

1st issue.

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The news on the National AUSSI scene can only be described as exciting and incredibly busy. On September 21st and 22nd, 14 delegates, representing the 7 Branches of AUSSI met at Cronulla N.S.W and together with the National Executive, clocked up approximately 16 hours of meeting time in two very full days.

Some interesting aspects to come out of the meeting included:

#### The adoption of our draft Rules

These have been see-sawing back and forth for many moons, however the amount of 'man' hours spent on them by clubs, Branches and various committees is an indication that our final document should be worthwhile.

In the next few months we hope to give each club secretary a hardcover booklet containing the National Constitution; By-Laws and our Rules. The pages will be loose-leaf and therefore easier to keep updated.

Interpretation of the Rules for Referees remains a difficult area and was discussed in full at the National Council meeting. It has been referred to the National Technical Committee for policy recommendations and from the general concensus reached, I feel we will go a long way to solving our problems in this area.

#### Fees

The Council resolved that Branch affiliation and registration fees for National would remain unchanged for 1986. The National Executive further moved that any member registering for the 1st time after October 1st in a year, need only pay \$5 National registration instead of \$7.50.

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This pro rata fee for initial registrations was to assist those new members who could be asked for two lots of fees in a short space of time.

It might be appropriate here to reaffirm AUSSI policy that clubs are required to register ALL of their members. There is no form of social membership within AUSSI. Any person, 20 years and older belonging to an AUSSI club is required to be registered.

Some ill informed sources once felt that you only needed to register if you wished to join in the competitive swims. This is not so. The constitutional objective of AUSSI is to encourage all adults, regardless of age or ability, to swim for fitness and health. Clubs provide all types of incentives, both swimming and social to fulfil this major objective and keep people swimming and interested. If a club does not register all their members it raises three main areas of concern:

1. It is illegal according to AUSSI Rules
2. It poses problems with insurance and liability coverage
3. It is unfair to those registered members who have to carry the financial burden for others who swim regularly.

### National Director of Fitness & Coaching

Many of you will be sad to hear of the resignation of your National Director of Fitness & Coaching, Des McCormick. Des is an easily recognised Marshall at many swims. His position has been filled by another well known coach in AUSSI - Dick Champion of Victoria. We wish Dick all the best in his new role, (and hope he doesn't work us too hard.)

### Nationals 1986

Adelaide certainly looks set to put together a once in a lifetime swim. With decorated trams laid on to transfer us to socials, and a brand new re-vamped swim centre rearing to go, I urge you all to have a week off from April 16th - 19th 1986 and head for South Australia.

But hurry if you want accomodation and write now.

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South Australian Branch are holding 400 beds, some of which they intend to cancel shortly. As these dates co-incide with the 150th birthday celebrations, I suggest you get your numbers in right now: Send to:

Florence Walker  
15 Conmurra Court  
CRAIGMORE. 5114 A C T - N O W

### Nationals 1987

Plan your long service leave around this one:  
Perth - April 1st - 4th.

Arrive in Perth in February for the final of the America's Cup  
Stay for the Surf Lifesaving Nationals March 26th - 29th  
and be ready for the Welcoming Function on March 31st.

### World Swim 1988

Anyone for a bit of hard work with a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow???

If ever AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia had its chance to shine, it will be in August 1988 when we host the 2nd World Masters Swim. The venue is still to be finalised, but wherever it turns out to be, I hope each and every AUSSI member throughout Australia will do their bit to make it a great success.

We hope for about 2,500 swimmers and we want the World to stand up and take notice. If they are watching, then of course, we want to do a good job and have everything running smoothly.

Financially, the World Swim should put AUSSI a very secure footing and you the members will be the ones to reap the benefits.

## SPEEDO SPONSORSHIP.

The National Executive and Speedo have negotiated some exciting news recently. As you all know, the Speedo Sprint Relay at our National Swim has become great entertainment. The winning teams receive gift vouchers for goods to the value of \$250 each.

Now Speedo has agreed to become one of our major sponsors by agreeing to continue the above and in addition offering further financial assistance for our National Swim. They have also agreed to take on the Speedo Postal Relay Competition for which I hope you are already organising yourselves for next months swims. Speedo will give swimming caps for all participants and for each member of a winning relay team the will be a Speedo Bag.

So as you can see Speedo are helping AUSSI, so I hope you will all keep this in mind when you head off to purchase those new bathers or decide to place you club orders.

## Top Ten and Aerobic Trophy submissions.

Its that time of the year again when club and Branch recorders begin to wonder why they ever took on the job.



Many AUSSI members have expressed concern at the non arrival of the 1984 Top Ten Times. Our sponsor apologises for the delay in publication and we are hopeful that the matter will be rectified shortly.

The National Council decided to forgo sponsorship for the 1985 Top Ten and will produce this ourselves. We plan for enough copies so that most AUSSI members or families will have their own copy. Peter Gillett, the National Recorder is hoping to have this to you in the first couple of months of 1986.

#### Affiliation with Australian Swimming Incorporated.

One of the few unanimous decisions of the National Council was that AUSSI should make application to affiliate with Australian Swimming Incorporated (the new name for the A.S.U). This has followed on since F.I.N.A and Masters Swimming International reached their agreement, and should be of benefit to AUSSI swimmers, especially those who wish to continue swimming with amateur clubs.

Those who are in the 20-24 year age group will still not be covered, but AUSSI members over 25 who are not considered professional, may shortly be able to participate in both Australia Swimming Incorporated and AUSSI events.

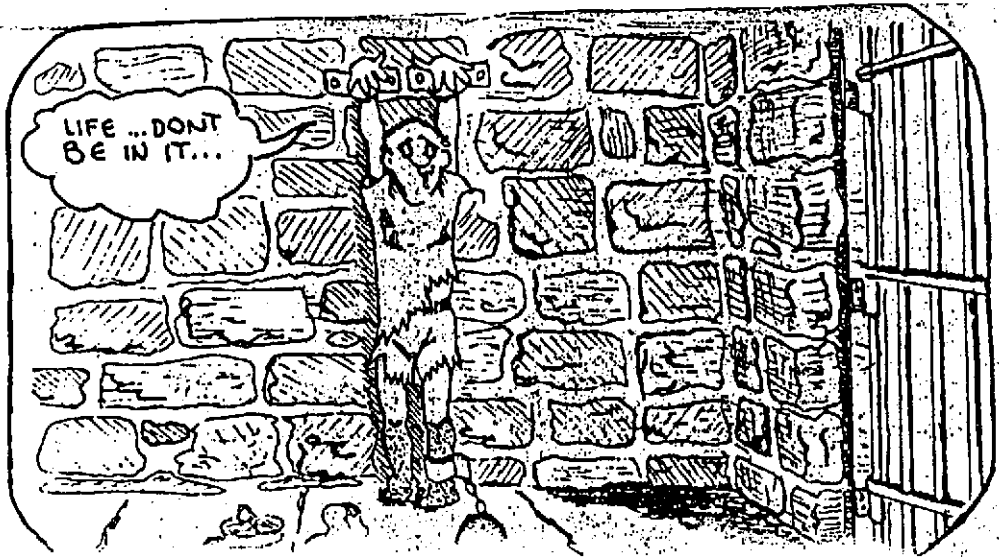
#### Insurance and legal liability

As can be seen by the memo sent to clubs recently, AUSSI will be making Personal Accident coverage for clubs mandatory from January 1st 1986. This together with our already mandatory Public Liability coverage of \$2 million dollars should go a long way to protect AUSSI members.

Club executives and committees are further advised that National has a Personal Accident policy which also covers you carrying out your club responsibilities.

We can all be justly concerned with the possibility of legal litigation. However, i we are seen to be taking every precaution

and seek adequate coverage where possible, I don't think club committees need to have too many sleepless nights. I hope we never get to the stage where all the paperwork and insurance headaches make us feel like our friend below:



This first National Newsheet got a bit larger than I anticipated. I would appreciate it if you could post it on your club notice board, or if possible provide photocopies for your members.

Glenys McDonald  
National Secretary.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Going to the swimming pool is  
like rummaging through the attic.

You'll be amazed at what you see in trunks."