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National Representatives



Masters Swimming Australia Board Members at the October Board Meeting

L-R: Lynne Malone (WA), Ian Davis (NSW), Pauline Samson (TAS), Paul Watmough (VIC), John Pugh (President), Gerry Tucker (Director of Finance), John Pollock (NT), Therese Crollick (QLD) and Mike Walker (SA)

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

* Chairman

COMMITTEE	JAN - OCT	OCT - DEC
Coaching	David Chambers* Jacinta Stirratt Jan Wicks	David Chambers* Jacinta Stirratt Tricia Summerfield
Governance	Ian Davis*	N/A
IT	Mark Hepple Helen Rubin Pauline Samson Paul Watmough*	Helen Rubin Pauline Samson Paul Watmough*
Membership & Participation	Therese Crollick* Tricia Summerfield	Therese Crollick*
Records	Lynne Malone Pauline Samson*	Lynne Malone Pauline Samson* Paul Watmough
Swim Meet	Jeanette Holowiuk Rob Lucas Lynne Malone John Pollock*	Jeanette Holowiuk Lynne Malone John Pollock*
Technical	Derek Coghill Judith Crawford John Marshall Fran O'Hara Gary Stutsel*	Derek Coghill Judith Crawford Tracy Dobby John Marshall Fran O'Hara Gary Stutsel*

NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	John Pugh
Finance Director	Cathy Coddling (Jan-May) Gerry Tucker (May-Dec)
Coaching Director	David Chambers
Chief Executive Officer	Stephen Cardiff (Jan-Sep) Loren Bartley (Sep-Dec)

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bill Lough	1975-1978
Peter Jackson	1978-1984
Ivan Wingate	1985-1988
Graeme McDougall	1989-1992
Glenys McDonald	1993-1998
Mary Sweeney	1999-2005
John Pugh	2005-Present

LIFE MEMBERS

Kay Cox	Darryl Hawkes	Gary Stutsel
David Cummins	Glenys McDonald	Mary Sweeney
Peter Gillett (diseased)	Pauline Samson	Ivan Wingate

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

Chief Executive Officer	Stephen Cardiff (Jan-Sep) Loren Bartley (Sep-Dec)	Administrator	Jeanette Holowiuk
		Technical Development Officer	Loren Bartley (Jan-Sep)

National Management Committee

President

The President's job of compiling a contribution to the Annual Report has become relatively easy. We produce quarterly newsletters that give progressive reports of "work-in-progress" from the perspectives of the Association, the National Board of Management (to use the new nomenclature), the National Office, Branches and National Committees; so it is largely a matter of summarising and condensing matters previously reported.

Significant events and happenings during the year included the adoption of the new Constitution and By Laws, changes of personnel in the National Office and the completion of the Club Database Survey.

After several years of debate and iterations the revised Constitution and By Laws were adopted at the October Board Meeting, which brought in a new governance structure to come into effect on 1st January 2008. Ian Davies was the "driver" behind the changes and his tenacity and infinite patience in dealing with issues seen as contentious eventually won support from the Branches. The new governance structure was outlined in the third of our newsletters. The main effects will be at National level where the new elected Board of Management will concentrate on strategic issues and policy. The operations of Branches and clubs will be largely unaffected.

However, two changes were made that affect membership. A change to By Law 9 now enables individuals to be members of multiple clubs and choose



John Pugh,
President

to represent any one of them in inter-club competitions and the National Swim. This will be convenient for individuals who may spend time living or working in more than one state, or members who may belong to very small clubs and wish to combine for the purpose of swimming relays. A proviso is that points earned by a member competing in the National Aerobics Competition must accrue to only one club (called the first claim club). A second change was to create a special one-off Championship Membership category to last for the period of the 2008 FINA World Masters Swim in Perth. The aim here was to open up the World Swim to more Australians.

Significant changes occurred in the National Office in September when Stephen Cardiff resigned as full-time CEO to pursue other opportunities in the sport industry. We were fortunate to be able to appoint Loren Bartley as

part-time CEO and Vivien Merrill as full-time Executive Officer.

Administrator, Jeanette Holowiuk, provided continuity and helped to ease in the two new appointees.

Regrettably Jeanette also resigned at the end of the year and we will miss her wisdom, experience and work ethic. The Management Committee welcomed Gerry Tucker as its new Finance Director, and he already has mastered his portfolio.

Before taking on the role of CEO, Loren Bartley conducted a survey of our 208 AUSSI clubs. The aim was to find out how they operated, the type of activities carried out, the facilities available, any problems in depending on volunteer committees and coaches, the main areas needing help, and how the Association and the National Office might assist them. A wealth of useful information was received from the 141 clubs that responded, and this will be used in addressing membership

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issues. Clubs are the foundation of our membership and deserve the best support possible in attracting and retaining swimmers.

While the club survey showed that only about 35% of the members of each club take part in competitions, those that did performed well. At national level 454 individual records were either established or broken and six FINA Masters World Records were approved. Some 62 relay records were also achieved. These figures do not include the multitude of Branch records broken, aerobic swims completed and million metre awards made. Competitive swimming in its many forms is alive and well!

Two important competitions run by AUSSI were our 32nd National Swim in Darwin and the swimming component of the Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide. Both were excellently organised, fiercely contested and lots of fun. More than 300 people attended the outdoor presentation dinner in Darwin and enjoyed excellent food, short speeches and the balmy evening weather.

At National level our six sub-committees did much of the necessary "busy work", and you can read the details in other parts in this Annual Report. Once again I thank this group of volunteers for serving us so well. However, there is still a lot to be done in coaching and IT, so some challenges remain.

Finally, we recognised the contribution to AUSSI at all levels made by David Cummins from Western Australia and awarded him a coveted Life Membership. Well-done David!

It is clear from the information we collect in the National Office that we are a vibrant organization that straddles the areas of sport, recreation and community health. Our strengths derive from the extensive base of volunteers and the range of activities organised through clubs. The task of the Board and National Office in the past year was to support members and facilitate their activities, and I think this job was well done.

John Pugh
President

Chief Executive Officer

As well as supporting the Branches and providing the general day-to-day administrative support for Masters Swimming Australia, the National Office was involved in a number of key projects and initiatives in 2007.

New Governance Structure

After many years of hard work via the National Management Committee, Governance Committee and National Office, a motion was passed at the October Board meeting that the revised constitution and By Laws under the new governance structure be adopted with effect 1 January 2008.

Relationships

Masters Swimming Australia remained a member of the Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS) - the national peak body for sport in Australia.

The development of an updated Memorandum of Understanding with Swimming Australia Ltd was put on hold after the breakdown in the Registration Database service agreement. Since then, the National Management Committee has been considering very closely the areas where it can best cooperate with Swimming Australia Ltd, also taking into consideration the information obtained from the Club Database

Project. It is planned for these discussions to resume in 2008.

Victorian Branch Service Agreement

The National Office successfully continued its service agreement with the Victorian Branch in 2007.

Club Database Project

The National Office undertook a Club Database Project early in 2007. 68% of clubs responded, providing the National Management Committee and Board with valuable information in regards to the current position and needs of Masters Swimming Clubs. A workshop was conducted as part of the October Board meeting to identify

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the best way that Masters Swimming Australia and National Office can go about providing this assistance, as well as discuss the implications for the organisation as a result of the overall trends identified in the responses.

The Club Database Project also raised a number of education needs for clubs and members that were addressed through articles in the National Newsletter. Masters Swimming Australia is now in a much better position to provide accurate information about clubs in response to membership enquiries as a result of this project.

Coaching Adult Swimmers Specialty Course - Resource Development

A tender process was used in 2006 to select authors to write a new training resource to accompany the new Coaching Adult Swimmers Specialty Course. This resource was developed in the early part of 2007 and used in May at the first Coaching Adult Swimmers Specialty Course, conducted as part of the ASCTA Convention.

Marketing

As well as coordinating the development of a marketing plan, the National Office has been assisting the Membership and Participation Committee in investigating a number of new initiatives, including:

- Developing a new organisational look for the website and printed material;
- Investigating the feasibility of a member benefit card;
- Researching potential merchandise options;
- Sourcing a potential patron; and
- Promotion of Masters Swimming through various media.

Masters Swimming Australia promoted the 2008 FINA World Masters Championships (Perth) at the 2007 FINA World Championships (Melbourne), with a manned marquee at the event, distributing flyers and answering enquiries regarding the event and Masters Swimming in general.

Merchandise

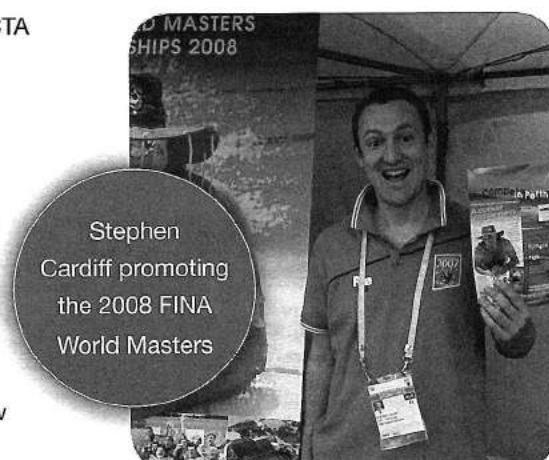
During the later part of 2007, discussions have taken place with a merchandising company to develop a distinctive range of licensed clothing, some of it full on green and gold

Australiana, making our members more visible at the FINA World Masters Championships, as well as a stylish navy and gold range, all featuring the AUSSI logo. The initial range will consist of men's and women's t-shirts, polo shirts and a broad spectrum hat. The range will be further expanded after the Championships.

This company will design the merchandise, set up a permanent AUSSI on-line store and will be responsible for handling sale and distribution logistics, resulting in an efficient service for our members and minimal administration on behalf of the National Office. This new service to members will be possible via a commercial arrangement that will see Masters Swimming Australia receiving royalties on all merchandise sold. We will also be able to sell our product through the FINA World Masters Official event merchandise store throughout the duration of the Championships.

Sponsorship

Vorgee signed an enhanced two-year sponsorship agreement in July 2007. While in kind support for the National Swim and major Branch Championship events continues, the cash support for the Million Metre Awards has more than doubled. This elevates Vorgee to the status of major sponsor. In return, Vorgee attains naming rights for the Million Metre Awards and promotion of their brand by Masters Swimming Australia and Branches taking up Branch



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Championship in kind support. Vorgee has agreed to provide Branches, if requested, with the following benefits for one Branch Championship event each year:

A free silicone swim cap to each swimmer registered for the event;

- Two Vorgee raffle packs;
- Trophies for Male and Female Swimmer of the Meet;
- A Vorgee gift pack each for the Male and Female Swimmer of the Meet;
- A raffle pack to the overall winning club; and
- Cover the cost of production of a simple Branch swim meet calendar containing the Vorgee logo.

The sponsorship agreement with IST continued in 2007 and is due to expire one month after the last competition day of the 2008 FINA World Masters Championships in April.

National Registration Database

In February 2007, Masters Swimming Australia was formally notified by Swimming Australia of their intent to move to a new National Registration Database. This meant that they were no longer in a position to support us, with our service agreement due to cease at the end of August 2007. Despite the hard work of the IT Committee and constant assurances from the developers that we would be able to continue our relationship and use of the database independently of Swimming Australia, we were unable

to make the required structural changes necessary to enable the database to perform the administrative and accounting functions required for our organisation. This created an increased workload on Club and Branch Registrars, who should be commended for their understanding, patience whilst we worked through this issue. Unfortunately, this issue was still not rectified by the end of the year and alternative database solutions are now being sourced for 2008.

Website

The National Office supported the IT Committee in conjunction with the Membership and Participation Committee in the development of a new visual look for the Masters Swimming Australia website. This change signifies a new look for our organisation, along with a move to a website that is easier to manage from the National Office perspective, with a user-friendly content management system. The new website is due to be launched on 7 January 2008. At this time, we will also be transitioning from www.aussimasters.com.au to www.mastersswimming.org.au. To coincide with the change in website address, all @aussimasters.com.au e-mail addresses will now have an @mastersswimming.org.au extension.

Newsletters

The National Office issued four newsletters in 2007. The newsletter continued to be distributed in print to all Branches, Board Members, Life

Members, Clubs, Referees, current Coaches and industry associates, totalling approximately 550 copies. In addition to this, the newsletter was available for download via our website, with e-mail alerts (including a link to the web page where the newsletter is posted) being sent to members that had supplied an email address and ticked the box indicating they would like to receive the national newsletters via e-mail at the time of joining/rejoining. This resulted in an approximate distribution of just under 2,000 additional recipients via this method.

National Handbook

The National Handbook is in a constant state of change/update. As of the end 2007, the following versions were the most current and had been circulated to Branches, Clubs, Referees and Coaches:

- Constitution - January 2008
- By-Laws - January 2008
- General Rules - October 2007 (Ver 1.3)*
- Swimming Rules - October 2007 (Ver 1.5)*
- Open Water Swim Rules - October 2006 (Ver 1.2)

Latest versions of these documents can be found on the national website.

FINA World Masters - Championship Membership Category

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Masters Swimming Australia has implemented an innovative one-off Championship Membership Category at a reduced fee to encourage greater participation at the FINA World Masters Championships. This membership entitles the swimmer to compete in the 2008 FINA World Swimming Championships (pool and open water swim) only, with membership and insurance valid from 15-25 April 2008 inclusive and is aimed at non-AUSSI members, such as triathletes, surf swimmers and those who have work, family or personal reasons that make club attachments difficult. The Championship Membership is available through Branch Clubs only.

Staff Changes

The later half of the year saw significant changes to the National Office personnel. Stephen Cardiff resigned as CEO in September, with Loren Bartley on the role of Acting CEO. Jeanette Holowiuk tendered her resignation shortly after, enabling the National Management Committee to reflect on the overall National Office administration needs and structure. As a result, a new structure for 2008 is planned, with Loren Bartley as CEO in a part-time capacity, supported by a full-time Executive Officer and part-time administrator. Interviews for the



Jeanette
Holowiuk,
Administrator

Executive Officer role took place in December, with Viv Merrill appointed and due to start in January 2008.

Loren Bartley
Chief Executive Officer

Director of Coaching

Coaching Courses

2007 saw the completion of the Coaching Adult Swimmers resource and workbook, which was used when the Coaching Adult Swimmers Specialty Course was piloted at the 2007 ASCTA Convention in May. This specialty course provides an abridged pathway for achieving the L1M for coaches who have already completed the prerequisite training of the Swimming Australia Ltd Bronze Licence Training Course.

The piloted course was successful, with 14 candidates, as well as several observers in attendance. Positive feedback was received and this course looks set to be a regular feature at the

ASCTA Convention, with another programmed for 2008.

There were no full L1M or L2M Coaching Courses conducted in 2007. There has not been a L2M Coaching Course conducted since 2002. Several reasons seem to contribute to the lack of courses being conducted, such as:

- Lack of numbers – Too few expressions of interest from potential coaches to warrant Branches running a course;
- Finances – The cost of running a course for some Branches is often far greater than the income received from the participants; and
- Human resources – The time commitment required to effectively

organise a course is sometimes too great for the part-time staff or volunteers within Branches. This is often further compounded due to the plethora of other administration priorities and deadlines the Branches have to achieve within a short availability of time;

It seems for our coaching courses to continue in future, the following needs to occur at Branch and National level:

- Branches – Need to invest in coaching courses by regularly underwriting some of the costs through the allocation of special project funds to ensure coaches have an opportunity to attend. This needs to be combined with the allocation of the appropriate level of

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human resource to ensure the courses are appropriately administered and promoted within the branch to ensure maximum participation;

- National Office – Provide a central point for the development and administration of coaching courses, as well as oversee the assessment process, to further alleviate the workload at Branch level.

Meanwhile, at the National level we must continue to invest in the development of coaching courses, workshops and associated resources to ensure our coaches have access to the most current and relevant training opportunities specific to coaching adult swimmers. This is something that is going to be much harder to achieve under the new Constitution and National Office structure, which no

longer includes a Director of Coaching and Technical Development Officer.

Coach Accreditations

The total number of coaches that either completed their accreditation or re-accredited in 2007 was 58, with 212 coaches holding a Masters Swimming Accreditation (L1M or L2M) as at 31 December 2007. This is a decrease of 16 coaches from the 228 accredited coaches at the end of 2006, a trend that is not likely to reverse unless more Masters Swimming coaching courses and workshops are offered, providing professional development opportunities for potential and current coaches to enable accreditation/re-accreditation.

It was interesting to note in the outcomes of the Club Database Project, that the majority of coaches within Masters Swimming Clubs either hold a Masters Swimming

Accreditation or a Swimming Australia Ltd Licence.

Newsletter Articles for Coaches

We continue to provide educational opportunities for Coaches through the Coaching section of AUSSI Masters News. 2007 features included:

- The Inclusive Masters Swimming Coach – Coaching for all levels of ability;
- Goal Setting; and
- Competency Based Training

2007 Coach of the Year Award

The Coach of the Year Award was not awarded in 2007 due to the nominations received not meeting the minimum criteria of the award. The 2008 Coach of the Year application

CURRENT ACCREDITED L1M COACHES*

	Male	Female	Total
NSW	28	27	55
NT	0	1	1
QLD	25	28	53
SA	1	3	4
TAS	2	0	2
VIC	20	13	33
WA	15	25	40
National	91	96	188

CURRENT ACCREDITED L2M COACHES*

	Male	Female	Total
NSW	1	1	2
NT	0	0	0
QLD	5	3	8
SA	0	0	0
TAS	0	1	1
VIC	0	0	0
WA	6	7	13
National	12	12	24

* As of 31 December 2007

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form has been modified as a result to reflect the minimum requirements for submission, clearly stating the level of detail required and supporting documentation required to accompany the nomination.

Coaching Committee

The 2007 Coaching Committee consisted of two members, supported by the Technical Development Officer in the National Office. Two members on a Coaching Committee are not enough. To ensure coaching remains a strong focus of Masters Swimming Australia, as it has been in the past we need individuals who are passionate about Coaching to assist the on-going development of Masters Swimming Coaches by playing an active role on the Coaching Committee.

Dave Chambers

Director of Coaching

Dave
Chambers,
Director of
Coaching

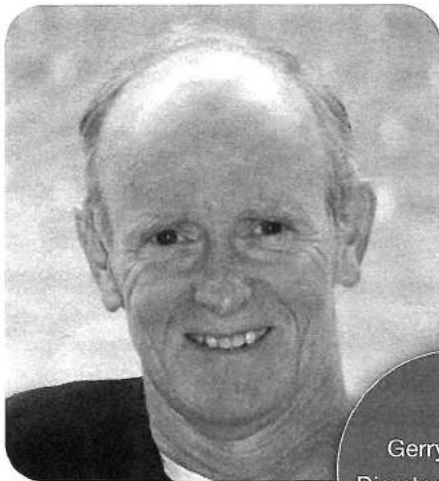


COACHING ACCREDITATIONS PROCESSED IN 2007

	L1M			L2M		
	Accreditation	Re-accreditation	Total	Accreditation	Re-accreditation	Total
NSW	0	7	7	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	12	11	23	0	2	2
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	1	1
VIC	10	5	15	0	0	0
WA	5	2	7	0	3	3
National	27	25	52	0	6	6

National Management Committee

Director of Finance



Gerry Tucker,
Director of Finance

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited financial reports.

Income and Expenditure Statement

The National Body recorded a net surplus from normal operating activities of \$12,280 for the year ended 31 December 2007, compared with a net operating surplus of \$7,531 for the

previous year. The Body budgeted for a net surplus of approximately \$1,000 in 2007. However, due primarily to under-budget operations, publications and NMC expenses and over-budget interest income and sponsorships, the net surplus exceeded budget by approximately \$11,300.

Included in this result is lower than budget revenue from member registrations of about \$10,600. This occurred because, although the expected membership of 6,400 was all but achieved (6,375), the differential rates for 4 and 16 month members meant that revenue for the year was lower than budget by approximately \$8,500.

Special Projects

In addition to the net operating surplus, the National Body budgeted

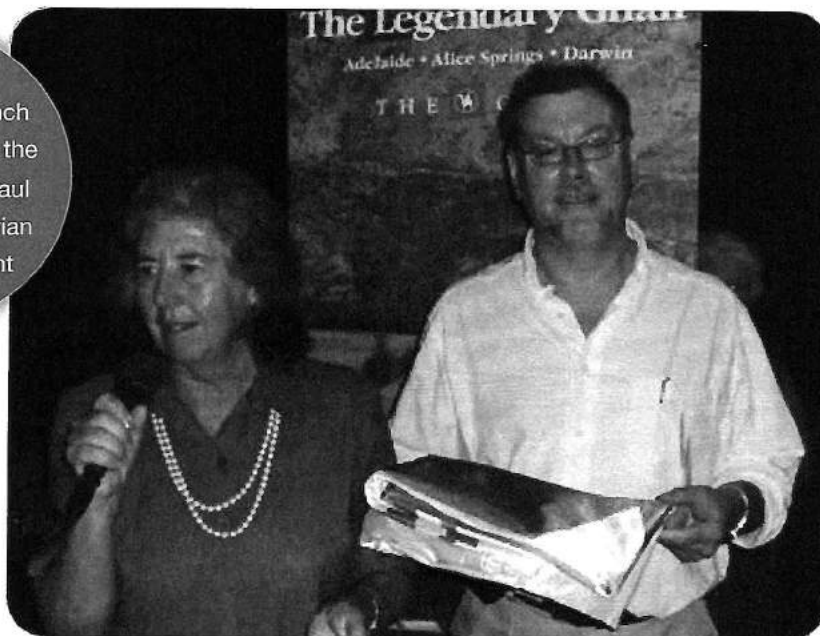
to incur expenditure on special projects (on coaching, membership and IT) of \$40,000. Actual expenditure incurred during the year on these special projects was \$16,150. The shortfall was primarily due to a lack of resources available to work on these projects.

Balance Sheet

The financial position of the National Body remains sound. The Body is well able to meet its ongoing obligations and face positively any opportunities or challenges that arise in the near future. In particular, the need to upgrade our computer based technologies to meet the needs of members is both costly and critical to our ongoing ability to deliver an up-to-date service to our members.

Gerry Tucker
Director of Finance

L-R: Sally Thomas, NT Branch President, passes the National flag to Paul Watmough, Victorian Branch President



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Income Statement

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. - For the Year Ended 31 December 2007

		2007	2006
INCOME			
	Advertising	\$420	\$791
	Branch Affiliations	\$1,432	\$1,636
	Interest received	\$20,725	\$13,745
	Registrations	\$165,453	\$157,413
	Sponsorships	\$12,000	\$9,182
	Sundry income	\$914	\$725
	Sanction Fees	\$4,716	\$3,445
Total Income		<u>\$205,660</u>	<u>\$186,937</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Professional Fees			
	Audit Fees	\$1,100	\$1,080
	Legal Fees	\$2,337	\$1,454
NBM and Branch Delegates	Travel, accommodation expenses	\$20,809	\$17,502
	Other costs	\$1,541	\$1,434
Premises	Rental/Utilities	\$16,874	\$16,265
Operations	Affiliations & subscriptions	\$700	\$700
	Bank Charges	\$600	\$199
	Computer Software	\$5,595	\$7,534
	Internet Fees	\$506	\$1,523
	Office Supplies / Stationery	\$2,397	\$3,141
	Phone & Fax	\$3,863	\$3,002
	Photocopier	\$2,486	\$2,292
	Postage	\$1,825	\$1,336
	Staff recruitment	\$705	\$0
Employment Costs	CEO-Salary and superannuation	\$60,743	\$56,903
	CEO-Sponsorship commission	\$1,200	\$500
	Office Support Staff	\$38,375	\$32,211
	Victorian Admin Fee	-18,710	-20,088
	Other staff costs	\$1,677	\$2,108
Insurance	All Insurances	\$33,864	\$35,378
Publications	All Publications	\$7,410	\$8,000
Other Expenses	Sponsorship costs	\$3,556	\$908
	Awards, Trophies & gifts	\$617	\$919
	Depreciation expense	\$1,832	\$2,321
	Other admin Expenses	\$1,478	\$2,784
Total Expenditure		<u>\$193,380</u>	<u>\$179,406</u>
Operating Surplus		\$12,280	\$7,531
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
	Coaching Articles	\$7,349	\$2,952
	Coaching Adult Swimmers Training Program	\$1,359	\$1,867
	M&P Committee	\$6,700	\$0
	IT Committee	\$742	\$0
	Total Special Projects	<u>\$16,150</u>	<u>\$4,819</u>
Net (deficit) Surplus for the Year		-\$3,870	\$2,711
Accumulated funds at beginning of the year		\$243,267	\$240,556
Accumulated funds at the end of the year		\$239,397	\$243,267

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Balance Sheet

AUSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. - As at 31 December 2007

	Notes	2007
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand		\$63
Cash at bank	2	\$22,580
Investments	3	\$222,093
Share Investments		\$10
Account Receivable		\$3,301
Inventory		\$500
Prepayments		\$609
Total Current Assets		\$249,156
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Trophies & Cases		\$1,034
Furniture		\$466
Equipment		\$28,388
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-\$22,311</u>
Total Non Current Assets		\$7,577
TOTAL ASSETS		\$256,733
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		\$7,670
GST Clearing		-\$2,825
Unearned Revenue		\$8,992
PAYG		\$2,696
Superannuation		\$53
Accruals		<u>\$750</u>
Total Current Liabilities		\$17,336
NET ASSETS		\$239,397
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds		<u>\$239,397</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		\$239,397

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FINANCE DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc
31st December 2007

In the opinion of the director of finance the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 5:

- (a) present fairly the financial position of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc at 31 December 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended:
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981 to prepare accounts: and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc can pay its debts as and when they fall due and payable.

Director of Finance:


 GERRY TUCKER

Date: 29th February 2008

AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE BOARD OF AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA INC

In relation to our audit of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc for the year ended 31 December 2007, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) 1981 or any applicable code of Professional code of conduct.

TAXLINK ACCOUNTING & TAXATION SERVICES



Director:
STEPHEN MEDCRAFT

Date: 29th February 2008

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Depreciation Schedule

AUSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. - Year Ended 31 December 2007

	Original Cost	Depreciation Rate %	WDV b/f	Depreciation charged	WDV c/f
PLANT & EQUIPMENT					
Conference Phone		10	37	4	33
Printer	878	33	13	4	9
Floppy disk drive	172	33	-	-	-
Office furniture (various)	3409	10	1811	181	1630
Compac modem & monitor	2778	40	130	52	78
Filing Cabinet	245	10	130	13	117
Colour Jet printer & cable	172	40	8	3	5
Telephone handset	72	10	38	4	34
Laser printer Xerox docuprint2125	2500	40	117	47	70
Konica photocopier/document feeder	5855	40	455	182	273
Refrigerator (GR-131SSF)	273	33	37	12	25
Telephone handset and headset	403	10	238	24	214
Microwave oven (MS 194A)	149	33	20	7	13
Elite 4 Drawer filing cabinet	226	10	134	14	120
Digital camera- Pentax Opto 330 RS	906	40	71	28	43
Filing Cabinet trolleys (2)	140	10	83	8	75
IBM Think Pad	2133	40	319	128	191
Filing cabinets (2)	362	10	237	23	214
Brother fax 645 plain paper	217	20	89	18	71
Predator CD writer	272	33	55	18	37
Trophy display cabinet	1414	10	1031	103	928
Intel Celeron 2.4 Ghz system	764	40	165	65	100
Panasonic KX-P7100 laser printer	291	40	63	25	38
Trophy display cabinet	2035	40	440	176	264
Telephone system	<u>2293</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>1761</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>1180</u>
	27959		7482	1720	5762
New Items Bother HL5250DN printer (3/7/07)	429	40	429	85	344
Office Chair 21/5/07	<u>467</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>440</u>
	28855		8378	1832	6546
Accumulated Depreciation			20479	1832	22311

Independent Audit

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc. - 31 December 2007

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) 1985.

The committee have determined that the 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 accrual 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) Inventory - Stocks of books and plaques are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value on a first in first out basis.
- b) Depreciation - Depreciation is provided using the diminishing value basis so as to write off each individual asset over its estimated useful life.

2. Cash at Bank

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
WestPac – Cheque account	\$22,580	\$3,803
	\$22,580	\$3,803

3. World Swim Investments

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank – cash management account	\$60,522	\$87,168
Commonwealth Bank – commercial bill	\$161,571	\$152,889
	\$222,093	\$240,057

National Committees

Governance

The National Governance Committee is (or was) an ad hoc committee established to oversee the development and introduction of a new national Constitution, a move that started well over five years ago and was led by the then National Executive Director, Julia Phillips, and President, Mary Sweeney.

That task came to fruition at the Board meeting in October 2007 when the national Board voted to adopt the new Constitution that had been developed through many discussions and workshops over the preceding years, to take effect on 1 January 2008. The upcoming AGM and Board meeting in

April 2008 are the first to take effect under the new Constitution.

The main change has been to remove the national Board and National Management Committee and re-distribute their responsibilities to the Association itself in general meeting and a new National Board of Management. The National Board of Management is, with five members, larger than the former National Management Committee, and is intended to exercise its authority on a broader, more forward-thinking level, with major decision making left, as before, to the Association as a whole or delegated. At the same time, it is anticipated that the National Board of

Management will be less concerned with detailed management of the organisation, that being left to the CEO and her staff, with appropriate direction from the National Board of Management and Association.

I anticipate that the near future will bring to light the need for refinement of the new Constitution, but that is to be expected to some degree in any event. However, the Governance Committee's task is now complete, and it would seem that it can be disbanded, subject to the approval of the general meeting in May.

Ian Davis
Chairman
Governance Committee



National Committees

IT

National Registration Database

2007 looked to start well, with many of the outstanding problems relating to the Registration database being resolved. Then in February, Swimming Australia provided formal notification of their intent to move to a new National Registration Database, with our service agreement due to cease at the end of August 2007.

We quickly scrambled to ensure that we had continuity and access to the database, through the organisation who had developed and were hosting the SwimNet database, who agreed to continue to "host and manage" the database for us after Swimming Australia had moved off.

The first hint of alarm bells began towards the end of 2007, when we requested a change to the database to allow for the usual 4-month and 16-month registrations. By the time the changes had been implemented, it was too late to gain any benefit..

In late November 2007 the company who "host and manage" the SwimNet database were advised of our 2008 Season requirements (fees, new membership categories and timing of the season changeover). We were informed that this was achievable, however unfortunately it was not achieved and we have had to commence 2008 without an operational National Registration Database, with the database being in such a state that the developers do not want to make any changes to

it because it would most likely become unstable and be unusable.

Seeking clarification as to how the database had got to this point, we were informed that when the database was developed, Swimming Australia elected not to enter into a commercial arrangement with the developers, instead choosing a "hosting arrangement". This meant that there was no funding for staff to document or maintain ongoing skills to support the system. This wasn't so much of an issue in the early years of the database, as the staff that built the database were still around.

The priority for the IT Committee in 2008 will therefore be sourcing a replacement National Registration Database that provides for all the needs of our organisation above and beyond what SwimNet could ever offer, which will be appropriately documented, supported and maintained.

National Website

As the National Office was spending an inordinate amount of time and effort in keeping the website up-to-date, the IT sub-committee recommended that the national web-site move towards a Content Management System, which would enable the National Office to update and manage content relatively easily without having to undertake extensive skills training.

At the same time, the Membership and Participation Committee set

about developing a common look and feel for Masters Swimming Australia to be used in all print and electronic media. The result was "the hairy toed swimmer on the starting blocks, with bubbles" that is featured in the banner at the top of the revised website. The initial design was rolled out as a prototype to the results portal towards the end of 2007 and then a full redesign of the website was undertaken in late 2007, with a general publishing to the world due for January 2008, with additional features to be developed throughout the year. Special thanks go to Frank Braun, who has been instrumental in developing this site in a very short time frame.

Meet Management Software

All of the Branches are now running with Meet Manager. Notably, Queensland clubs have been actively purchasing copies of both Team Manager and Meet Manager, enabling clubs to register their members for a meet.

AUSSI Aerobics II

The redevelopment of the Aerobic software was another priority of the IT Committee in 2007. Development of this application is progressing, but unfortunately not as quickly as we would have liked. We hope that there will be a test system ready by June 2008.

Paul Watmough
Chair
IT Committee

National Committees

Membership and Participation

The major project achieved during the year for the membership and participation committee was the launch of the new website, which is now up and running and has received many favourable comments. We hope that it not only updates our image but also provides a more user-friendly site both for our existing members and potential members.

The Membership and Participation Committee worked hard on two projects during the year that did not proceed due to circumstances beyond our control. These were the membership card and the signing on of a Patron for the organisation; both of these projects may be revisited in the coming year.

Other projects which were worked on were: an eastern states television ad campaign, a programme for press releases to major regional newspapers and updating our merchandise range including clothing and caps for those competing in the Perth World Championships. The National Management Committee has been looking into this and negotiations are underway to have an on-line shop up and running in the near future, including items available for our Perth competitors.

This committee has sought to raise the profile of Masters Swimming in the last two years. After some consultation and feedback from members, it has been decided to change direction and

have a more club development focus, which will include working with the coaching and technical directors to develop appropriate club programmes.

2008 will bring a new direction and with it new challenges to advance our sport and grow our membership, I look forward to working with Loren Bartley and the other members of the committee to achieve some good outcomes for Masters Swimming.

Therese Crollick

Chairman

Membership and Participation Committee

MEMBERSHIP BY YEAR AND BRANCH

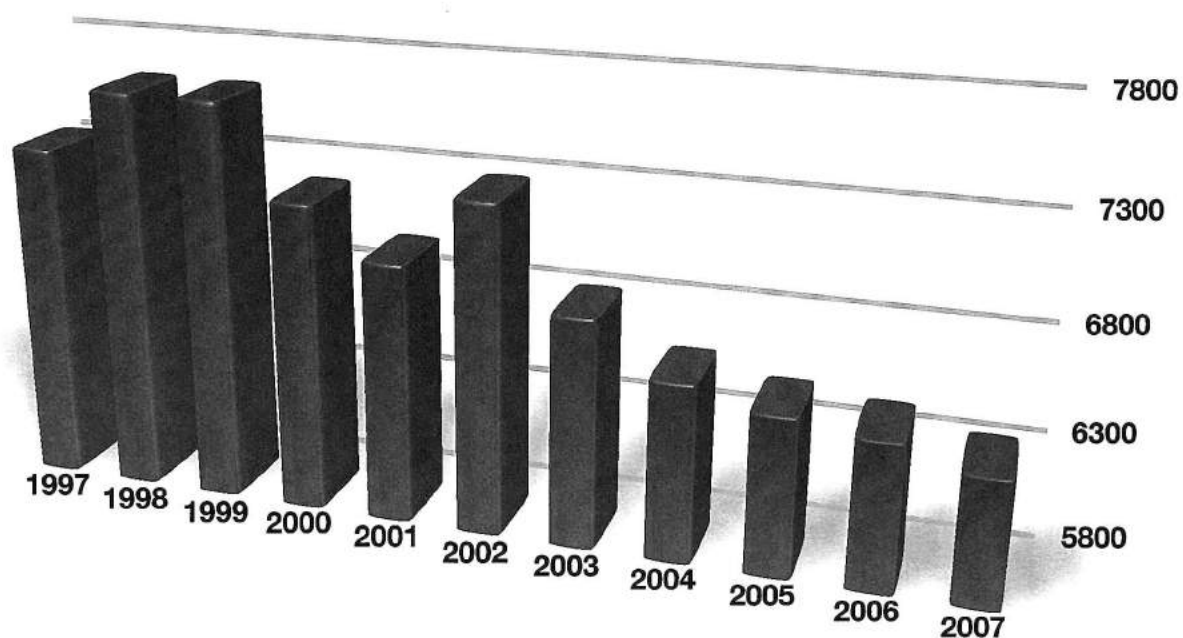
BRANCH	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
ACT	122	139	107	115	162	169	164	152	153	140	0
NSW	1627	1554	1523	1523	1553	1724	1631	1640	1645	1670	1737
NT	114	158	186	153	143	156	132	105	89	109	123
QLD	1873	2009	2009	1879	1726	1886	1660	1606	1517	1455	1414
SA	611	664	732	675	719	658	597	612	611	606	605
TAS	343	338	323	348	321	305	301	281	309	296	298
VIC	1371	1360	1288	1195	1134	1134	1065	993	987	1013	929
WA	1290	1419	1467	1331	1238	1277	1303	1227	1217	1189	1277
Total	7351	7641	7635	7219	6996	7309	6853	6616	6528	6478	6383

National Committees

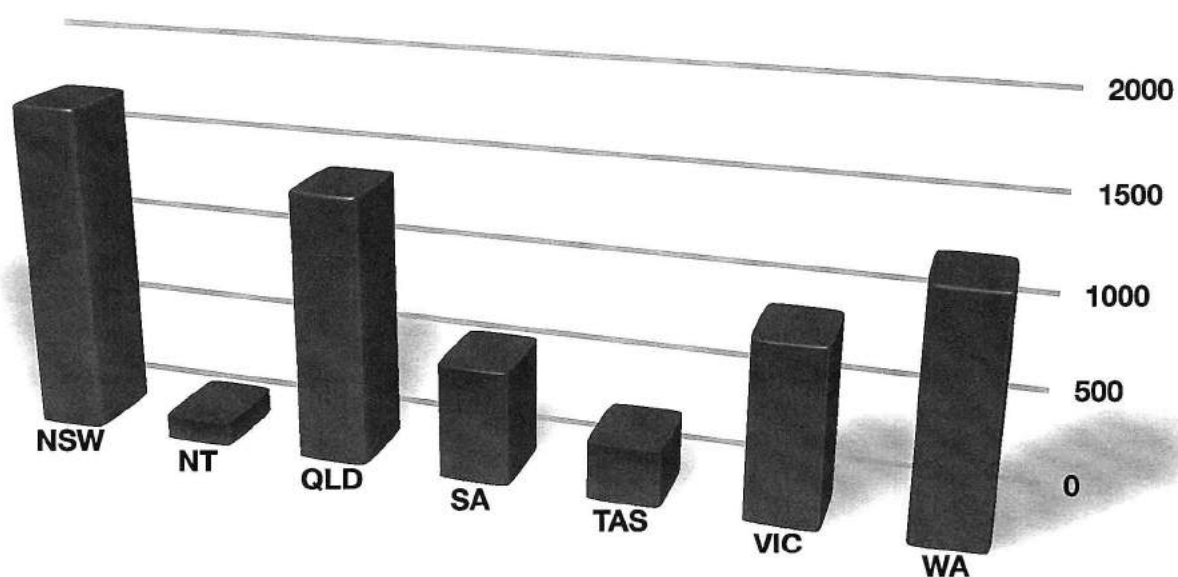
Membership and Participation

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Membership Registrations by Year



2007 Membership Registrations by Branch



National Committees

Records

2007 has been a very busy time for recording and a successful year for many swimmers.

Swimmers were able to take part in over 127 events, internationally, nationally and within Branches as well as the National Aerobic Trophy Program.

There were 454 individual records either established or broken, 145 in long course, 309 in short course. Of these records, 193 were for women, and 261 for men. There were also 62 relays records broken.

Applications for six World Records were approved by the World Recorder.

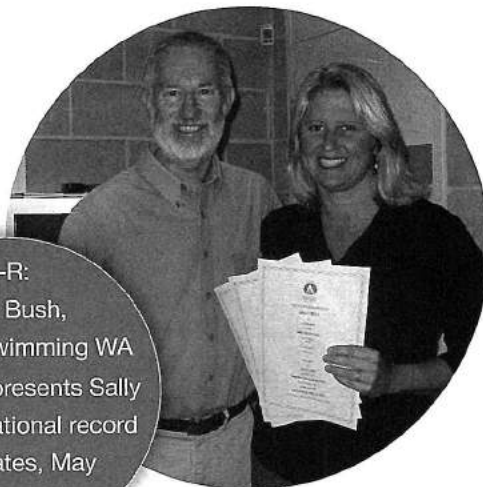
During 2007 a number of changes were made to the results/records portal. The latest records can be viewed and these change as records are released from pending. All splits recorded in Meet Manager are now processed recorded for individual and relay results in a separate table and can be viewed by clicking on the (final) time in the result history and ranking.

Records are now validated for 25, 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 metre split

times in freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly (including the 1st leg of individual medley at 50, 100 and 200m). The times identified as records appear in the pending records section of the portal to be ratified by the Branch and/or National Recorder. The 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m split times are then added to the ranking / top 10. Backstroke splits still need to be entered manually as the touch on each turn needs to be validated by an inspector of turns.

It has been usual practice to release records on a monthly basis, as this allows time for all records to be in pending and is easier for the process of certificates. It is our policy that where certificates are not forth coming or may have been mislaid that these are reprinted.

A points score table has also been added to the portal, with points for swims allocated to swimmers. Here



you can view the top 100 swimmers for both male and female.

The Branch Recorders have been most diligent in uploading information from swim meets in "record" time and also in notifying me of records that have been validated and their support during 2007 has been most appreciated. A big thank you to the swimmers who keep an "eagle eye" on the results/records and are quick to point out any anomalies. This ensures that the information is always correct and up to date.

Pauline Samson
Chairman
Records Committee

Swim Meet

During 2007 the process of revising the National Swim Meet Guide and its accompanying checklist continued, with changes being made as a result of changes made to the Rules and By-Laws at the May and October Board meetings. A new edition of the Guide was posted on the National Website in November 2007. National Swim organisers should refer to this current

edition and hence avoid some of the problems that have arisen in the past through referring to superseded editions.

The National Swim Meet Committee maintained contact by email, a cost effective means of operating and one that has logistical disadvantages in terms of full participation by all

members in an undertaking of this nature.

With the exception of Rob Lucas, existing committee members were reappointed at the October 2007 National Board Meeting.

John Pollock
Chairman
Swim Meet Committee

National Committees

Technical

The major thrust of the National Technical Committee in 2007 has been towards achieving national consistency in the training, standards and decisions of officials, especially referees. The year started with a series of workshops conducted by several Branches to update referees and starters on the changes to the format and wording of the Rules that came into effect on 1 January 2007.

It was very rewarding to see the Branch Technical Directors from Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland participating in the initial workshop in Sydney on 14 January. Consistency of standards is further helped by the fact that we now have five of the seven Branches represented on the National Technical Committee. We really need a representative from South Australia. The Northern Territory does not have any AUSSI referees.

The lack of or shortage of officials is not just limited to the Northern Territory, but is also obvious in some of the smaller Branches and the more remote regions of the larger Branches. Overcoming these shortages is perhaps our greatest challenge, as there are limited opportunities for officials to train in areas where there are only small numbers of swim meets. Few officials, few swim meets. Few meets, no new officials. The disparity in opportunities is best illustrated by comparing the National Survey figure for swim meet participation (35% of members competed in at least one inter-club meet in 2006) with the actual participation figures for New South Wales Branch where there are over 20

meets per year (80% competed in at least one interclub meet in 2007).

With this in mind the AUSSI Officiating courses were reviewed in the first half of the year to align them with the October 2006 Rules changes and to improve the content of the notes. With more officials needed for the World Championships in 2008 and the World Masters Games in 2009, the Inspector of Turns course was introduced as a quicker pathway to accreditation. New Candidate Notes, Presenter Notes and Log Sheets were produced for each of the eight technical positions. These were trialed in the second half of the year and some Questions and Answers were modified in December. Much help has been provided throughout this process by Jeanette Holowiuk, Stephen Cardiff, Di Coxon Ellis and Loren Bartley.

When any of the Officials documents are needed, please refer to the National Website to ensure you have the current version.

During the year articles were printed in AUSSI Masters News as follows:

- March – Rule changes effective 1 January 2007
- June – Analysis of disqualifications data (males are three times more likely to be disqualified)
- September – Overview of the new Technical Courses
- December – Rule changes for 2008

Your committee faces great challenges in 2008, with a number of tasks to complete:

The General Principles of Officiating notes are to be written;

Re-accreditation processes are to be developed;

Assessment procedures are to be modified;

Open Water Swimming Rules are to be reviewed and submitted to the October General Meeting;

Accreditation programs for Open Water Swim officials are to be developed; and

All Officiating accreditation programs are to be resubmitted to the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).

Once the Memorandum of Understanding with Swimming Australia Limited (SAL) is completed we need to explore how the trials of joint officials courses conducted in Western Australia and joint accreditation can be implemented nationally. Finally, if you the members have suggestions as to how the National Technical Committee could be more effective please email or write to the National Office.

Gary Stutsel

Chairman

National Technical Committee

National Committees

Technical

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ACCREDITED TECHNICAL COURSES IN 2007								
	Timekeeper	Check Starter	Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Strokes	Referee	Total
NSW	6	1	2	1	4	0	0	14
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	10
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
WA	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	14
National	16	5	7	6	6	2	2	44

TECHNICAL ACCREDITATIONS PROCESSED IN 2007									
	Timekeeper	Chief Timekeeper	Check Starter	Marshal	Starter	Inspector of Turns	Judge of Strokes	Referee	Total
NSW	15	8	5	6	4	0	0	1	39
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QLD	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	5	3	4	4	1	0	0	1	18
WA	18	12	9	10	8	0	0	1	58
National	41	23	19	21	14	0	0	3	121

NOTE: The numbers quoted in the above tables are based on the Branch in which candidates reside, rather which Branch's course they attended.

Branches

New South Wales

Governance

Masters Swimming NSW is governed by a Board of seven members. The Country Vice-President does occasionally attend meetings in person but otherwise communicates his views on issues by email prior to, or by phone during, the monthly Board meetings.

Membership

Masters Swimming New South Wales welcomed the two ACT clubs into its ranks in 2007. Therefore, membership figures increased but actual NSW membership decreased by a small percentage. One new club formed towards the end of the year and one folded.

Committees

The Board sincerely thanks the Committee members for their continued dedication in 2007 as they play a vital role in the conduct of the Branch's activities.

Events Committee

The Events Committee is responsible for the overall organisation and conduct of all events in NSW. It monitors the carnival calendar and recommends programmes and venues for all State events. This committee has also taken on the role of co-ordinating the raffles at State Championships.

Technical

This Committee organises training courses and provides support and continuing education for all technical officials. Two members of this committee were actively involved in the revision of the National rules. In

January 2007, Masters Swimming New South Wales pioneered the Referees and Starters workshop to introduce these new rules and develop a uniform approach across the country. Regular training programs for officials ensure, as far as practicable, that each club hosting a swim meet is able to provide its own designated officials.

Coaching Education and Training

The Branch Coaching Director oversees a committee of coaches with various tasks assigned to each member. One administers the allocation of resources on request from the resource list of books, DVDs and videos. Another contacts those coaches who are due for reaccreditation. Other committee members assist on request from the Branch Coaching Director. A coaching workshop was held in December 2007 with 24 coaches and trainee coaches and 2 officials participants.

Marketing and Club Development

This Committee actively seeks new sponsors from a number of sources. This Committee is working on redesigning the New Club Kit. The club Mentoring programme is an integral function of this Committee.

Communication

Our website is constantly improving and post programs on the web prior to the meets. Results go up promptly as well. The Masters Swimming New South Wales newsletter Splash is produced every quarter and mailed to all members unless they have opted to receive an electronic notification. All



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communications with clubs are moving towards electronic contact.

Safety

The Branch Safety Co-ordinator continued to make strong efforts for clubs to follow the National Safety Guidelines, particularly in the completion of Incident Report Forms at all club and interclub activities. A guide for Club Safety Officers is being compiled.

Events

The Masters Swimming New South Wales Open Water Swim was conducted in 2007 in conjunction with the Harris Wheeler Lake Swim in Lake Macquarie in the Hunter region. A disappointing number of entries meant that these Hunter clubs did not tender to run the event for 2008.

The New South Wales Long Course Championships were held over two days in March 2007 at Sydney Olympic

Branches

New South Wales

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Ian Davis,
President, New
South Wales
Branch

Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC) again. AUSSI

swimmers numbered 431 from 37 clubs plus 1 interstate and 1 visitor from the USA. Seventeen National and 24 State records were broken at this meet.

The State Relay Meet in July was also at SOPAC, but due to a mix up in bookings, it was held in the diving pool. It turned out to be a better configuration and, with 369 swimmers from only 16 clubs competing, 19 National and three State records were broken.

The Masters Swimming New South Wales Long Distance Championships 2007 were held as a short course event at Mt Annan in South West Sydney. As the numbers are increasing it was decided to hold this meet over two days also and it attracted 142

entries from 30 clubs. 14 National and 24 State records were set at this meet.

The State Short Course Championships in October 2007 were held at Lakeside Leisure Centre at Tuggeranong, ACT. Despite the dilapidated venue, the meet was conducted well. Numbers were down on the previous bumper year at Woy Woy, with 243 competitors. Nevertheless, 18 National and 34 State records were broken.

In our annual series of Branch Point Score (BPS) carnivals, 17 clubs hosted meets for Masters Swimming New South Wales. Added to this were

the Hunter Sports Festival, an Invitational meet organised by the Events Committee and the Wests Auburn Long Distance Meet. The BPS Trophy winners in the four divisions were Novocastrian, Hornsby, Blue Mountains and Maitland. Swansea again took out the Average Point Score Trophy for 2007. Once again, only one of these wins was by a metropolitan club indicative of the competitiveness of the New South Wales regional clubs.

Many of our swimmers enjoyed the competition and camaraderie at the National Swim in Darwin in May 2007.

Volunteers

We again had the assistance of Volunteering New South Wales at State Championships with timekeeping and running. Various

clubs assisted with raffle-ticket selling under the direction of the Events Committee. We have some dedicated members who volunteer their time on a regular basis to assist in the office.

Government Support

The total amount of funding from the New South Wales Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation was allocated to the sport of swimming as a whole, split with Swimming New South Wales Ltd., and has been reduced over the last three years. This funding is not guaranteed beyond June 2008, notwithstanding Masters Swimming New South Wales' obligations to run the swimming events in the World Masters Games 2009. The Branch Office is located at Sports House in Sydney Olympic Park. The accommodation remains rent-free for the time being.

Masters Swimming New South Wales thanks National Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Cardiff, and National Administrator, Jeanette Holowiuk, for their assistance throughout 2007 and wish them the very best in their new endeavours. Masters Swimming New South Wales also wishes the new National Administration plus all members, staff and volunteers of other Branches every success for 2008.

*Ian Davis
President and
Di Coxon-Ellis
Administrator
New South Wales Branch*

Branches

Northern Territory

Swim Meets

The NT Branch held five swim meets during 2007, the main one being the 32nd National Swim in Darwin, 4-7 May, which was acclaimed by those participating as a great success. The Branch Long Course Championships were held in conjunction with the National Swim and the Short Course Championships were held in Darwin in October. Three email interclub meets were conducted during the year during January, March and November. The January meet was also an open Australia Day Carnival and the November meet was a major Branch promotion held in Katherine with the aim of reactivating the Katherine AUSSI Masters Club, which was the first AUSSI club in the Northern Territory.

International Links

The Branch established links with the Singapore Southern Cross Dragons

Club, which sent five members to the National Swim. Two teams from Darwin Stingers subsequently competed in meets in Singapore in June and August.

Funding

The main source of funding for the Branch was again the Northern Territory Office of Sport and Recreation, whose generous grant subsidised the National Swim, covered all Branch administration costs and provided funds for travel subsidies and other activities.

Branch Meetings

Regular Branch meetings were held in Darwin, with a Darwin member representing Alice Springs. The Annual General Meeting was held in Darwin in November.

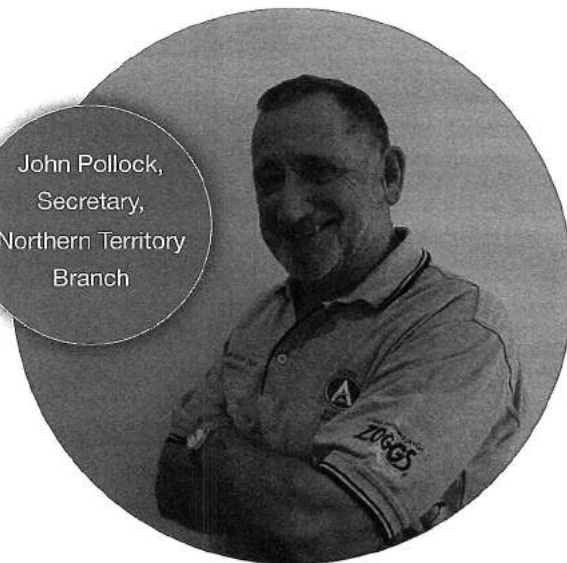
Membership

Membership increased in 2007 to 126, due in part to the National Swim being held in Darwin. Darwin's membership was 105 and Alice Springs had 21.

Top Ten Rankings

For the third year in succession, three Branch members, all from Darwin Club, achieved listings in the FINA World Masters Top Ten for 2006. These members were Rosemary Bromwich (80-84), Bobbie Lea (70-74) and Gerda Williams (60-64). Many other members

John Pollock,
Secretary,
Northern Territory
Branch



featured prominently in the AUSSI Top Ten rankings.

National Aerobic Competition

The two Northern Territory clubs (Darwin and Alice Springs) again performed well in the 2006 National Aerobic Competition. Darwin was placed third in the overall point score and 14th in the Aerobic Award, while Alice Springs' placings were 49th and 34th.

John Pollock
Branch Secretary
Northern Territory Branch



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Branches

Queensland



MASTERS SWIMMING Queensland

Overall 2007 was a good year for Queensland Branch despite lower membership from previous years and less participation in many of our club meets.

The Branch club "Barbarians" was relaunched and currently has 14 members and it is showing signs of growing. We also saw the formation of a new regional club, South Burnett, which is based at Nanango in South Central Queensland and recently we have had strong interest to form a club from Ayr in the far north. We are confident that we can build our membership up again with the level of interest which is becoming evident.

Our Long Course State Titles were held at Bundaberg over the Easter weekend and our Short Course Titles at Noosa in October. Both events were well run and the club members from both clubs were congratulated on the excellent job they did in assisting the Branch to host

these events. The Short Course Titles saw the launch of a new range of Queensland merchandise and a good level of sponsorship for the event. Our marketing team of Peter Hughes, Caireen Zaina and Rod Hawkings are to be congratulated on the great work they have done in this area. We are working hard to secure a greater level of long term sponsorship for the Branch during the next three years.

Our Coaching and Technical portfolios were fairly quiet this year, but 2008 will see both areas being much more active. Our Branch, being as large as it is, has difficulty in meeting the officials' requirements for conducting swim meets in the Central and North regions and therefore we are making a concerted effort to run Technical courses in those areas of the Branch. Some will be in conjunction with carnivals so that the practical hours are started as part of the course. The Coaching Director has also planned a number of coaching clinics for swimmers and coaching courses for coaches in our regional areas.

Our IT Manager was busy this year making a number of changes to our website and with our now increased capacity, we will be putting a lot more information and resources on-line. This will make it much easier for our regional members to complete courses and obtain information. Our project for 2008 in this area will be to update the "look" of our website to make it more interesting and attractive and to continue assisting the branch office in maximising its use of computer technology.

The Branch recently formed an Open Water Swim Committee with a view to hold and promote open water swimming within the Branch. There are quite a number of venues throughout Queensland where open water swimming is safe (no "stingers" or sharks) and we plan to hold Branch/club organised events throughout the year in our three regions. If you like open water events watch our website and maybe escape the southern winter with a swim on the Atherton Tablelands.

Our National 2009 swim committee is progressing well with the preparations for Brisbane 2009. The Welcome function is to be held at Parliament House in Brisbane. The Presentation dinner is to be held in the function room at Rydges Southbank, which has glorious views of the Brisbane River and city skyline. The swimming competition will be conducted at the well renowned Brisbane Aquatic Centre in Chandler. The Branch is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Queensland and giving you a National championship that you will all enjoy.

2007 saw the Branch employ a new Branch Administrator, Helga Ward. Helga has been busy reorganising the office after we had been without an administrator for some months. She has also been making valuable contacts with other members of the Queensland sporting fraternity, particularly with Kevin Hasemann, the Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Swimming. Our government funding, which we have recently secured for the next three years is contingent on us

Branches

Queensland

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working more closely with Queensland Swimming. This opens up great opportunities for us, but we are also conscious of maintaining our independence, so the coming year will be an interesting one on this front.

As many of you would already know, 2007 saw the passing of three Queensland Masters swimming identities, Arthur Thomas, Tricia Liddy

and Bruce Hutton. All three of them loved their swimming and really epitomised all that Master's sport is about, fitness, fun and friendship, not to mention just enjoying life each day as it comes. If we all remember to do that it will be the best way to remember these great individuals.

Quite a number of Queensland swimmers are training hard in

preparation for competing at the World Masters championships in Perth in April and we are looking forward to catching up with old friends and really enjoying the week there with everyone.

Therese Crollick

President

Queensland Branch

South Australia



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Social

The annual presentation night was again held at the Royal Adelaide Golf Club in November. The golf club is a fantastic venue and provides a great ambience for the awards night. On the night we welcomed our new SA Branch Patron, Margo Bates who gave a fine acceptance speech and seemed

thoroughly delighted to accept her new role. Life Members Kit Simmons, Daryl Hawkes and Leanne and Phil Beames were on hand to help with the presentations, along with Bec Foreman, Mark Smedley and Open Water Swim Coordinator, Shane Murphy. After Adelaide Masters had feasted on the awards the balance of the treasure was shared amongst the other clubs, even Henley Beach Masters managed to pick up its first ever club prize, the inaugural Aerobic Trophy. The Full Monty floorshow in black graduation boards and robes was a sight to behold, with excellent choreography to the theme of the detective series Vandervalk. John Gamlen waxed lyrical in his role of MC and did his usual fine job.

Prior to Christmas after the State Cup swim, Adelaide Masters organised a Branch lunch at the Wellington Hotel in Nth Adelaide, close to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. The event was well attended and turned out to be a great afternoon for all who attended.

Interclub Series

The interclub series continues to be well supported, however we could do without competition from football, car races, long weekends and other impediments to strengthen numbers. The Mildura crowd continue to trek the miles to compete with us in Adelaide. Port Augusta and Port Pirie swimmers still need to get their act together and hire that bus for the trip. South Australia Branch always punches above its weight in the National and World rankings and 2007 was no exception to this, with many fine performances by our swimmers, both in regular competition and the Australasian Masters Games held in October.

Open Water Swims

This year our Open Water Swim Coordinator Shane Murphy has again publicised widely. The Open Water Swing program is again on the www.oceanswims.com website.

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Our beach flags were in operation last season and again this season and add colour and spectacle to our swims. They also help when aiming for the beachfront, as they are 5 metres high and bright red. In April 2007 we held a joint meeting of the clubs chaired by the Open Water Swim Coordinator to discuss Open Water Swims (all are run by the clubs in South Australia except for the 'Jetty to Jetty' swim run by the South Australia Branch), focussing on a common risk management policy, Surf Life Saving Clubs water cover, Open Water Swim trailer, equipment repairs and any new requirements, new events, publicity and promotion and a number of other issues. The meeting was well attended and a lot of positive discussion and action items for the Branch Council to consider came forth. Another meeting of this group was held prior to the start of the 2007/2008 Open Water Swim season.

Noarlunga Club added a new Open Water Swim event this season, which was well attended and looks to be a real winner, well organised, well-supported and terrific sponsors. The

resolving of the insurance issue for Under 20's after such a long time has been a headache removed. Thanks to John Gamlen, National Office and the Insurance broker.

Joint Promotions

This year with "Life Be In It" we promoted the "Aquatic Team Challenge" Swimming program and promoted membership through advertising, newsletter articles/ coaching tips and supplying medals for the presentation day.

We have inserted copies of the club swim times flyer, Open Water Swim calendar and "Jetty to Jetty" entry in the Christmas newsletter of the South Australian Road Runners Club (SARRC) who have some 700 members including runners, walkers and triathletes. We have continued this promotion and exchange of ideas (you will see their web link and details on our website and maybe an article/ advert in our newsletters) for our mutual benefit.

We continue common web links to the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club Open Water Swim website and our Branch website (the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club swim is the largest Open Water Swim in the state with over 900 entrants – we gain lots of exposure and publicity, with Open Water Swim and membership flyers inserted in event bags for free). Brighton also offer us a promotional marquee at this event each year.

This year we ran a joint promotion of the Australia Day "Jetty to Jetty" swim with the Australia Day Council, which was promoted both in a street promotion in Rundle Mall and in an Australia Day lift out in the Adelaide Advertiser newspaper.

Pool Space

Pool space and lane hire is very tight in Adelaide and the only new pools coming on line are those being built in the private schools, which our clubs have successfully been able to access as winter venues (three new pools in the last several years).



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Publicity and Membership

The Branch membership at years end remains relatively steady with 658 (2002), 597 (2003), 612 (2004), 611 (2005), 606 (2006) and 605 (2007).

This summer the branch has encouraged members to rejoin clubs early and enter into draws for multi-visit pool passes supplied to each club by the Branch.

Over recent months we have produced our revamped membership brochure, a new and updated club swim times flyer, the updated 2007 "Jetty to Jetty" entry and a new A5 glossy 2007/08 Open Water Swim and Annual Swim Calendar for 2008. Our website has had a few tweaks over the year, but could do with a major overhaul in 2008. We purchased four replacement beach flags and four new start/finish beach flags for the Open Water Swim season and other events such as the Australasian Masters Games in October. Two new Branch banners were purchased and on show at the Australasian Masters Games and other events. As a Branch, again in 2008 we took advantage of the free Yellow Page listing, encouraging all clubs to list in the "Clubs Swimming" category.

Sponsorship

South Australia Branch are in the process of negotiating sponsorship arrangements with Vorgee and hope to finalise in early 2008.

Annual "Jetty to Jetty" Swim and Australasian Masters Games

Branch committees have been meeting on a monthly basis to organise and plan for these events, resulting in two very successful events.

The inaugural Australasian Masters Games were held in Adelaide in October and with only a small attendance of 320 or so was a resounding success. Competing against other future holiday destinations of Melbourne and Perth, numbers were expected to be low. The event from a financial point of view just broke even. However, from a swim meet and even more so from a social perspective, it was a roaring success. The Friday night 800m session went well, as did the barbecues that were held on three days, even though only originally planned for one.

The new swimming venue at Marion to replace the Adelaide Aquatic Centre

As mentioned last year, keep watching this space, maybe next year I will have something to report.

SA Branch Council Meetings and Other Business

This year we have continued with regular monthly meetings, which are extremely well attended and meetings

always have a full business agenda. Generally, we would have almost all clubs represented. Financially, the South Australia Branch remains in a sound position having successfully applied for another three-year funding round from the South Australia Department of Recreation and Sport. We have also discussed other funding options with the Department of Recreation and Sport for country extension programs; these discussions were very positive and grant applications are now being called.

Newsletter

Editor Johnny Trower continues to do a fantastic job and the newsletter remains professional job indeed, Johns' years in the printing trade have served him and now the Branch well. We are sending copies interstate and overseas electronically to Scotland, North Carolina and other overseas visitors to the recent Australasian Masters Games.

As I stated last year, my first as State Branch President, the South Australia Branch operates unlike larger states, with no office, or paid staff and is run by its nine Clubs, a Branch Council and the 600 or so members and I would again like to thank all those who volunteer their valuable time to keep South Australia Masters swimming afloat and on course.

Mike Walker
President
South Australia Branch

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The Branch continues along in a fairly low key manner, with meetings held quarterly, either by teleconference or in conjunction with a State swim meet. Given our small size, all the work required to keep the Branch running smoothly is done by volunteers and my appreciation goes to the Branch executive for their hard work over the year.

Victoria

Annual General Meeting

The Branch conducted its Annual General Meeting in August. Whilst only a very few members attended, the Branch did fill all its elected positions. Paul Watmough returned as President as did our Technical and Publications Directors. Our Vice-President of Operations has "swapped" hats and to

As at 31 December 2007, our membership remains stable around the 300 mark, with eight clubs in the three regional areas of the State.

Activities

There were four Branch Championship events during 2007:

The Summer Long Course Championships in February, hosted by Devonport Masters and held at Devonport;

The Short Course Long Distance Championships in May, run by the Branch in two locations (Hobart and Launceston);

The Winter Short Course Championships in August, hosted by Talays Masters and Hobart Aquatic Masters and held in Hobart; and

The Long Course Long Distance Championships in November, run by the Branch in two locations (Hobart and Devonport).

In addition there were a number of interclub time trials and aerobic swim events during the year.

Highlights

A large contingent of Tasmanians representing five of the eight clubs attended the National Swim in Darwin in May with great results.

Talays Masters was the second highest point scorer in the 2006 National Aerobic Trophy and received the Aerobic Award for the club achieving the highest number of points per registered swimmer. The award was presented at the National Swim in Darwin.

Anne Steele, a member from Hobart Aquatic Masters successfully swam the English Channel in August and in doing so, raised over \$300,000 for the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia.

Tasmania is hosting the 2010 National Swim and we look forward to it being held in the (hopefully) redeveloped and completed Windmill Hill swimming complex in Launceston.

*Anne Horner
President
Tasmania Branch*

take on Vice-President External Affairs. We have a new Director of Coaching in Bruce Allender from our biggest club, Malvern Marlins. The Branch is looking at ways to update its Financial Director's position so the incumbent, Bruce Ripper, has taken on a caretaker role for the next year whilst all options are being investigated. The Branch continues to meet on a monthly basis.

Swim Meets

The 2007 swimming calendar was a very full year, with all Branch swims being held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, the state's premier swimming venue, for the first time. Attendances at competitions were up slightly on previous years, with many National and Branch records being

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broken in this great pool. A big thank you goes to all the officials who give up their time to assist in the conduct of these meets.

The National Swim held in May at Darwin proved a great success for the Branch, with the Female Swimmer of the Meet, Runner's Up, Visitor's and four out of the seven Branch Relay Trophies all being won by Victoria. It was a relaxed meet and congratulations must go to the Northern Territory Branch.

The end of 2007 saw Victoria complete its Swimming Calendar for 2007 with the State Relay Meet held in the outdoor pool at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Although the numbers were slightly down compared to the 2006 meet, it was regarded as a superb meet, with brilliant sunshine the whole day. Although there were a number who complained of the brisk southerly that made it a little cooler when wet and jumping in and out of the pool! When we took a break towards the middle of the afternoon, the scene was almost surreal, with swimmers lying in the sun, sun-hats on and chatting in groups,

The 2008 National Swim Organising Committee was very active during 2007 organising the 33rd National Swim.

Aerobics

Aerobics participation in the Branch has been static for the last two years. There are a number of clubs who achieve better than 50% of their members participating. Much discussion has taken place regarding

the perception of what Aerobics is, suggesting it is more about water exercises than for participation & fitness. A suggestion from our Vice President is that it should be called the Endurance and Participation programme.

Membership

Our membership numbers were down from 1013 in 2006 to 929 in 2007. We are hoping those numbers will increase again in 2008, as more awareness from the general public is generated through publicity of the upcoming events to be conducted in Melbourne in 2008, notably the 1st Asia Pacific OutGames in February and the 33rd National Swim in March, as well as the FINA World Masters in Perth.

Unfortunately a number of clubs have had to wind up in 2007, mainly due to lack of numbers or willingness for volunteers to run the club.

Technical Courses

Two Technical courses were conducted in 2007. The first course included Timekeeper, Check Starter and Marshall modules in July, followed by the Starter, Inspector of Turns and Judge of Stroke modules being conducted in September. The candidates have since been able to gain valuable training hours at our State Meets as well as the Interclubs.

Administration

The Branch continues to be adequately administered from the National Office. Jeanette Holowiuk, who has been seen



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as a permanent fixture at the National Office for the last few years, announced her resignation in December. The Branch is indebted for her active and enthusiastic involvement in supporting the Branch through the National Office. Jeanette will continue to be involved at the National/Branch level in 2008 as the Meet Director for the 33rd National Swim, again Jeanette's passion will ensure that the Meet will be successful and the swimmers will enjoy participating in the Meet. Jeanette will be sorely missed at all levels within the Branch

The Branch is looking forward to working with the new Management structure at the National Office in 2008.

Paul Watmough
President
Victoria Branch

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Western Australia



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Western Australia

2007 was a most successful year in Western Australia with membership numbers up by 70 on the previous year. Our Clubs worked hard at promoting swimming and club membership during the BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming membership drive project and subsequently achieved great results. With the FINA World Masters in April 2008, Western Australia is aiming to gain even more members and then work with the Clubs to keep them. We have been promoting the Worlds at every opportunity.

The February Annual General Meeting saw Tricia Summerfield swap hats from Director of Development to Director of Swimming, however winter came around before we were able to welcome Peter Maloney to the role of Director of Development. President Jack Busch thanked our hard-working volunteers who give of their time and expertise, in particular, retiring Board member Kim Tyler and State Officers

Hilary Arber, Adam Hacker, Vic Paul and John Burns.

At the Annual General Meeting Life Membership was bestowed on Melville's Robert Dunstan and Carine's Lynne Malone who have both served Western Australia well over many years, with Lynne continuing to do so.

Celebrations

At the 2007 BE ACTIVE State Swim in May Robert and Lynne were presented with their Life Member badges and we celebrated our 30th birthday in fine style with the majority of our key stakeholders and sponsors in attendance;

In addition Lynne Malone and Geoff Upton (Claremont) were presented with their National 5-year Service Awards which were announced at the National Swim Meet in Darwin in May;

Peter Maloney (Melville) won the coveted National Official of the Year Award, which was also presented in Darwin. The award was re-presented to Peter at our Annual Awards function which was held in June;

Sally Bell (Claremont) won the Wendy Ey Masters Award as part of Womensport West's annual awards program and was subsequently named a finalist in the Confederation of Australian Sport Awards as the National nomination;

Tony Stanton (Albany) won the BankWest Great Southern Regional Senior of the Year Award; and

David Cummins (Claremont) was awarded National Life Membership for his excellent efforts over many years.

Promotions

Our website was revamped and is now more user friendly and regularly updated thanks to Swish Design;

In December 58 participants braved the conditions at South Beach for the annual BE ACTIVE Novice Ocean swim over 400 metres;

Membership growth initiatives continued to achieve good results of awareness and implementation through information sessions, establishment of more club daytime sessions for retired folk, young mothers and shift workers, partnerships with Diabetes Western Australia and other organisations all coordinated by our part-time Project Coordinator;

The One-Club concept of promoting affiliation and membership to current "kids" clubs was promoted with the emphasis on attracting former swimmers or parents of current juniors to compete in the 2008 FINA World Masters. Although slow to get going some clubs have asked for more information and we currently have two clubs on board;

Our number plates program slowed in 2007, however there are now 20 cars in Western Australia promoting "Fitness, Friendship and Fun" through Masters Swimming Western Australia; and

The annual launch of the Open Water Swims calendar at the launch of the BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming project

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was another successful event, this year held in the country at the Mandurah aquatic centre in conjunction with Mandurah Club's short course distance meet.

Sponsorship

Increased sponsorship was achieved later in 2007, with Ford and Doonan (Air conditioning experts) coming on board to support our Coaches professional development program;

Sponsorship for the annual Open Water Swims calendar was increased with support from Booragoon Physiotherapy Centre;

We continue to receive great financial support from the State Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation, a partnership which grows each year; and

Healthway's sponsorship of our organisation has grown also after

implementation of new initiatives to promote swimming for life with the BE ACTIVE health message.

BE ACTIVE Sandgropers Club

Our major program conducted by our Project Coordinator to provide coaching clinics and ongoing programs to adult swimmers in country Western Australia was most successful in 2007, with 20 members at year's end. Coaching clinics in Dalwallinu (late 2006) and Narrogin were successful in introducing more adults to Masters Swimming, with more planned for 2008.

Club and Coach Support

As part of our Coach education program under the Ramsay Health Care sponsorship we conducted two workshops in 2007, with Olympian and

adult squad Coach Bill Kirby. The November session concentrated on assisting club coaches in the lead-up to the 2008 FINA World Masters; and

In August we conducted the annual Open Water Swimming workshop for club coordinators of Open Water Swim events. Attendance by Masters Swimming Western Australia Clubs who conduct Open Water Swim events is compulsory as part of our event sanctioning process and it was a great session sharing what works well and what doesn't!

We look forward to another great year in 2008 especially in the lead-up to April when swimmers from around the world will enjoy what Perth and WA has to offer!

Wendy Holtom
Executive Officer
Western Australia Branch



National Swim

32nd AUSSI Masters National Swim, Darwin

It is with pleasure that I report on the successful 32nd National Swim. Feedback during and after the event was overwhelmingly positive; the overall demeanour of the competitors throughout the meet exemplified the "friendship and fun" part of the AUSSI motto; and the results attested to the "fitness" component.

Entries

There were 493 individual entries – 488 from 91 AUSSI clubs and five from Singapore Masters – and 243 for relays. 488 swimmers actually took part, with the average number of swims per competitor being 7.33.

Venue

The outdoor eight-lane pool at Casuarina is antiquated by current standards of major indoor aquatic centres, with no separate warm-up/cool down facility and a pool filtration system that created turbulence in the centre lanes. Despite these problems, many competitors commented on how much they enjoyed the tropical parkland setting because of its stark contrast with the sterile, air conditioned indoor centres in which they normally compete. Adequate shade cloth in most areas, temporary seating and high quality catering meant that other potential disadvantages were overcome.

Program

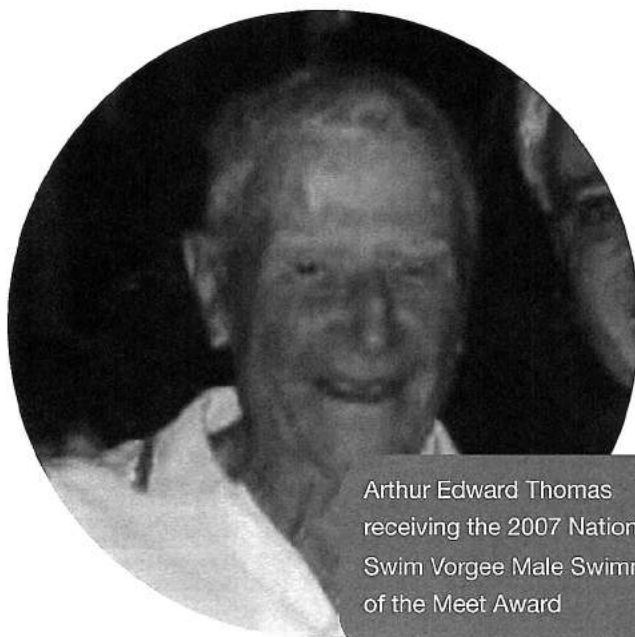
The event program was based on criteria developed by the National Management Committee. Based on a projected attendance of 393, it was

initially estimated that each day's program would take approximately six to seven hours to complete; in fact, events on Day 1 lasted for nearly nine hours and Days 2 and 3 were only slightly shorter. While this was due partly to the higher than anticipated number of registrations and the high average number of events per competitor, it was also a result of over-emphasis on the recording of official manual times by time keepers, thus slowing down the transition between heats. The removal of this impediment on Day 4, aided by an attrition rate of programmed to actual competitors of around 20 percent, resulted in the program running ahead of time on that day.

The provision for up to 12 swims per competitor created a programming problem: on the one hand, it probably encourages more entries, while on the other it results in very long days in even a four-day program.

Budget

The basis on which the budget was framed was to break even or make a small profit on operating costs, thus keeping entry fees as low as possible,



Arthur Edward Thomas
receiving the 2007 National
Swim Vorgee Male Swimmer
of the Meet Award

and to make a modest profit from sponsorship. To this end the budget had a break-even point of 375 that was based on the attendance of 393 at both the 1993 and 1999 National Swims in Darwin and on five events per swimmer. In hindsight, this was over-conservative but, for a small branch such as the Northern Territory, there is no room for risking a loss of even modest proportions.

The operating profit was significantly higher than anticipated, mainly due to the larger number of entries than projected (493 v 393), the high number of events per swimmer (7.33 v 5), the high number of relay entries (243 v 160) and savings on some expenditure items (e.g. printing due to last minute in-kind government sponsorship). Some expenses (e.g. medals and trophies) were higher than budgeted. Cash sponsorship also provided a substantial top-up to the operating profit.

National Swim

32nd AUSSI Masters National Swim, Darwin

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Safety

Given that the event could not afford professional assistance for the whole of the meet, the volunteer services of St John Ambulance were enlisted to provide medical cover for the event.

Apart from providing access to medical help the maintenance of order and safety in the pool and surrounds was achieved by rostering club members Darwin Stingers club members to supervise the use of the facility and to ensure that swimmers were orderly and conscious of safety of others. This turned out to be an easy task as most competitors were very willing to co-operate with safety officers and obey the signs designating the strokes permitted in individual lanes during the morning warm-up period. Some difficulties did occur, however, with swimmers attempting butterfly or backstroke in the one lane available for warm-up during competition.

Social

The two major social events – the Welcome Function at Parliament House and the Presentation Dinner – were a great success. The Welcome Function, hosted by the Northern Territory Minister for Sport and Recreation and attracting approximately 500 competitors, officials and partners, set the tone for a relaxed and friendly four days of competition in the pool.

The Presentation Dinner, held outdoors at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club, provided a suitable conclusion. Happy Hours had also been scheduled at the

Trailer Boat Club on the first three days of competition, but did not eventuate because of the late finishing times at the pool.

Merchandise, Medals and Information

The merchandise items – shirts, hats and caps – were made available on a pre-ordered basis, with 20% over and above the pre-paid number ordered for sale at the meet. The pre-paid orders for the merchandise on offer were disappointingly low and the excess sold quickly, leaving some unsatisfied demand.

The merchandise team was also responsible for the distribution of medals and relay ribbons and assisted with local advice and information on numerous occasions.

Transport

Casuarina is well served by buses from the CBD, where most competitors stayed. Special buses were provided on Sunday and Monday (public holiday)

to allow competitors to reach the pool in time for the 0700h warm-up sessions and there appeared to be no significant problems.

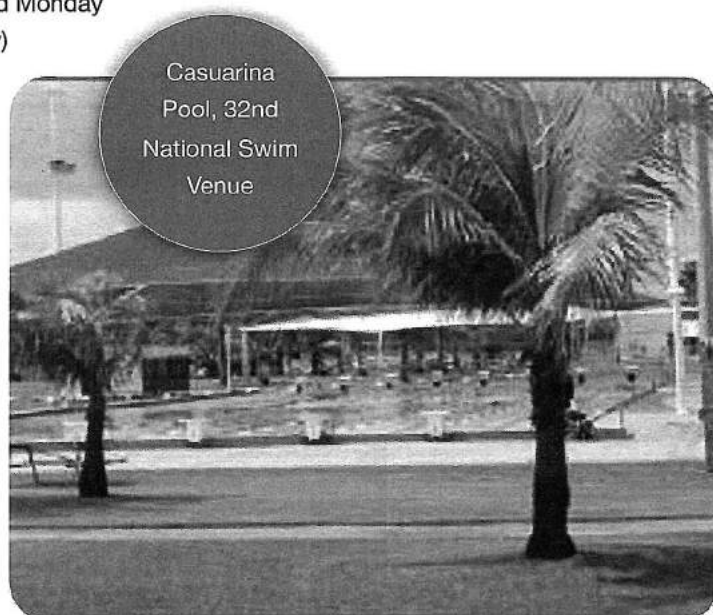
Catering

Non-competing members of Darwin Stingers Club did catering for officials and volunteers off-site as a fundraiser, with refreshments delivered to the pool for morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The quality and quantity of what was provided earned high praise and the cost, while only about half that which would have been charged by a commercial caterer, was handy fund raiser for the club.

Catering for competitors was a fundraiser for Guides NT. Again, prices were very reasonable and quality high.

John Pollock

*Chairman of the 32nd National Swim Organising Committee
Northern Territory Branch*

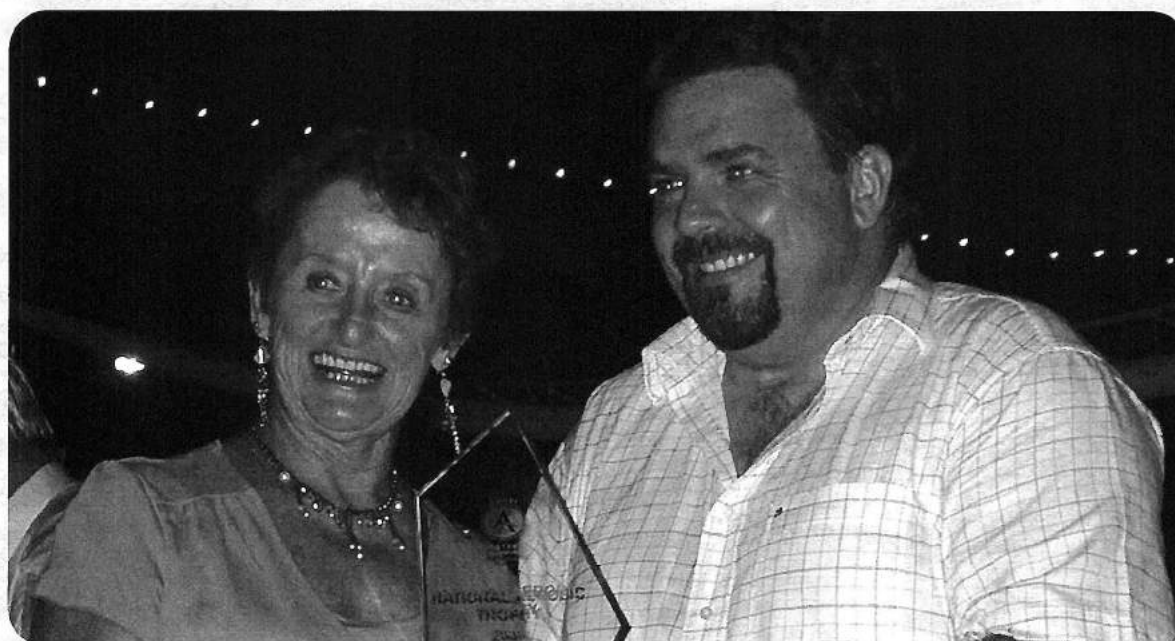


National Trophies

National Trophy Winners 2007

TROPHY	WINNER
Founders' Trophy	Darwin Stingers (NT)
Runner-up Trophy	Powerpoints (VIC)
Visitors' Trophy	Powerpoints (VIC)
Female Swimmer of the Meet	Jan Jeffrey (VIC)
Male Swimmer of the Meet	Arthur Thomas (QLD)
National Aerobic Award 2006	Talays (TAS)
National Aerobic Trophy 2006	Sunshine Coast (QLD)
National Heart Foundation Trophy	Helen Murphy (NT)
Coach of the year	not awarded
Official of the Year	Peter Maloney (WA)

AGE GROUP RELAY TROPHY	WINNER
80-119 years	Blacktown Masters (NSW)
120-159 years	Casey Seals (VIC)
160-199 years	Powerpoints Masters
200-239 years	Doncaster Dolphins (VIC)
240-279 years	Malvern Marlins (VIC)
280-319 years	Warringah Masters (NSW)
320-359 years	Twin Towns Services (QLD)



L-R: Robyn Hughe (Sunsh Coast) presented with the National Aerobics Trophy by Rob Montague, NT Representative, Hardy Wines, at the National Swim Presentation Dinner

Vorgee Million Metre Awards



Million Metre Awards

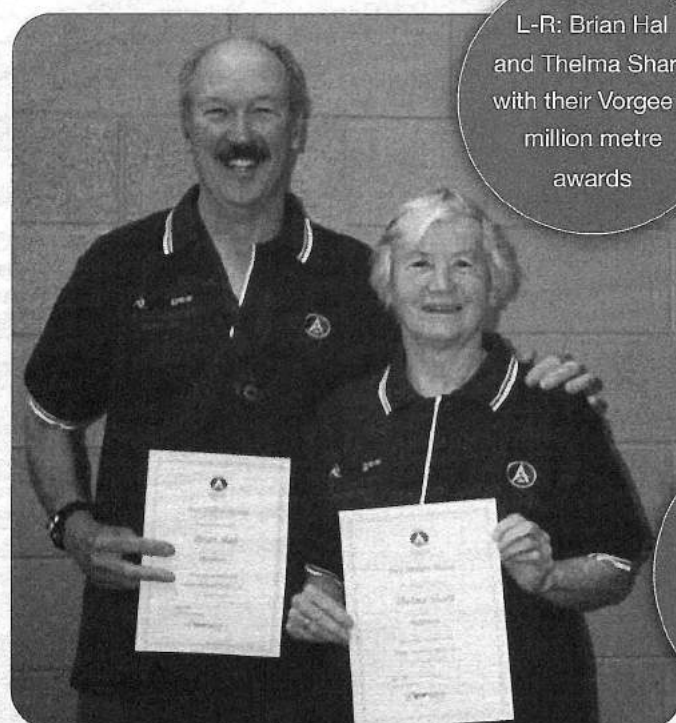
Congratulations to the new members of Million Metre clubs listed below. All Clubs and members are encouraged to continue supporting this fantastic programme.

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
Seven Million Metre Club	Colin Cliff	West Auburn	NSW
Five Million Metre Club	Kristina Price	Brisbane Westside	QLD
	Thelma Bryan	Cairns Mudcrabs	QLD
	Paul Summerfield	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Gerry Tucker	Malvern Marlins	VIC
	Tony Stanton	Albany Aussi	WA
	Steve Raynes	Perth City Masters	WA
Three Million Metre Club	Mike Dooley	Brisbane Northside	QLD
	Katalin Morden	Brisbane Southside	QLD
	Lynn Bartlett	Ipswich City	QLD
	John Coleman	Redcliffe Peninsula	QLD
	Tricia Liddy	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Ken Liddy	Twin Towns Services	QLD
Two Million Metre Club	Melva McCarron	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Tracey Clarkson	Brisbane Northside	QLD
	Shirley Kerr	Brisbane Northside	QLD
	Paul Nilsson	Nudgee Brothers	QLD
	Freda Shaw	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Barbara Maynard	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Hector Beveridge	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Rod Oliver	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Penny Davis	Oceania Orcas	TAS
	Brian Hall	Bunbury Aussi	WA
	Thelma Sharp	Bunbury Aussi	WA

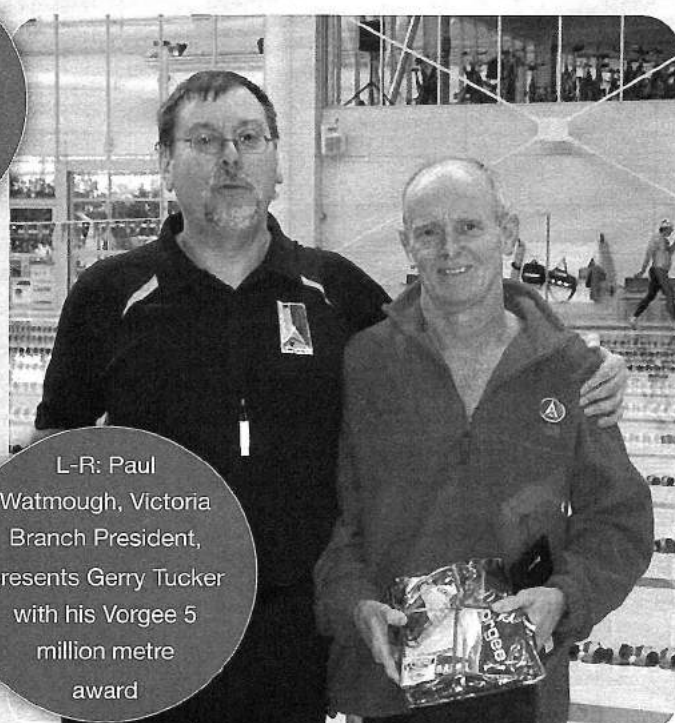


Vorgee Million Metre Awards

DISTANCE	NAME	CLUB	BRANCH
One Million Metre Club	Peter O'Sullivan	Trinity Aussie Masters	NSW
	Pat Townsend	Darwin Stingers	NT
	Nancy Haire	Brisbane Southside	QLD
	Joy Murdock	Enoggera Masters	QLD
	Clive Griffin	Ipswich City Masters	QLD
	Robert Morse	Noosa Aussie Challengers	QLD
	Clinton Stanley	Noosa Aussie Challengers	QLD
	Thomas Macindoe	Redcliffe Peninsula	QLD
	Caireen Zaina	Rum City	QLD
	John Davis Bourne	Toowoomba Tadpoles	QLD
	Lyn Robinson	Toowoomba Tadpoles	QLD
	Doug Campbell	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Christine Dennis	Twin Towns Services	QLD
	Steve Muir	Launceston Lemmings	TAS
	Susanne Apted	Oceana Orcas	TAS
	Christine Porter	Geelong Catfish	VIC
	Jim Milne	Yarra Roughies	VIC
	Margaret Somes	Stadium Snappers	WA



L-R: Brian Hal and Thelma Sharp with their Vorgee 2 million metre awards



L-R: Paul Watmough, Victoria Branch President, presents Gerry Tucker with his Vorgee 5 million metre award

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