

National President

John Pugh

Welcome to the new swimming year and the first of our newsletters.

Competitions have started and a very successful Asia Pacific Outgames meet was held in Melbourne at the beginning of February. Next on the calendar is the 33rd National Swim, also in Melbourne from March 20th to 23rd and we have 365 swimmers participating. The third major event for the first half of the year is the World Masters Swim in Perth, WA, from 15th to 25th April. I hope that you have entered for both swims.

I travelled to Perth early in February to see the upgrades made to the facilities at Challenge Stadium and to attend a meeting of the Swim Meet Committee. The three pools and decks have been retiled and outdoor open spaces allocated for spectators and refreshment points. Together with the many indoor facilities, this makes the Stadium ideal for competitors and spectators.

The Swim Meet Committee meeting was interesting and showed that the organisers know what personnel are needed and have tapped the pool of volunteers to run the event smoothly. The only problem was trying to anticipate the likely number of participants.

There are more administrative changes afoot, with the National Office moving from its present site in Williamstown to Sports House in Melbourne, which is adjacent to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). The move will bring considerable cost savings in reduced rent and cheaper meeting facilities. The move takes place immediately after the National Swim. Alan Howell was appointed as part-time Administrator as from 3rd March, so the National Office is at full strength again.

The new constitution came into effect on 1st January and with it came structural and name changes. The National

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**Challenge
Stadium, Venue for
the XII FINA World
Masters 2008
Championships**

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NATIONAL OFFICE

NATIONAL OFFICE RELOCATION

The Masters Swimming Australia National Office is relocating to Sports House in Melbourne, located adjacent to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC).

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National President

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Management Committee has been replaced with the National Board of Management, comprising of the President and four other members elected by the Branches. The previous Board, which consisted of Branch Delegates and the National Management Committee has been replaced by bi-annual General Meetings of the Association. Branch Delegates and the National Board of Management attend these meetings, directing the affairs of the Association through these meetings. The National Board of Management does not vote at these meetings. All major decisions thus rest with the Branches. The National Board of Management acts as a separate advisory and policy setting body, with the National Office performing the administration function for the organisation.

David Chambers resigned from the National Board of Management in late January and Ian Davies (NSW) was appointed to fill the casual vacancy. In terms of the constitution an election was held for two additional members and David Cummins (WA) and Craig Smith (SA) were voted in by the Branches. All three take up office 21 days after the Annual General Meeting in April.

One ongoing problem is the registration database. This is frustrating Branch Registrars and the IT Committee. The problems were inherited from sharing a database with Swimming Australia but we hope that a solution will be available soon. Meanwhile, enjoy your swimming.

John Pugh

National President

Masters Swimming Australia

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

Loren Bartley

I suppose the best way to describe what has gone on in the AUSSI National Office since the December edition of the AUSSI Masters News is to say that we have undergone a major facelift. With a complete new office structure, including two new staff (see page 3 for details), a new look website (www.mastersswimming.org.au) complete with new e-mail addresses, a new look newsletter, the launch of an AUSSI merchandise range and on-line superstore (see page 4 for details) and a new constitution to operate under, things have definitely changed! The time of change is far from over also, with an upcoming office relocation next month, a new National Board of Management to take effect in April, a new National Registration Database to be implemented within the next few months and several special projects on the radar to take Masters Swimming Australia forward. All this, whilst we have prepared behind the scenes for the 33rd AUSSI National Swim, FINA World Masters and the AGM and General Meeting on 26 and 27 April 2008.

Loren Bartley

Chief Executive Officer

Masters Swimming Australia

New Website

The Masters Swimming Australia website has been relaunched, incorporating a new look and a user-friendly content management system. Visit www.mastersswimming.org.au to view the changes and for all things AUSSI, including the latest news, results portal, on-line superstore, National Registration Database, events and information.



NATIONAL OFFICE



L-R:
Viv Merrill,
Alan Howell &
Loren Bartley

NATIONAL OFFICE RESTRUCTURE

Masters Swimming Australia National Office has recently undergone a restructure, now employing a part-time Chief Executive Officer, full-time Executive Officer and part-time Administrator.

Loren Bartley, who has been with Masters Swimming Australia since November 2003 has taken on the role of CEO. Loren's tertiary education includes a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement) and a Graduate Diploma and Masters of Business (Sport Management). Her previous employment includes working as the Aquatics Manager and Head Swim Coach at the American Club in Singapore and working for the Victorian Institute of Sport, UK Sports Institute, British Judo Association, Australian Sports Commission and Sport Education Victoria. Her previous work within Masters Swimming Australia saw Loren involved in the areas of Coaching, Officiating and Special Projects, as well as assisting with

office administration, including two three month periods as Acting CEO. Loren comes from a swimming background, with experience as an Age Group national swimmer and member of the Royal Life Saving Society Australian Team from 1990 to 1995.

Viv Merrill joins the National Office in a newly created role of Executive Officer. Viv has been a member of the Malvern Marlins Masters Swimming Club since the 1980's, joining us with experience as a past Treasurer and President of a Masters Swimming Club, as well as being a Referee and current Level 1M Swimming Coach. Viv's tertiary education includes a Degree in Economics and more recently a Graduate Diploma and Master of Sport Business. Prior to this appointment, Viv was a founding director of an electronics company and most recently was employed as Chief Financial Officer at Women's Golf Victoria.

The new Administrator is Alan Howell, who takes up the important role of supporting Loren and Viv in the running of the National Office. Alan brings a wealth of administrative experience to the position. He is currently part-time Executive Officer of the Australasian Society for Healthcare Risk Management (AuSHRM) and an honorary member of the organising committee for the third UNESCO Memory of the World conference; Canberra 19-22 February 2008. Previously, Alan was Manager of the Preservation and Storage departments at the State Library of Victoria (1998-2005) and the State Library of New South Wales (1987-1998). Alan will be working at the National Office part-time and is due to commence on Monday 3 March.

The National Office will be looking into contracting additional services in the near future to assist with the delivery of the various special projects to be undertaken in 2008.

FEATURES



AUSSI MERCHANDISE AND ON-LINE STORE

Masters Swimming Australia has launched a new range of Official AUSSI merchandise and an online Swimming Superstore to ensure our members are highly visible at the upcoming World Masters Championships and future events.

This new service is a commercial arrangement with Swimmeroo.com, a specialised Swimming and merchandise company, based on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Swimmeroo have developed a distinctive range of licensed clothing, some of it full on green and gold Australiana, as well as a stylish navy and gold range, all featuring the AUSSI logo. The first products to be available will be a variety of mens t-shirts in combed cotton or thermalcool moisture management material, ladies tops in cotton/spandex, cotton polo shirts, sun hats, bathers, swim caps and pins. The range will be further expanded after the Championships.

The on-line store is accessible now via the links on the AUSSI website (www.mastersswimming.org.au). The store includes our own AUSSI

department, as well as a whole range of racing and training swimwear, equipment and the World Masters online range. When purchasing through the AUSSI on-line store, royalties will be paid to Masters Swimming Australia on all merchandise, whether AUSSI branded or not. For telephone enquiries, please call 07 5440 5400, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm (Queensland time zone).

Swimmeroo.com holds the commercial merchandising rights for the World Masters Championships, allowing the sale of AUSSI merchandise through a dedicated AUSSI area of the "Swimmeroo Superstore" at the event. However, Gareth Sykes of Swimmeroo warns: "because of the time available and the huge variability of the potential entry numbers, we will only be able to have so much of the AUSSI stock made up. We'll try to offer as great a range as possible, but it may be wise to order in advance on-line to secure the design and size you are after. We will of course be selling to all competitors and it would not surprise

me if some of the visitors were keen to grab AUSSI merchandise as a souvenir, so it may pay to be prudent."

Swimmeroo.com is owned by re-located Brits, Suki Brownson and Gareth Sykes. Suki swam at four Olympic Games and represented Great Britain over a 16 year period and Gareth has swum for Great Britain at the World and European Championships. Both have held Masters World records and will be competing in Perth for Cooloom Peregrine. Their companies have previously operated merchandise programmes for the British Olympic Association, Manchester Commonwealth Games, Australian Rugby Union, Millennium Stadium and various other high profile events. This partnership marks a shift in their company's focus, from all the high profile games played with balls, back to their old domain of the swimming pool. We look forward to a successful ongoing relationship between Masters Swimming Australia and Swimmeroo.com.

www.mastersswimming.org.au



FEATURES

SWIMMING AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A number of swimmers have expressed concern about competing in the World Championships under what they think are the much tougher FINA Rules. Most are worrying needlessly.

Today the only major difference between the AUSSI Rules and the FINA Rules is that the MD (medical disability) classification, which is unique to AUSSI, is not recognised in the FINA Rules. This means that if you are unable to perform the movements required for Breaststroke or Butterfly due to a non-manifest condition then you need to choose other events to swim in.

There may also be some procedures you are not used to. For example, you will be marshalled for each of your events and escorted to the area behind the blocks by a Clerk of the Course. When it is time for your heat to step forward to stand behind your starting blocks, the Referee will give a series of short whistles. The rest of the start is just as you have been used to doing. If you think you will have problems starting from the "block", start from a standing position alongside it, or from in the water. Be aware that about 40% of disqualifications are due to swimmers

starting early (false starts) so it is better to be a little slower at the start than to disqualify yourself.

If you are swimming in individual Backstroke or the first leg in the Medley Relay you will be given a long whistle to enter the water, then a second long whistle to immediately take up your starting position.

One of the few differences under FINA Rules is that for all strokes, other than Freestyle, swimmers must not stop swimming during the length. If you need to adjust your goggles wait till you have touched the end wall, then do it. All swimmers need to take particular care with their turns.

You are advised not to wear a watch when you swim to avoid the possibility of having to show that it is not a pacing device.

If you are unsure of any procedures, make sure you read the meet instructions carefully and discuss anything you are unsure of with your coach or one of our friendly referees.

Gary Stutsel (Chair IT Committee) with Kay Cox (2008 FINA World Masters Championships Chief Referee)

COACHING ADULT SWIMMERS

The Masters Swimming Australia Coaching Adult Swimmers Specialist Course provides Bronze Licence coaches (or higher) the opportunity to gain the industry recognised minimum qualification for Coaches of Adult Swimmers. This course recognises current competencies and provides only specific information pertinent to coaching adults.

Where:

- Theory – Sofitel Gold Coast (first)
- Practical – Miami Olympic Pool, 80 Pacific Ave, Miami

When:

Wednesday 30 April 2008 9am-5pm
(part of 2008 ASCTA Convention)

Cost:

\$225, including:

- Course attendance/presentations
- NCAS Registration Fee
- Refreshments
- ASCTA convention registration and convention bag
- Course resources
- Transport to and from pool and admission

For more information:

Contact David or Julie at SwimEd on
(07) 5494 9649 or
coaching@swimmed.com

ASCTA CONVENTION 2008

Dates:

29 April - 6 May 2008

Location:

Sofitel, Gold Coast

Includes:

- Coaching Stream
- Teaching and Club Coaching Stream
- Accreditation Courses

- Trade Expo

- ASCTA Awards Dinner

Keynote Presenters:

Bill Sweetenham

Julie Zancanaro

More Information:

www.ascta.com

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

Call for Nominations

The National Membership and Participation Committee is presently a committee of one. This is unfortunate, as increasing participation in our sport and the benefits we are able to provide to our members that do participate is key to what we are all about. With this in mind, the Membership and Participation Committee will be redirecting its energies in 2008 to focus more on club development.

This change is important as our clubs are the shop front of our organisation and the experience a guest receives

when first trialling a club will determine whether or not they will choose to participate long-term. The better we can make the clubs, the more likely we are for our members to have a positive experience with Masters Swimming. As well as providing higher quality services to our members, this can also have the knock on effect of attracting more members.

The Membership and Participation committee will continue to address key priorities within the marketing plan that has already been developed by this group, however this committee will no longer be "just about marketing". We

hope this change in direction will attract more members that are keen to contribute and we are therefore reopening nominations for this committee.

It is planned that the committee would hold teleconferences approximately 2-4 times per year. Committee members would be expected to assist in researching and developing strategies for the organisation to adopt and guide National Office personnel in the implementation of these strategies as appropriate.

Nominations forms can be obtained from admin@mastersswimming.org.au

IT

National Registration Database

As many of you will be aware, the National Registration Database that Masters Swimming Australia uses to record all membership registrations and transactions has been out of operation since the end of season changeover at the beginning of the year. This disruption to what is a business critical application within our organisation at National, Branch and Club level occurred despite assurances by the company who had developed and host the database that it would be ready for 2008.

After much follow up on the behalf of the IT Committee, it was not until mid-February 2008 that we were advised that the database had become unstable and that the developers did not want to make any changes to it because it would most likely become unusable. Seeking clarification as to how this could have occurred, we were advised that when the database was originally

developed in conjunction with Swimming Australia Ltd, there was no funding for staff to document or maintain ongoing skills to support the system, an issue we were not made aware of when we bought into this system. This arrangement did not present any problems in the early years, as the staff who built the database were still around. However, now after several developers have modified the database without documenting the build changes, the database is in a state where a rebuild is the best option, as any further changes to the current system would produce a substandard result at best that would not meet with the long-term needs of the organisation, therefore not being cost beneficial.

Branch and Club registrars have been provided with an interim procedure to enable 2008 registrations to occur, using the data from the old database as a reference. Meanwhile, the IT Committee has been working determinedly to identify and secure a long-term solution. This process is

progressing well, with the market already narrowed down to a few solutions that would provide a far superior option to that which we have had in the past, including key features such as an on-line payment portal and an event management system allowing for on-line entries and payments, (therefore reducing the workload for Club Registrars and Meet Directors), which in turn, provides output directly to Meet Manager and can be linked to the results portal.

Branches will advise Club Registrars of the roll out and training strategy when a new solution is in place.

The National Board of Management and IT Committee would like to thank all the Club and Branch Registrars for their patience and understanding throughout the past few months whilst they have endured the increased workload and stress as a result of this issue.

Paul Watmough
Chair
National IT Committee

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BRANCH NEWS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WA celebrates increased membership for 2007

At the Masters Swimming WA 2008 Annual General Meeting held in February, clubs were congratulated on achieving a 6% increase in membership during 2007. The major increase was achieved as part of the BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming project, which coincided with the National membership discount period.

The two clubs that achieved the highest percentage increase (Claremont and Riverton) were presented with a box of ZOGGS training gear, courtesy of Healthway. Presentations were also made to winning clubs in the annual BE ACTIVE Club Challenge Series, again courtesy of Healthway sponsorship. Awards are presented to Clubs according to number of points scored per number of members and to Clubs that improve the most over the year.

Board Team Changes

Unfortunately not all Board positions were filled at the AGM, however several members expressed interest in learning more about what is involved in the vacant positions of Director of Programs and Director of Marketing. Sadly Neil Sutherland and Sally Bell chose not to re-nominate and were thanked for their contributions over the past three years.

Lynne Malone, (National Delegate) and Sandra Mutch (Director of Recording) were re-elected to their positions.

Subsequent to the AGM Veronica Jeffery (Somerset) has been appointed to the position of Director of Marketing and we look forward to her contribution with her expertise and experience in promotions.

2008 FINA World Masters fast approaching

With our increased membership from 2007 and the expected increase of competitive swimmers to participate in the Worlds, WA should be well represented both in the pool and the open water event in the Swan River. Several swimmers have joined the new Black Swan Masters club as part of the Special Championship membership and it will be interesting to see if these swimmers decide to continue with their membership after the Championships. We will be encouraging this strategy.

Super Active Club members

Many Club members participated in the annual Rottneet Channel Swim on Saturday 16 February, in fact their successes were highlights of the February Council of Clubs meeting. Other highlights included open water swim events conducted by Clubs with proceeds donated to different charities, 30th birthday celebrations and the 2008 FINA World Masters now being the major focus for participants and volunteers.

Wendy Holtom
Executive Officer
Western Australia Branch



L-R: Claremont President, Jill Woodworth, being presented ZOGGS training gear, courtesy of Healthway, by Lynne Malone for the club with the highest percentage increase in membership in the BE ACTIVE Spring into Swimming membership drive project.



L-R: Kay Cox presents the BE ACTIVE Club Challenge Series Award to Riverton Treasurer, Graeme Pow, as runners-up in the "Improvement Factor" award.

2007 WA State Championships



BRANCH NEWS

QUEENSLAND

2008 has started with a very busy schedule, mainly as a result of our Annual General Meeting on the 7th March followed by the State Long Course Swimming Titles.

Although individual member registrations at this stage are down from the numbers at the end of 2007, we believe that it is partially as a result of members being slow at re-registering. To date we have 1,115 members and we're expecting these to increase steadily throughout the year. On the other hand we have welcomed a substantial number of new members, amongst others to the Branch Club, 'The Barbarians'. Our first member for this club joined in August 2007 and now we have 19 members.

Five clubs have folded, mainly as a result of a lack of numbers in sustaining a club. Our constitution determines that a club must have a minimum of 7 members. Fortunately, we haven't lost all these members as some of them have joined 'The Barbarians'. One new club has been formed and another one is in the process of creating a Master's Swimming Club.

The State Long Course Swimming Titles are being held at the Brisbane Aquatic

Centre, Chandler, which is the same venue as the 2009 National Titles. We chose the venue mainly as a warm up event in preparation for the National Championships. The State Titles will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting, which will welcome new committee members to Queensland Masters Swimming. At the end of March the committee members and appointees will attend the annual Face to Face meeting, designed to review the Strategic and Operational Plans as well as plan events, training schedules and establish the future vision for Queensland Masters Swimming.

So far in 2008 we've had five successful Swim Meets throughout Queensland as well as the State Open Water Swim, which was held at Lake Kawana, on the Sunshine Coast. The three regions have been encouraged to include Open Water Swims in their programs for 2009. For the first time this year, it has also been included in the Pan Pacific Games, to be held from the 6th – 9th November. The first three days will be devoted to the swimming pool events at the Southport Pool, Gold Coast and Sunday, 9th November will be the Open Water Swim

at Currumbin Creek on the Gold Coast. Entry Forms are to be finalised next month through the Event's Organisers on the Gold Coast.

Queensland Masters Swimming has received its government funding for the next three years. Part of the funding agreement is a process of negotiation, which has to occur between Queensland Swimming and Queensland Masters Swimming, to address the issue of amalgamation. As the process is in its infancy, I am unable to report on preliminary outcomes, but hope to start the meetings with numerous stakeholders in March.

Our website continues to be upgraded and consequently it is becoming more and more user friendly, with more access to a range of information. The website is www.aussimastersqld.com.au.

Helga Ward
Branch Administrator
Queensland Branch

**"Orphans
Relay" team (only
entrants from their
respective clubs) at Hervey
Bay Swim Meet. L-R: Helen
Klein, Shane Gould, Jan
Wick & Therese
Crollick**



BRANCH NEWS

NEW SOUTH WALES



Jane Noake, Seaside Pirates, resting after one of her many swims to be the first person in NSW to reach the 100 meet milestone.



L-R: Louise Stovin-Bradford, Seaside Pirates, being mentored by Sue Johnstone, Wollongong Masters Referee.

Of the 54 member clubs in 2007, 52 clubs have re-registered, including one that disbanded but re-formed and re-joined under its new name. As of 1 March 2008, NSW has almost 1300 registered members. Club Registrars, Meet Recorders and the Branch Office have coped tremendously with the difficulties caused by the National Registration Database, especially considering five meets have already been conducted so far this year.

In 2008, five State swims will be spread over the year. We commence with the Long Course Championships in early April at SOPAC. The Branch Relay Meet will be held in July at SOPAC and the Short Course Championships in October on the Central Coast. After a break of some years, the Branch Open Water Swim will be held in early November in Chowder Bay in Sydney Harbour as a test event for the 2009 World Masters Games. The final Branch event for 2008 will be the Long Distance Championships in late November at Blacktown Aquatic Centre; these alternate each year between long course and short course, and will be long course in 2008.

Clubs host the Branch Point Score carnivals and so far in 2008 we have held

five meets, three in Sydney, one on the Central Coast and one in the Hunter. A large number of Branch and National records have been broken, plus three provisional World records. The verification of records and printing of certificates has been taken over by the Branch Administrator.

The first seven awards of the '100 Club' (acknowledging those who have participated in 100 meets since the introduction of this award in 2004) have been presented.

We have conducted four technical officials workshops already in 2008. These include two Inspector of Turns courses, one Check Starter/Clerk of Course/Marshal course, and one Timekeepers course. The Branch Technical Committee is striving to accredit large numbers to officiate at the 2009 World Masters Games.

Masters Swimming New South Wales acknowledges the work of its many volunteers in all areas of the organisation, which keeps the wheels of Masters Swimming turning.

Di Coxon-Ellis
Administrator

New South Wales Branch

NORTHERN TERRITORY

As a result of a lot of hard work and a major promotional carnival sponsored by the Northern Territory Branch last November, the Katherine Kroaks AUSSI Club has been reformed after 18 years of hibernation. The club, which was the first AUSSI club in the Northern Territory when formed in 1988, held its Annual General Meeting on 2 February with 20

members registering. The Northern Territory Branch and the Darwin Stingers Club are providing financial assistance to the club to purchase stopwatches and other equipment. Efforts are also being made to try to reform the AUSSI club at Nhulunbuy (300 km east of Darwin). The first email Interclub meet of the year was held on

the Australia Day weekend, with a number of the prospective Katherine members attending. 10 NT records were broken at the meet.

John Pollock
President
Northern Territory Branch

BRANCH NEWS

TASMANIA

The Tasmanian Branch has eased into 2008 with membership number on a par with the last couple of years.

As per usual, our first event for the year was the Summer (Long Course) Championships, conducted at the Devonport pool. This very pleasant outdoor facility was the venue for swimming at the first Australian Masters Games and also one National Swim. Weather over the weekend was fine but a little cool with strong southerly winds keeping most people well rugged up. Hobart based clubs, Oceana and Tattersalls combined to form the Hobart Aquatic Masters Club, which succeeded in finally winning the Championship trophy. In a close second spot were the Launceston Lemmings who had held the trophy for the past nine years. The challenge is now on for Launceston to maintain its dominance in the Winter Championships, which it has won for the last 15 years.

Immediately prior to the Championships, the Branch held the Annual General Meeting. Most Office Bearers were willing to continue in their portfolios, however the branch Secretary, Margaret Simms, had reached the constitutional

limit of four years and stepped down. Ray Brien from the Launceston Club was voted in as Secretary. Also joining the Branch executive is Ray Winstanley, who has taken on the position of Coordinator of Coaching and Education. The other members of the Executive are Anne Horner (President), Tracy Dobby (Treasurer), Pauline Samson (Recorder and National Board Representative), Judy Hyndes (Registrar), Bill Stewart (Coordinator of Safety and Health), with the Publicity Officer position remaining vacant.

Work on the new Launceston Aquatic Centre, the location for the 2010 National swim, is well under way and ahead of schedule. The centre is scheduled to be operational in mid 2009, with the National swim being the first major event at the venue. The Launceston City Council has pledged support and planning has commenced with offers of sponsorship already in place. Launceston is well suited to a National Swim, with over 15 accommodation facilities located within 500 metres of the pool. The facilities range from quaint Bed and Breakfasts to self-contained apartments and back-packer accommodation. Launceston

has airline connections via QANTAS, Virgin Blue, Jetstar and Tiger airlines direct to Melbourne and Sydney as well as other mainland destinations on a seasonal basis.

*Ray Brien
Secretary
Tasmania Branch*

VICTORIA

Since its last report, the Victorian Branch has been concentrating on the National Swim. All is looking well for a very successful meet. All entries have been finalized; with 66 Clubs (23 – NSW, 14 – QLD, 3 – SA, 3 – TAS, 17 – VIC, 4 – WA and 4 swimmers from Overseas) from all Branches except the NT. A total of 365 confirmed entries, making up a total of 2425 individual swims and 146 relay swims. The Presentation Night looks to be an interesting event, with Gerry Tucker (National Finance Director) showing a side we rarely see as MC for the evening.

Jeanette Holowiuk, Meet Director, is taking all of the unexpected challenges (and there aren't that many of them) in her stride. Her only complaint is that she will be happy to have her house back and not have it taken over with boxes of merchandise and material for the bags.

*Paul Watmough
President
Victoria Branch*

**MSAC,
Venue for the
33rd AUSSI
National
Swim**



BRANCH NEWS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Social

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

Open Water Swims

Noarlunga Club added a new Open Water Swim event this season, which was well attended, organised, supported and has 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.

Shane Murphy, the Branch Open Water Swim Coordinator, has done a fine job promoting and supporting this seasons events. The Open Water Swim program is again on www.oceanswims.com. The annual "Jetty to Jetty" swim held on Australia Day was another successful event and the joint promotion with the Australia Day Council proved helpful with free advertising both in

the City (Rundle Mall) and in the Adelaide press.

Publicity and Promotion

In the Christmas newsletter of the South Australian Road Runners Club (SARRC) we inserted copies of the club swim times flyer, Open Water Swim calendar and "Jetty to Jetty" entry. SARRC 700 members including runners, walkers and triathletes. We continue our links to the Brighton SLSC Swim. It is the largest Open Water Swim in the state with over 1200 entrants. We gain lots of exposure and publicity, through web links, open water swim and membership flyers inserted in event bags for free and a promotional marquee at the event each year.

Membership

Branch membership remained steady with numbers reaching 605 by the end of 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.

Sponsorship

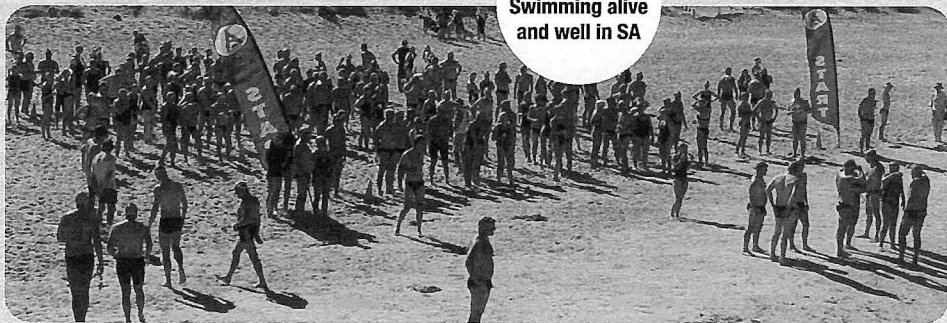
SA Branch is pleased to announce its new sponsorship agreement with Vorgee and hope that this will be a long and successful arrangement for both parties

Pool Events

The successful 24 hour MS 'Mega' swim was held at the Unley pool in February with 15 relay teams. The event is strongly supported by Branch members and clubs should raise somewhere around twenty thousand dollars for the charity. Upcoming pool swims are four interclubs and both Long Course and Short Course State Cup, as well as a Long Course Long Distance meet giving us seven pool carnivals on the calendar. The interclub series continues to be well supported. The Port Pirie Masters Games will be held from the 5th to 13th April 2008, a great warm-up for the Worlds. Call 1800 000 424 or visit www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au for more information.

Mike Walker
President
South Australia Branch

**Open Water
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and well in SA**



PROGRAMMES

vorgee *MILLION METRE AWARDS* for water

Congratulations to the following people, who have achieved the following Vorgee Million Metre Awards from December 2007 to March 2008:

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CLUB	STATE	DISTANCE
Robert	Burggraaf	Raymond Terrace	NSW	1 Million
John	Gwillim	Warringah Masters	NSW	1 Million
Robert	Kalaf	Novocastrian Masters	NSW	1 Million
Dennis	Moore	Cessnock Masters	NSW	1 Million
Patricia	Moore	Darwin	NT	1 Million
Lesley	Scott	Darwin	NT	1 Million
Pauline	Bailey	Twin Towns	QLD	1 Million
Robert	Corskie	Whitsunday	QLD	1 Million
Liz	Little	Brisbane Northside	QLD	1 Million
Karen	Patrick	Trinity Sea Eagles	QLD	1 Million
David	Lake	Tea Tree Gully	SA	1 Million
Angus	Netting	Adelaide Masters	SA	1 Million
Cyril	Baldock	Coogee Randwick	NSW	2 Million
Barbara	Briggs	Campbeltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	2 Million
Gordon	Creek	Lake Macquarie Crocs	NSW	2 Million
Helga	Duncan	Campbeltown AUSSI Masters	NSW	2 Million
Nerida	Murray	Ripples AUSSI	NSW	2 Million
Don	Bondfield	Twin Towns	QLD	2 Million
Doreen	Bondfield	Twin Towns	QLD	2 Million
Laurel	O'Halloran	Rum City	QLD	2 Million
Kent	Nelson	Adelaide Masters	SA	2 Million
Kay	Bailey	Launceston Lemmings	TAS	2 Million
Anne	Horner	Talays	TAS	2 Million
Margaret	Moylett	Bunbury	WA	2 Million
Jen	Thomasson	Southside Masters	QLD	2 Million
Pauline	Benjamin	Miami Masters	QLD	5 Million
Diana	Fabijan	Adelaide Masters	SA	7 Million
Peter	Cain	Cairns Legends AUSSI Masters	QLD	10 Million



EVENTS

XII FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Challenge Stadium is one of the best aquatic facilities in the southern hemisphere and is the world's only aquatic competition venue to have hosted two FINA World Championships – the 6th and 8th FINA World Championships in 1991 and 1998. In December 2007 Challenge Stadium completed a \$2.5 million dollar upgrade of its pools in readiness for the XII FINA World Masters Championships 2008.

The improvements include renovation of pool decks and complete replacement of the outdoor eight lane and ten lane outdoor swimming pools with the latest stainless steel pools.

The aquatic centre comprises one 50 metre 8 lane indoor swimming pool, an indoor diving and water polo pool, two 50 metre outdoor swimming pools and an outdoor water polo pool. All 26 lap swimming lanes are protected by wash proof lane ropes which allow swimmers in all lanes to swim in quiet water. The centre has enough lane space to allow for one complete warm-up, cool-down pool for the length of the championships.

Challenge Stadium pools are heated using geothermal energy. This allows the pools to be heated to 26.5 degrees Celsius all year round using environmentally friendly energy sourced from some 700 metres underground.

Since winning the right to host the XII FINA World Masters Swimming Championships, 2008 the local Organising Committee have been working hard on making this the best FINA World Masters ever including;

- Creation of a unique Australia event image, logo and mascot
- Attendance to promote the event at many international masters tournaments including US Masters, British, German, Japanese, European swimming and waterpolo and US Synchronised Swimming
- XII FINA World Masters Swimming Championships 2008 Newsletter created sent monthly to competitors from previous events and many thousands of clubs and subscribers
- Purchase of special equipment needs for disciplines such as a new pontoon system for the open water swim
- Development of the first fully integrated electronic registration and accreditation system capable of handling all disciplines as well as volunteers, officials, coaches and managers
- Negotiation with a local accommodation supplier for a range of accommodation packages from self catering to 5 star hotels. Visitors are being advised to book soon as the range of choices for accommodation are filling very fast.
- Creation of a 36 page Official Handbook for the championships that competitors can order from the website <http://www.2008finamasters.org>
- Negotiation with local transport provider Transperth for competitor transport to Challenge Stadium
- Creation of an event schedule which will see the entire championships completed concurrently in 8 days
- The addition of new events into the calendar - synchronised diving and free combination in synchronised swimming
- Programming to convert the 4200 seat Main Arena at Challenge Stadium into a major entertainment and dining venue throughout the tournament. Free entertainment will be provided each night of the championships, including live bands, international food choices, tasting of WA wines and other produce.
- Coordination of a number of photographers to take images of the events and make those images available for viewing each evening in the Main Arena
- The sourcing and design of 7000 medals
- The processing and/or responding to more than 4,000 queries and registrations
- The arrangement with the Australian Department of Immigration for the a specific VISA application process for this event
- An agreement with Shane Gould to assist with international promotion of the event in the USA
- The stage management of a spectacular opening ceremony in the Main Arena on 17th April

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EVENTS

2008 PAN PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES

Pool Competition

- Thursday 6 – Saturday 9 November (8.30am–4.00pm daily)
- Southport Olympic Pool, Southport
- \$40 for current AUSSI members (\$55 non-AUSSI)
- Limit of 8 individual events
- \$12 Relay per team (register and pay on the day)

Open Water Swim Competition

- Sunday 9 November (time TBA)
- Currumbin Creek
- \$25 – for all swimmers

Age Requirements

Minimum age 25 years as at 31 December 2008

Entries Close

Friday 10 October 2008

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ALICE SPRINGS MASTERS GAMES

Competition Details

- Saturday 11 October - Friday 17 October 2008
- Olympic Pool, Alice Springs Swimming Centre
- \$35 for current AUSSI members (\$40 non-AUSSI)
- Limit of 6 individual swims (not including 1500m)
- Relay entries must be in by the end of Monday's session
- All events are timed finals
- Presentation dinner Thursday 16 October

Age Requirements

Minimum age 25 years as at 31 December 2008

Entries Close

Saturday 9 August 2008

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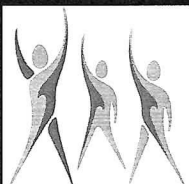
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12TH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES



**12th AUSTRALIAN
MASTERS GAMES**
20 February - 1 March
Geelong 2009

The 12th Australian Masters Games are to be held in Geelong from 20 February to 1 March 2009. This is the first time the Australian Masters Games have been held in Geelong and an estimated 10,000+ participants will attend the Games across 60+ sports.

Following a successful event in Adelaide last October Swimming will again be included in the Games program and is to be organised through Masters Swimming Victoria;

Dates: Friday 20 to Sunday 22 February 2009

Where: Kardinia Aquatic Centre, Park Crescent, South Geelong

Online Registrations for the 12th Australian Masters Games open on 23 June 2008.

For further information on the Games or to enter an expression of interest visit the website at www.AustralianMastersGames.com or email admin2009@CASevents.com

EVENTS

SYDNEY 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES

Registrations opening soon

Masters swimmers will soon be able to register to take part in the world's biggest-ever multi-sport event and compete at the same Sydney venue at which Australian superstars Ian Thorpe, Grant Hackett and Susie O'Neill won individual Olympic Games titles.

2 June 2008 will mark the start of the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games registration period, with organisers expecting more than 30,000 athletes - three times the number that competed in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games - to sign up for this major event which will run from 10 to 18 October 2009.

Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre will be the venue for more than 20

events across a range of age and gender categories, with the minimum age for Sydney 2009 World Masters Games swimming competitors set at 25 years.

Sydney 2009 World Masters Games swimming competitors will be able to enter a maximum of five individual events, four relays and the three-kilometre Open Water swim, the venue for which will be announced shortly.

To find out more about the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games check out www.2009worldmasters.com. There you can sign up for the Games' monthly electronic newsletter Masters Mail and receive timely reminders of key dates on the event's calendar.



WORLD SWIM AGAINST MALARIA

5th April 2008

Malaria kills 2.5 million people a year, mostly children and pregnant women. Up to 90% of these deaths can be prevented by covering the susceptible population with insecticide treated bednets. \$US5 buys a net and 100 nets saves a life.

Join in the swim against malaria on 5 April 2008 or any day before or after that suits, as a club, a team or a person and register online at www.worldswimagainstmalaria.com and follow the links. All donations to "Against Malaria Foundation Australia Ltd" are tax deductible. 100% of the money raised goes to bednets.



34TH NATIONAL SWIM



EVENTS

POSTAL SWIMS

DATE	DETAILS	CONTACT
1 Jan - 30 Apr	West Auburn 5000m Turtle Swim 2008 (PS 08/04) 5000m; choice of stroke. As individual swim or in a relay (2x2500m, 5x1000m, 10x500m)	Terry Gainey t.s.gainey@bigpond.com.au
1 May - 30 Jun	Bunbury 3x400m Winter Postal (08/01) 400m Freestyle, 400m Backstroke, 400m Butterfly/Breaststroke, short course or long course	Gita Neumann neumann@inet.net
1 Jun - 31 Jul	Raymond Terrace Something for Everyone (PS 08/06) Hard Core - Olympic Challenge - 3900m Average - 2500m Fun Swimmer - 1200m to be swum on same day in a specific order	Sue Neuner neuner@tpg.com.au
1 Jul - 31 Aug	Murrumbidgee Monster Medley (PS 08/03) 2000m Medley swam as 500m of each stroke in medley order	Robert Trembath robert_trembat@hotmail.com
1 Sep - 31 Oct	Aqua Jets (QLD) The Taskmaster (PS 08/02) 800m, 1500m, 1/2hr, 1hr, any stroke	Shareen Smith shazzashoma@yahoo.com.au

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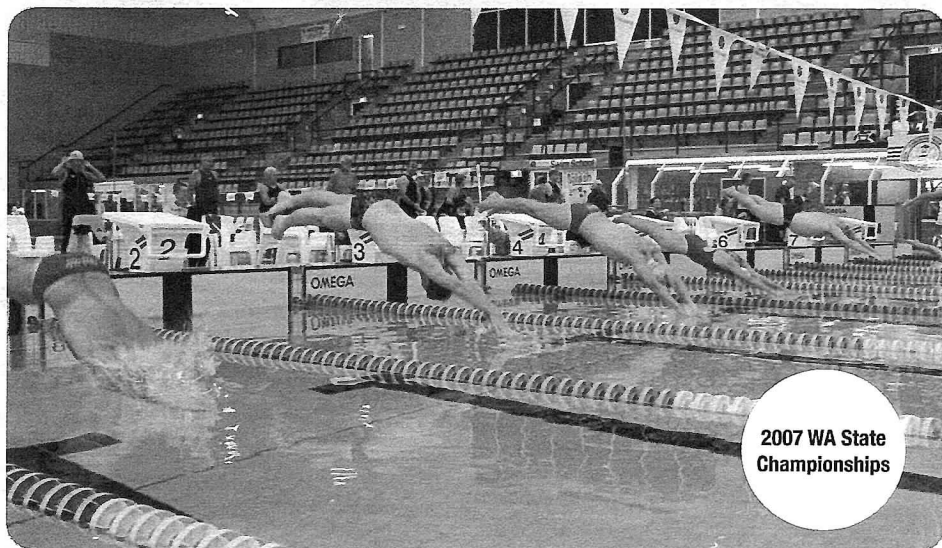
NATIONAL RECORDS

LONG COURSE RELAY 01/11/07 - 29/02/08

GENDER	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	DATE	TIME	CLUB
MIXED	120-159	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	5:06.69	VPP
MALE	120-159	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	5:12.39	VPP
FEMALE	120-159	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	5:53.16	VPP
MALE	160-199	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	4:08.25	VPP
MIXED	160-199	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	4:21.93	VPP
MIXED	160-199	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	4:44.01	VPP
MALE	160-199	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	4:57.33	VPP
FEMALE	160-199	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	5:23.12	VPP
MALE	200-239	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	4:44.97	VMV
MIXED	200-239	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	4:56.00	VPP
MALE	200-239	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	5:18.41	VPP
FEMALE	200-239	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	6:15.38	VPP
MALE	240-279	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	6:38.10	VMV
FEMALE	240-279	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	24.11.2007	7:07.60	VPP
MALE	280-319	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	10.11.2007	10:22.97	NNC
MIXED	280-319	4 X 100M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	6:26.14	VDC

SHORT COURSE RELAY 01/11/07 - 29/02/08

GENDER	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	DATE	TIME	CLUB
FEMALE	120-159	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	25.11.2007	5:04.64	SAM
FEMALE	200-239	4 X 100M	MEDLEY	25.11.2007	6:36.23	SAM



NATIONAL RECORDS

LONG COURSE INDIVIDUAL 01/11/07 - 29/02/08

SWIMMERS	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	DATE	TIME	CLUB
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	100M	BUTTERFLY	15.12.2007	54.91	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	100M	FREESTYLE	15.12.2007	51.62	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	50M	BUTTERFLY	15.12.2007	24.90	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	50M	FREESTYLE	15.12.2007	24.16	NSP
LYNNE HAYES	35-39	50M	BUTTERFLY	02.02.2008	28.70	QEN
HELEN WHITFORD	40-44	100M	BACKSTROKE	01.02.2008	1:11.99	VPP
ALAN F GODFREY	50-54	100M	BACKSTROKE	01.02.2008	1:08.90	NNS
DIANE E PERNDT	50-54	400M	BUTTERFLY	24.11.2007	7:22.03	TAC
KATHRYN DOBSON	50-54	400M	BACKSTROKE	01.12.2007	6:25.79	NBM
KATHRYN DOBSON	50-54	400M	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	01.12.2007	6:17.09	NBM
DIANE E PERNDT	50-54	800M	BUTTERFLY	24.11.2007	14:57.53	TAC
STUART ELLICOTT	55-59	100M	BREASTSTROKE	10.11.2007	1:19.03	NHS
MACIEJ SLUGOCKI	55-59	1500M	FREESTYLE	24.11.2007	19:42.44	TAC
PAUL WYATT	60-64	400M	BREASTSTROKE	01.12.2007	6:37.35	NCR
JEN THOMASSON	65-69	200M	FREESTYLE	02.02.2008	2:51.68	QSM
TONY GOODWIN	70-74	100M	BREASTSTROKE	08.12.2007	1:25.53	NML
SUE MAYNE	70-74	200M	BUTTERFLY	24.11.2007	4:28.05	TTL
TONY GOODWIN	70-74	200M	BREASTSTROKE	08.12.2007	3:11.90	NML
TONY GOODWIN	70-74	400M	BREASTSTROKE	01.12.2007	7:19.12	NML
SUE MAYNE	70-74	800M	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	24.11.2007	17:52.01	TTL
TONY GOODWIN	70-74	800M	BREASTSTROKE	01.12.2007	14:50.57	NML
PATRICK GALVIN	75-79	100M	BREASTSTROKE	31.01.2008	1:40.05	VMV
PATRICK GALVIN	75-79	100M	BUTTERFLY	01.02.2008	1:46.06	VMV
PATRICK GALVIN	75-79	200M	BREASTSTROKE	02.02.2008	3:49.88	VMV
PATRICK GALVIN	75-79	50M	BREASTSTROKE	01.02.2008	43.44	VMV
PATRICK GALVIN	75-79	50M	BREASTSTROKE	31.01.2008	44.50	VMV
JUSTINE BAMFORD	80-84	1500M	BREASTSTROKE	24.11.2007	42:44.06	THB
JUSTINE BAMFORD	80-84	800M	BREASTSTROKE	24.11.2007	22:39.65	THB
GEORGE CORONES	90-94	100M	BREASTSTROKE	02.02.2008	2:51.77	QTT
GEORGE CORONES	90-94	100M	FREESTYLE	02.02.2008	1:54.87	QTT
GEORGE CORONES	90-94	200M	BREASTSTROKE	02.02.2008	5:50.53	QTT
GEORGE CORONES	90-94	50M	BREASTSTROKE	02.02.2008	1:08.57	QTT
GEORGE CORONES	90-94	50M	FREESTYLE	02.02.2008	45.38	QTT

SHORT COURSE INDIVIDUAL 01/11/07 - 29/02/08

SWIMMERS	AGE GROUP	DISTANCE	STROKE	DATE	TIME	CLUB
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	100M	BUTTERFLY	02.11.2007	53.94	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	50M	BUTTERFLY	02.11.2007	24.48	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	100M	FREESTYLE	02.11.2007	49.41	NSP
MITCHELL PATTERSON	20-24	50M	FREESTYLE	02.11.2007	23.22	NSP
MARK ERICKSON	45-49	25M	BUTTERFLY	03.11.2007	12.86	QWY
LEONIE O'CONNELL	50-54	400M	BUTTERFLY	25.11.2007	7:04.22	SAM
LEONIE O'CONNELL	50-54	1500M	FREESTYLE	25.11.2007	21:52.71	SAM
GRAHAM CROFT	55-59	1500M	FREESTYLE	25.11.2007	19:23.75	SAM
GRAHAM CROFT	55-59	800M	FREESTYLE	25.11.2007	10:15.68	SAM
THELMA BRYAN	75-79	800M	BUTTERFLY	03.11.2007	22:42.72	QCIN

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