

Ivan Wingate

ASM



- *Life Member MSA 2002*
- *Australian Sports Medal 2000*
- *Australian Centenary Medal*
- *Life Member SA Branch*

Ivan has always been involved in swimming, as an amateur competitive swimmer, and for a time as a professional coach. He was also involved with state swimming as a meet director, referee and with pools advisory.

He joined AUSSI in 1979 and his first AUSSI National Swim was in 1980 in Adelaide and that association with AUSSI, now MSA has continued. Ivan was involved in the formation of the SA Branch, taking on the role of Vice President until being elected as Branch President in 1984. He then began attending National Council Meetings in 1983. He went on to attend consecutive Council/Board Meetings over many decades.

Ivan was elected National President of AUSSI in 1985 and in that capacity participated in the World Championships in Tokyo (1986) and Brisbane (1988). In 1989 he was appointed AUSSI's first National Executive Director, a position he held for 12 years. Over his time as NED, he saw the organisation grow in membership numbers and to a strong financial position.

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He served on the board of 2nd Australian Masters Games and attended numerous AMGs as well as regional masters games across the country where he was able to maintain many personal contacts with AUSSI members. Ivan has attended more than 20 national swims, swimming and officiating as well at over nine World Swim Championships. He was Chief Referee at the World Swim in Casablanca (1998), a similar role in Munich (2000) and this would also apply in Christchurch (2002).

In 1997, Ivan was appointed to the FINA Masters Committee and he stayed on that committee until the end of 2005. He was well known and well regarded in Masters Swimming Circles around the world and was a great ambassador for AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia.

