch Management Committee are happy to report another successful AUSSI year in the Sunshine State. This year we maintained our membership numbers above the 1600 figure and are confident we can improve on that in 2005.

State Titles

The State Titles were hosted this year by one of our Cairns based clubs, the Cairns Mud Crabs. The Club is to be congratulated for the efforts made in making the event such a success. Around 300 competitors made the trip to Cairns and most took the opportunity to take in the attractions on offer in such a wonderful location both before and after the meet. The presentation dinner

proved a huge success, the theme was "tropical" and with the atmosphere set, we were entertained with the parade of champions and of course, some great tropical fun.

However, this was the last year that the Branch Committee would offer such a privileged, but huge, task to an individual club. Hosting such large meets has proved very demanding for some clubs, and identifying clubs that have the resources to manage such an event has been difficult for the Branch. The Cairns Club would be the first to admit there is a lot of work to be done, and the current indication from our clubs is that they would now prefer the Branch to organise such events in future. Consequently, in 2005, the Branch will not only be organising the traditional long Course State Titles, but also a Short Course

State Titles and Open Water Swim Event. We look forward to the challenge and hope that we can present to the competitors as wonderful an experience as have the individual clubs in the past.

Pan Pacific Masters Games

The Branch was also responsible for organising the swim event for Pan Pacific Masters Games in November. Over 430 competitors took the plunge, and 1500 plus medals were awarded at the meet. Results were posted daily on the Branch Webpage and this proved to be very popular for overseas participants and especially their families back home. From the smiles on the faces of the competitors and the feedback we have received from them, the swim meet was a great success.

Aerobics, Records, Top Ten

Our aerobics records are showing continued and active involvement from our members, and our congratulations are extended to them for living the AUSSI motto.

With regard to swim records, Queenslanders continue to have a strong presence at National level, and again our congratulations are extended to the people who have shown such a dedication to maintaining and improving fitness and technique.

The top ten records show clearly that our Queensland members are very active and have filled the top ten positions in most of the strokes and distances for each age group. The Queensland branch of AUSSI can only continue to prosper with the support and involvement of such members and competitors.

Branch Communications and Services

Our Branch Webpage has undergone a major facelift and now offers clubs the opportunity to post newsletters, swim programs, and results, on the web in a similar fashion to the State Titles and Pan Pacific results. The Branch Newsletter has also been popular this year and has been well received within the Branch mainly

because of its content not only with regard to club and Branch information, but articles on national activities as well.

Our Swim Camps are now gaining in popularity and these will be conducted again in 2005. The Swim Camps are usually over a weekend, and give our members the opportunity to talk one-on-one with experienced coaches, nutritionists and sports therapists.

The Queensland Branch has been very fortunate to have an experienced, dedicated and active Branch Committee this year, and we remain committed to providing the best management and service we can offer to our members.

David Ryan, President

Back Row (L to R)

Les Back (Manager of Risk Management); Ray French (Treasurer); David Speechley (Branch Administrator); Alina Graham (Manager of Coaching Services)

Derek Coghill (Manager of Technical Services); David Ryan (President)

Front Row (L to R)

Jennie Mack (VP Central); Helen Holmes (Manager of Marketing); Therese Crollick (VP South); Lynne Smith (VP North) Rob Lucas (Manager of Recording)

Note:

Jane Charuba is now acting in the position of Risk Management



SA Branch Report

This year has been one of considerable change for the South Australian Branch, three of the five members of our Branch executive changed during the year. Organisation was also hampered by a four month period in which there was no Branch Secretary and considerable absence by the President. The empty positions on our executive were filled with Dick Freeland from the Marion club taking the position of Secretary and Kathy Heenan, one of our top coaches, agreeing to become Coaching and Fitness Director. John Gamlen was appointed as our convener for the Australian Masters Games in 2005.

The successful conduct of the National Swim in Adelaide was a highlight of the year. It exposed our local members to a higher level of competition, an opportunity that a large number enjoyed. Unfortunately local participation was not as high as the organising committee would have liked. A small profit was made by the Branch and all involved considered it a positive experience.

Our 2003/2004 open water swim season was successful with a number of the events enjoying highest participation rates ever. The third "Jetty to Jetty" swim was run with good levels of participation; however a major triathlon run on the same day reduced numbers slightly. A regional swim run by the Port Augusta Club was quite successful with a contingent from Adelaide attending an enjoyable swim and associated social events. We hoped that additional open water swims could have been run but unfortunately it did not come to fruition.

The 2004/2005 open water season did not start well and the first swim of the year was quite successful. However the unfortunate shark attack during the week after the first swim caused the cancellation of two swims and greatly reduced the attendance at all other swims. Initially it was considered that all the swims may have to be held in places other than the ocean, but lack of suitable facilities will probably ensure that the swims take place in the sea.

The winter pool competition was run successfully and augmented by the National Swim provided an enjoyable season for all involved. Discussions were held around organising summer pool competitions but opportunities are limited.

As noted previously a new coaching and fitness director has been appointed and Kathy has approached the task with enthusiasm. Plans for coaching workshops augmented by Level 2 coaching course in 2005 are well underway. Improvement of the available resources for coaches will also be a priority.

A new newsletter editor has taken over the reins and regular and informative bi-monthly newsletters are now also flowing freely.

The South Australian branch has been gone through a process of change over this year, but additional government assistance in the form of funding and other initiatives augurs a successful year in 2005. A number of new faces will enable the committee to spread the load more and help to ensure a successful year in 2005.

Craig Smith, President

Craig Smith with Julia Phillips (CEO) and Tony Keogh (Coaching Director)



TAS Branch Report

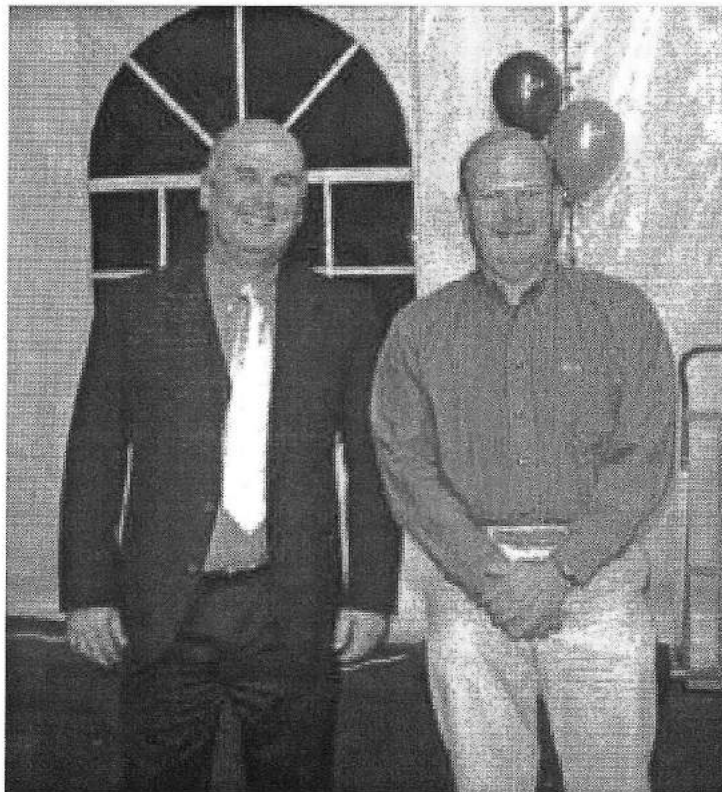
The Tasmania Branch executive has pleasure in presenting the following report outlining the activities conducted throughout 2004. All activities are in-line with the current strategic and operational plans. The strategic plan extends for three years to cover preparation and operation of the 2005 National Swim in Hobart.

The Branch executive has held meetings on a regular basis, at a nominal three-month interval. Branch executive members have attended training conferences and seminars conducted by Events Tasmania and the Department of Sport and Recreation. The Branch executive is continuing to lobby the Premier's Department to increase the profile of Masters Swimming within the 'Get moving Tasmania' physical activity program.

All Branch executive members have willingly accepted major organisational roles for the National Swim

The main focus for the Branch executive during 2004 has been the finalisation of details for the 30th National swim to be held in Hobart from the 30th of March through to the 2nd of April 2005. Planning is well advanced and if the initial response at the 29th National Swim in Adelaide and subsequently is anything to go by, we should have no trouble attracting sufficient numbers to the event.

Through the efforts of the Branch executive and Club committees, Championship swim meets for Long course, Short course, Short course long distance (800m and 1500m) and Long course long distance were conducted. Attendance levels were down on previous years, leading to conducting the Long Course Long Distance event as a postal swim to relieve members of the need to travel to compete. This strategy achieved an increase of 20% in participation. The Tattersall's AUSSI Club's monthly "Masters in the Pool" events continued to be popular with in excess of 30



Craig Smith (SA) and Ray Brien seen at the Presentation Dinner held after the National Swim in Adelaide.

members attending on a regular basis. The swims have varying format including handicap events, relays, time-trials and skins events

Membership numbers for 2004 continued to decline to 284. The reason for this decline is not entirely clear and is of concern to the Branch executive. It is hoped that the National Swim may provide sufficient media interest to lift the profile of Masters Swimming not only within the state but nation-wide. The executive has also embarked on a small-scale advertising program, concentrating on triathletes and aimed at maintaining or improving swimming skills over the winter period.

One good piece of news arrived late in December with the achievement of a number of grants from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Grants were approved for the State summer (long course) championships, equipment

purchases and training programs for coaches and officials. The announcement of the grant results had been delayed for approximately four months due to changes within the department. As a result we have not been able to conduct any training sessions for officials for the National Swim. We intend to conduct this training as soon as possible. An additional grant for the National Swim was also secured.

None of our activities would have occurred without the efforts of the Branch executive, Club committees and the active participation of members of AUSSI Tasmania.

Hope to see you in Hobart.

Ray Brien, President

VIC Branch Report

Last year was another successful and eventful one for Masters Swimming in Victoria. Our 35 clubs have in excess of 1,000 members spread across metropolitan and country regions. Although growth in membership numbers has been soft, we are heartened by the relatively high participation rate at some of our State championships, a very encouraging result.

Our Branch made two significant changes last year. The first was amending our Branch's financial year to match that of the business community, July 1st to June 30th. Our Annual General Meeting will now be held the first week of August. This allows the incoming committee to look forward to the New Year rather than being dropped into running a year that has already started.

The other major change of particular importance has been the relocation of all administrative functions from our Branch Office to the National Office in Williamstown, following the departure of our Executive Director Robert Kabbas. This arrangement is expected to provide an improved level of service to both current and prospective members by providing an office able to respond to queries full time, five days a week. In addition, this

relocation may allow us to realise some cost savings, which can in turn be reinvested into Masters Swimming in Victoria. We must thank the National Office for supporting us in what we see as a positive and progressive move to managing the affairs of Masters Swimming in Victoria.

Our members will also benefit from a new web site that is currently under construction. This will allow us to provide additional information and services to members, and portray a professional image to the wider community. We must acknowledge Paul Watmough, our Recording Director, and Frank Braun of the Malvern Marlins Masters Swimming Club for their hard work in creating this web site.

The Branch held four successful State Swim Meets in 2004. These meets are tailored to offer a full range of events over both short and long distance, and short and long course. In addition, our member clubs organised six very popular AUSSI sanctioned inter club meets. These club meets not only provide a high level of competition, but are also an excellent social occasion with the post competition feasts almost as sought after as the actual racing itself.

Our AGM was held in August and saw the unfortunate retirement of our Vice President (Operations) David Pope. His contribution to AUSSI Victoria will be sorely missed. That said, two positives to come out of our AGM were the appointment of David Chambers as State Coaching Director, and the creation of a 'Members' Forum'.

David is a highly regarded swim coach with extensive experience, having coached elite swimmers, Masters Swimmers and age group swimmers as well as professional triathletes and pentathletes. David has already taken significant steps to facilitate consistent quality coaching for Masters Swimmers across Victoria. David has set in place several steps to improve Masters Swimming Coaching in general, and to rebuild swimmers' confidence in Masters Coaches in particular.

Our Members' Forum is designed to provide clubs with a voice in addition to our monthly Branch Committee Meetings. In particular, clubs have been looking at a range of options designed to grow membership numbers across the State. Their main focus has been on improved marketing of Masters Swimming to the wider community and enhanced social functions that bring together members from different clubs in an informal setting.

We look forward to 2005 with great enthusiasm, with a competition calendar sure to sate the appetite of our most ardent swimmers.

Greg Bailey, President



Paul Watmough (VIC), Diane Gregory (ACT) and John Pollock (NT)

WA Branch Report

Our annual awards for 2003 took on an expanded format in May 2004, where age group winners of the Dale Alcock Open Water Swim Series were invited to attend and receive their certificates as part of the annual award presentations. Participant numbers were therefore higher and many more members got to experience an official presentation function for the first time. Highlights of the function included re-presenting the 2003 National Coach of the Year award to Caryn Keillor of Westcoast Masters and a surprise presentation to retiring National Coaching Director Kay Cox of Carine, on behalf of the National President and Board.

Programs and Events

For the first time the "Be Active" 2004 State Swim was conducted in the country and was a resounding success. Geraldton Club hosted the March long-weekend competition, which included two days of pool events (in very hot weather around 40c) followed by the open water swim on the Monday. This event was an excellent example of AUSSI's motto of Fitness, Friendship and Fun, where everyone pitched in and had a great time to boot.

The "Be Active" 2004 Novice OWS Dip in the Ocean was conducted in December, once again at South Beach in conjunction with the Sealanes Fremantle Swim Thru. A successful event, which saw participants enjoy swimming in a safe and friendly environment

instead of the rough and tumble of the competitive Open Water Swim events. Another successful competition program, the "Be Active" Club Challenge Series, was conducted during 2004.

The "Be Active" Open Week was conducted again in September, and many clubs took up the challenge to conduct an event or produce a display to encourage new members.

Each year a different launch format is developed to promote the Healthway "Be Active" sponsorship. In 2004 we took it to the grass-roots. We launched the "Be Active" Open Week and the 2004/05 Open Water Swims calendar at Maida Vale's long distance swims event in September, where we had a captive audience who learnt more about what makes our organisation tick through the many excellent presentations. This function achieved many outcomes, not least in spreading the word on the importance of sponsorship, and how to get the local media and politicians on-side.

In 2004 AUSSI Masters Swimming WA joined with the National Heart Foundation (WA) to develop and conduct a relay swimming event to raise funds for heart research. We were thrilled to be a part of such a fantastic event and to team with such a high profile organisation as the Heart Foundation. Most WA Clubs jumped on board to participate either in the coordination of the event, or as part of the local venue committees, or as a member of a team. As a first-off event it was

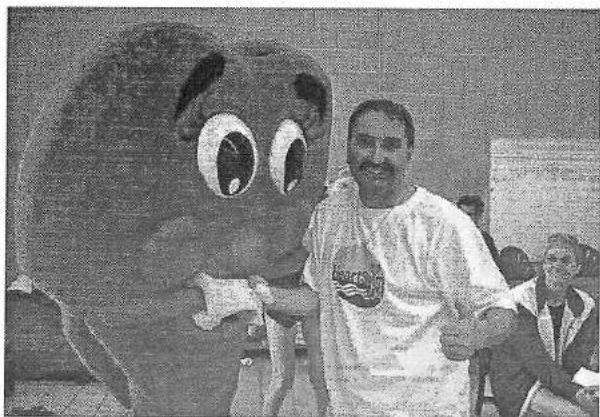
most successful, with the aim of raising much-needed funds for heart research achieved on a minor scale, however everyone who was involved had a great time, both in and out of the water.

As part of the Club Development Program funding provided by the Department of Sport and Recreation, we conducted a workshop over two days at the Emerald Hotel in Perth for key representatives from our country clubs. The workshop was most productive and will hopefully be an annual event. An action plan was developed, the key objective to improve member benefits for country members to attract more members throughout the State.

We have continued to take the lead in WA with the education of Open Water Swimming officials. Four of our pool referees have now completed all modules of the Open Water Swimming officiating training and are out there doing it and feeling much more confident and knowledgeable. More time is needed to get this education program up to accreditation status but in the meantime official recognition is well deserved.

Production of the annual open water swims calendar reached an all-time high in 2004, with even more events vying for advertising in this much sought after document. Finding spare weekends during the summer season for new events has proved difficult at times for event organisers but in general there have been few date clashes.

During the first half of 2004 several technical courses were conducted with success. In the latter half of the year the Department of Sport and Recreation decided that the submissions for funding officiating projects from Swimming WA and AUSSI Masters Swimming WA would be combined to ensure its dollars were spent more wisely, with no double-ups and with the overall aim of having courses conducted together to produce more officials on pool-deck for both organisations. In reality this has proved more



*Keith Nicolson
(President of
Westcoast
Masters) and
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HeartSwim at
Arena Joondalup*

onerous than at first thought, so in order to achieve sanctions from both national bodies both organisation's courses will have to be mapped, and gaps identified, in order to combine courses where possible. The issue of Swimming Australia not having a nationally accredited officials course impacted negatively on this project but hopefully the Department of Sport and Recreation will agree to some of its funding being used to achieve the desired outcomes. This is another positive example of where organisations are working together for the good of swimming in this State.

Seven of the 21 members who participated in the November 2003 Level 1M coaching course have completed all requirements and have been accredited. Another course was planned for mid-2004 but with too few people expressing interest, it was postponed. Seven participants from the 2002 Level 2M coaching course completed all the requirements and were accredited in 2004.

Governance

Under the astute leadership of President Jack Busch the Branch has had another successful year both in and out of the water. Communication between the Board of Management and the Council of Clubs was managed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws and there were many healthy discussions at both Board and Council of Clubs meetings. Early in the year Board members were treated to an excellent presentation on Governance by Board member David Lavery, in his capacity as a solicitor. The Business Plan was revised in 2004 and formed the benchmark for achieving strategic outcomes throughout the year.

Marketing

We were not successful in attracting new sponsorship in 2004, although the service fee generated through HeartSwim did provide some additional funds. Sponsorship from Healthway continued to be a major source of funds for many projects under the "Be Active" health message, which fits perfectly with our organisation's philosophy. Sponsorship from the Water Corp was increased

WA Country Clubs Workshop 2004



for the 2004/05 Open Water Swim program and pool events, with nearly 5,000 bottles of water available for participants and volunteers.

Awards

2004 our World record holder Betty Jones from Inglewood AUSSI was a finalist for the Wendy Ey Masters Award at the annual Womensport West Awards and we are very proud of her achievement. The Department of Sport and Recreation's Official of the Year for AUSSI was Mandurah's Ivan Wingate for his efforts at the international level, including the FINA World Swim in Italy. Ivan was presented with his award at the annual Officials Dinner in November. We nominated Melville's Gordon Medcalf for the Bankwest Seniors Awards in the Sport and Recreation category, but unfortunately the competition was too hot last year.

Membership

After achieving increased membership in the past two years we slumped in 2004 due to various reasons. The demise of country clubs because of lack of perceived membership benefits continues to be a thorn in our side. This is a key area for improvement through the new Sandgroppers Club concept, where country swimmers can join AUSSI in a similar format to the already established Bushrangers Club in NSW and Victoria.

Barracudas and Swan Hills joined up in 2004, bringing our total to 30 clubs. Esperance and Bayswater did not re-join although we are hopeful of garnering support again in the future for these clubs to get back in the swim. The joint club concept, which was promoted in the country

during the latter half of 2004, will be further developed and promoted to Swimming WA affiliated clubs in country towns in 2005. Both Barracudas and Swan Hills clubs are products of this joint club format in the metro area.

Promotions

A portable display-board was purchased as part of the Healthway sponsorship for clubs to use for membership drives and to advertise up-coming activities and events. The annual Pool Events calendar was produced and then provided to all members to further promote the "Be Active" Club Challenge Series and Long Distance events held each year. Regular monthly columns in the over-45s Have-a-go News have generated on-going interest at different times of the year. "Be Active" club signage was produced for all clubs to have a uniform sign promoting the health message and for use for their own promotional activities. Displays were conducted at Bankwest Seniors Week and the Live Life Festival during the latter part of 2004 with great success.

Wendy Holtom, Executive Officer



National Swim 2004

It is a pleasure to report on the 2004 AUSSI Masters National Swim conducted in Adelaide from the 31st March – 3rd April 2004. The swim was the culmination of some 18 months of preparation by the organising committee and the work of an enormous group of volunteers, mostly from AUSSI Masters Swimming in South Australia. The event, consisting of four days of pool events at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre and an Open Water Swim at the beautiful Seacliff beach on Adelaide's Southern Metropolitan coast, was judged a success by all present. The program ran efficiently in a wonderful and friendly atmosphere.

The event generated 437 entrants, including 261 from interstate but none from overseas. This guaranteed the financial bottom line of the swim and created a wonderful atmosphere for the organisers. The number of actual pool swims was 2652 and 142 competitors entered the Open Water Swim.

The Organising Committee consisted of me as Convener, Secretary and Meet Director; Phil and Leanne Beames (programming and recording), Claire Nayda (Open Water Swim) Craig Smith and Lorraine Pietrafesa (publicity and marketing), Lorraine Pietrafesa and Helen Parsons

(social), Andrew Martin (Safety Officer), Len Mayton (medals), Margaret Doddridge (volunteers and officials) and Grant Hancock (Treasurer). The committee worked exceptionally well together, and met regularly with increasing frequency as the event approached. Along the way we had other members involved and then withdraw to other commitments. We were able to co-opt the expertise that we required at appropriate times. Committee members were well supported by family and friends (too many to mention) to produce a great team effort.

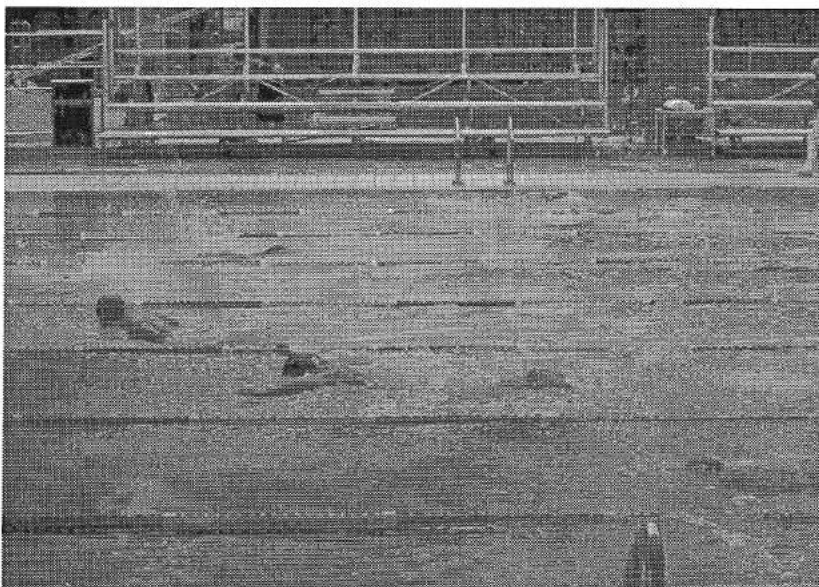
Social activities included the welcome function on Tuesday night and the Presentation Night on Saturday evening. Happy hours were conducted three evenings after the last event of the day.

Welcome Packs were given to everyone who attended and identification passes were provided to all officials, competitors and spectators free of charge.

Sponsorship was difficult with this event. The SA Government through the Department of Recreation and Sport was the main sponsor with promotion of the "Be Active - Find 30" campaign. Individual event sponsors were obtained for 18 of the 22 pool events.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of the committee for their contribution and the many volunteers who worked with the committee to make this a very successful event.

John Gamlen, Convener,
Organising Committee



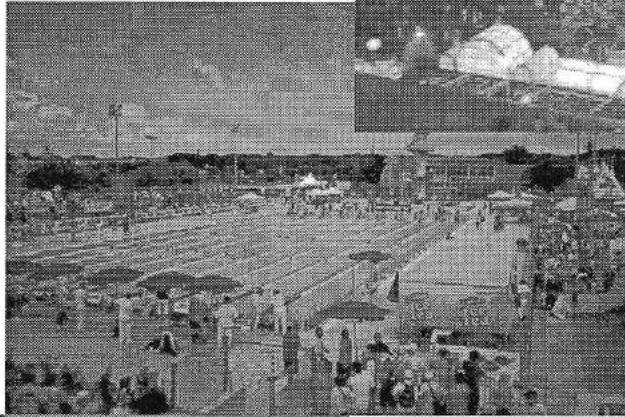
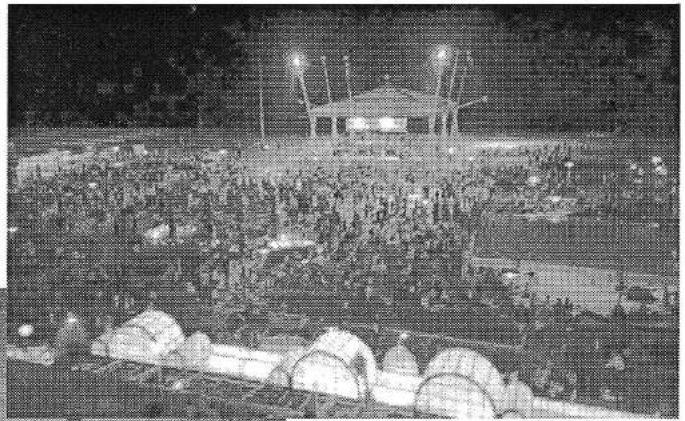
National Trophy Winners 2004

Founder's Trophy	Adelaide Masters
Runner-Up Trophy	Atlantis AUSSI Masters
Visitor's Trophy	Seaside Pirates
Male Swimmer of the Meet	Dieter Loeliger, Margaret River, WA
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Alma Brecknock, AdelaideMasters, SA
National Heart Foundation Trophy	Kathy Heenan (Adelaide Masters)
National Aerobic Trophy	Sunshine Coast Masters, QLD
ZOGGS Aerobic Award	Kawana Water Dragons, QLD
Coach of the Year	Caryn Kiellor
Official of the Year	Not Awarded

Age Group Relay Trophies

80 - 119 years	Atlantis AUSSI Masters
120 - 159 years	Adelaide Masters
160 - 199 years	Adelaide Masters
200 - 239 years	Adelaide Masters
240 - 279 years	Atlantis AUSSI Masters
280 - 319 years	Manly Masters
320 - 359 years	Adelaide Masters

*Opening Ceremony (right)
and outdoor pool (below)
at the 2004 FINA World
Championships in
Riccione.*



*Board Members and David Shilbury at the
Governance Workshop held in Melbourne over
the week-end of 19/20 June.*



*Therese Crollick (QLD), John Pugh
(Finance Director) and Mary
Sweeney (President)*

*Ian Davis (NSW), Pauline Samson (TAS)
and Lynne Malone (WA)*

