

The First Australian Masters Games SWIM MEET

Devonport Olympic Pool. 28-30 November 1987



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April, 1988.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

SWIM MEET DIRECTORS REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

It is with pleasure that I present this report on the First Australian Masters Games Swim Meet on behalf of AUSSI Tasmania and the Swim Meet Committee.

The Games presented an excellent chance for us in Tasmania to promote Masters Swimming and the objectives of AUSSI to an extent we had previously only dreamed of. Once committed to the Games we set about achieving three main objectives:

1. Conduct an efficient swim meet free of disaster and controversy.
2. Promote Masters Swimming in Tasmania.
3. Return the hospitality enjoyed at National Swims to all interstate visitors.

It is, of course, impossible to run a perfect event, however, judging from competitor feedback we developed the opinion objectives 1 & 3 were reasonably achieved. New memberships as a direct result of the Games in quantitative proof of the other.

The Swim Meet Committee was structured on the AUSSI National Swim Guide. This was, however, not a National Swim or AUSSI event and we made variations as the situation demanded. The guide was most useful, especially in assisting in early preparations. Along with the help received from the National Executive Council and experienced administrators the AUSSI organisation had a lot to do with the successes we achieved.

I am also appreciative of the consistent encouragement received from the Games General Manager and his staff whose reassurances were invaluable.

Most importantly the work has to be done at home and the resultant swim meet really depends on the quality and endeavour of the organising committee. All members of the committee were true volunteers and the success of the meet deservedly rests squarely with each of them.

The Games were an innovation on the Australian sporting scene and the Tasmanian Government is to be congratulated for the considerable part they played in backing and promoting Masters Sport. The theme - JOIN IN - ITS FOR EVERYONE and other promotional material closely reflected the main aims of AUSSI.

This report discusses the organisation and, to a lesser extent, the conduct of the Swim Meet. It is supported by a Recorders Report prepared by Chris Holloway.

STRUCTURE OF THE GAMES:

The Games were headed by a Board of Directors (Chairman Mr. Ken Lowrie) established by the Tasmanian Government, with the approval of the Confederation of Australian Sport. General management was the responsibility of a small staff of full time appointees headed by Mr. Kim Newstead, General Manager.

The General Manager was responsible to the Board and in turn co-ordinated all activities associated with the Games. This included direct liason with each of the thirty five sports as well as ceremonial protocol, transport, medical security, accommodation, communication, the media and promotion. As the magnitude of this task evolved each sport was assigned an officer of the Department of Sport and Recreation who acted as a liason officer between that sport through a Regional Chairman to the General Manager.

The basic ground rules for the Games was established before sports were consulted, except for expressions of interest. Our commitment to become involved in the Games was by signing of an agreement, (See Addendum 1), with the Games Committee detailing basic responsibilities of each body.

Basically the AMG under took to -

1. Promote, Market and Publicise the Games on a National basis.
2. Provide registrations forms, including travel and accommodation details.
3. Provide lists of registered competitors each month.
4. Provide commemorative medallions.
5. Provide medals - numbers entered in agreement.
6. Provide a staging fee of \$2,000.00.
7. Provide \$15.00 for interstate registrants and \$10.00 for Tasmanian registrants and accompanying persons.
8. Provide \$2.00 luncheon vouchers.
9. Provide competitors and officials identification.

The sport undertook to -

1. Provide administration necessary to stage the event to the AMG's satisfaction.
2. Provide & pay for the venue and equipment.
3. Provide each competitor with a \$2.00 luncheon each day.
4. Provide results within 2 hours of completion of events each day, and full results within two days of completion of competition.
5. Host an opening function and closing presentation function free of charge to competitors.

General conditions included -

1. AMG set a minimum number for each sport and retained right to cancel if not met.
2. Games logo available for sports with approval of AMG.
3. AMG not responsible for any debts incurred by Sports.
4. All sponsorship arranged by Sports to have written approval of AMG.
5. In case of dispute AMG to be final arbitrator.

The terms of the agreement were the same for all sports. Exactly, how they arrived at the financial breakdown was never revealed, however the sports with low staging costs managed easily on the money supplied whilst others (swimming included) spent a lot of their time arguing hardship. Complications of this nature increased our committees workload.

The agreement was signed in early November 1986, over twelve months before the Games. This was none too early and I would advise any Branch becoming involved in a future similar exercise to be wary of too little lead time.

Our first information on the Games actually came over two years before the event. Anyone receiving notification of a proposed Masters Games with less than eighteen months lead time should examine carefully how well prepared the senior body is. The autonomy we are used to in organising State or National Championships does not exist.

At the time of signing, the venue, programme of events and dates of competition were already decided and immediately on signing the Tasmanian Branch appointed the Meet Director. This allowed twelve months in which to prepare. Sufficient but not excessive time.

FORMAT OF THE SWIM MEET:

One of the most difficult tasks we faced before signing the agreement was convincing the AMG that AUSSI functioned successfully even though it

- (a) had five year age groups;
- (b) had members aged 20 years and we would require our minimum age to be 25 for both men and women;
- (c) did not swim heats and finals;
- (d) restricted entrants to five individual swims;
- (e) swum men and women in the same heats;
- (f) awarded cumulative medals only.

The agreement was signed to our (AUSSI) rules of conduct but their concerns over "there being no races for gold" persisted. Pressure continued to change the format. Our basic position was "AUSSI administers Masters Swimming in Australia, these are Australian Masters Games and we wish to run the swimming to AUSSI Rules".

This resulted in swimming being unique in several ways:

1. We had the youngest (25+) competitors. Most sports were 35+ or over. (Rowing at 27+ was another exception).
2. We had the oldest (80+) age group. Most sports stopped at 60+, athletics at 75+ being the most notable exception.
3. We were the only sport not to issue medals to individual event winners.

Masters (which in the context of the AMG translates to veterans) at 25 attracted some comment in the press.

The AMG chose the dates for the Games, AUSSI Tasmania chose to stage the pool swim over two days on one weekend and the weekend was chosen by negotiation between the two bodies. The weekend was chosen for three reasons.

1. AUSSI's competitors had already spent a week in Perth at the Nationals in April and were unlikely to get away mid week again the same year.
2. Potential AUSSI members in Tasmania were more likely to compete over a weekend which did not require taking time off work.
3. It was considered we could complete the programme in two days.

The open water 5km and 10km events were included on the strong representations of the AMG. The site was chosen in consultation with Chris Guesdon who as well as being Marketing Manager of the Games is also Patron of the Australian Marathon Swimming Federation.

The next Games conducted will most probably have a different format but all the forgoing matters will need to be decided by negotiation.

FINANCES:

Before the contract was signed we considered swimming was not getting enough of the entry money to stage the swim and run the functions. As mentioned previously all sports were given the same amounts and had to raise extra monies themselves if required.

Our major concern was being able to afford the compulsory opening and closing functions whilst emulating the standard AUSSI members are accustomed to. If the \$2,000.00 was going to stage the swim we were getting approximately \$13.00 a head to run the two functions.

Initial attempts to sell naming rights to the swim-meet were vetoed by the AMG. They had major sponsors and we could not steal their limelight.

Sponsorship was sold for each of the 16 events in the pool swim to local businesses at \$200.00 an event. We attempted to sell the Mondays open water event for \$500.00 but could not attract this money.

The monies thus raised plus assistance in kind - supply of tents, seating, recorder's shed, recording equipment etc. enabled us to run at a profit.

The monies received from the AMG amounted to approx. \$21.50 per competitor. It should be noted we did not have all the expenses. The AMG

- (a) printed the registrations forms
- (b) promoted the event;
- (c) printed the programmes
- (d) supplied the medals

Our expenses still totalled \$1,500.00 more than received from the AMG.

The financial structure for the Games was, in my opinion, one of its failings. The Tasmanian Government put in approximately \$600,000 in cash and services, the Federal Government \$100,000 and each competitor paid \$60.00. For a sport to receive only \$21.50 for each competitor seems unjust and the possibility of running at a loss to the expense of the Branch, was always with us.

Despite the promotional and organisational work of the AMG I have no doubt the real success of the Games belonged to the administrators of the 35 sports. Unless swimming was an exception these people spent their own time and money to ensure the Games succeeded.

I cannot see the next AMG being financed the same way. It is imperative sports be consulted about their expenses before arrangements are finalised. A recommended solution is to change a nominal, say \$20, Games entry fee and then have each sport set a fee to cover its own running costs. A user pays solution that would give each sport financial autonomy.

The cost to competitors would probably increase and the free second sport feature of these First Games would probably be lost. It is also

recommended that sports -

1. be permitted to sell naming rights to their particular event.
2. be permitted to use existing National or State sponsors.

The "conflicting sponsors" situation vetoed both Speedo and Capita.

The most important or basic advice is "Don't get involved unless you are assured of acceptable financial support."

PROMOTIONS:

National promotion of the Games, by the AMG, was a major plus from our viewpoint. It is not cynical to suggest one of the Tasmanian Governments purposes in sponsoring the Games was to attract visitors to the State. It is also no co-incidence the Games were conducted over the lowest visitor period, late November, early December.

Despite these factors the promotional campaign had positive results for Masters Sport.

AUSSI and Masters Swimming was given an unprecedented high profile throughout the State and the benefits to Clubs through new member registrations had been marked.

ENTRY FORM - ENTRIES:

The entry forms were prepared and printed by the AMG. They covered all 35 sports on the one form and entrants were requested to nominate events by ticking boxes.

The AMG office received the entries, loaded the particulars into their computer and periodically notified us of the entrants. Apart from having individuals entered in relays we had no cards.

The "no cards" problem had been foreseen and all AUSSI clubs were circularised with requests to send club entries with summary sheets

and cards intact. This request went unheeded in all but a few isolated cases.

As a consequence we wrote to nearly every entrant assuming they were unaware of AUSSI rules, including an explanation of how the events were conducted, race cards and an AUSSI brochure. People understandably thought they had entered legally, (the AMG office acknowledged their entry with a computer printout detailing events entered) and we had to write about 80 entrants a second time.

When the cards arrived they did not always check with the original entries. The AMG office eventually agreed that the cards were more important and conceded they were the official entry. We still faced the prospect of a competitor producing a printout and claiming entry in an event for which a card was not submitted.

All the problems created in this area revolved around the need to have nominated times on cards for seeding of events.

As usual most entries arrived on or just after closing date and entries were received by the AMG for three weeks thereafter. We still had to get cards, not being able to seed events until all cards were to hand. The delay to programme printing was almost catastrophic, the programmes coming off the press the day before the registration centre opened.

Our recorder Chris Holloway is commended for his dedication and perseverance during a long and frustrating process. I can assure you none of the few problems experienced by competitors were any fault of his.

Chris' Recorders Report is recommended to anyone who will be in his place in future.

MEDAL ALLOCATION:

The most contentious subject within Masters Swimming and between our Committee and the AMG before, during and after the Games was allocation of medals.

From the outset it was necessary to convince the AMG cumulative medals were Masters Swimming rules and accepted practice.

It was necessary to continually reinforce the concept. Their major concern was a second sport competitor winning an event (50m Free style, say) in their age group, only having the one swim and not getting a medal. Once they fully understood the no finals (no race for gold?) concept their fear narrowed to this competitor winning his/her heat.

The former was a genuine concern that is equally (or more) applicable to single stroke specialists. To help alleviate these concerns we introduced result certificates for every competitor. The certificate (See addendum 2) detailed:

- * Swimmers name, age group
- * Event competed
- * Time swum
- * Place in event
- * Points for event
- * Total points
- * Overall place in age group

Being issued to every competitor the certificate fulfilled the objective of "encouraging adults to swim regardless of age or ability" better than individual event medals. They are a presentable souvineer that not only recognise success but participation and personal achievement as well.

Correspondence was received from one AUSSI club and one successful AUSSI competitor outlining disappointment entry was restricted to five of the ten individual events and that individual medals were not to be issued. A copy of the reply to the member is attached (Addendum 3). It sets out arguments in favour of using cumulative medals for the Games.

At the time of receiving these new pressure came from the AMG ("its only the tip of the iceberg."). This pressure continued even after medal engraving was finalised. Just two months before the Games our Committee relented to the AMG pressure and resolved medals be awarded to all individual placegetters, including relays. Marathon medals and age group first, second and third certificates be presented at Presentation Function, Individual medals to be collected

by competitors from the "medal tent" after posting of results.

On informing the AMG General Manager we had decided to issue the 1200 medals he said, "That's going to cost another \$5,000, we can't afford it" and the issue was resolved.

Resolved for the First AMG Swim Meet at least. The subject is not going to go away. There was both public (we had spectators) and media confusion during the Games. The press was able to report results clearly but T.V. found it difficult to film competition when the first home was not necessarily the winner or racing against his/her competitors. This reduced swimming TV coverage.

I can see no simple or easy answer, no right or wrong, to this issue.

In considering the matter in future, I consider Clubs, Branches, Council should evaluate the following -

1. Do we conform to public expectation and establish open sport convention or
Do we reinforce existing rules and objectives by public education programmes?
2. Is the stated purpose of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia appropriate?
Is it compatible with Masters Swimming competition?
Is it being correctly interpreted?

It is certainly unrealistic to expect existing rules that have been in place only a few years to gain immediate acceptance from every former competitor when he/she rejoins the sport.

It is equally unrealistic to expect the less talented swimmers to participate at National swims if no incentives exist.

Personally, I see one of the current problems with this debate within our organisation is that it is seen as changing or protecting existing medal allocation rules. Perhaps we should be adding to, enhancing, the rules. Perhaps the emergence of the Australian Masters Games presents this opportunity.

To bring thoughts to a practical level, swimming events at the First A.M.G. potentially required 1200 medals. With 250 entrants this

was almost 5 medals per competitor at a cost of \$7.00+ per medal. If entry fees are expected to meet this cost the expense of entry will not encourage widespread participation.

RELAYS:

For many people relays are a popular component of a swim meet. For this reason they were included in the programme.

There were resultant problems. First, the Games were open to all not an interclub event or restricted to AUSSI members. To encourage participation it was ruled entries would be accepted from any club (AUSSI, Surf, Swimming, etc). Members of teams had to be registered Club members to gain championship points. We had no protocol for administering this ruling and relied on the integrity of clubs to adhere to it, and the knowledge of their competitors to be able to identify and report unregistered team members. No protests arose and there is no reason to suggest any club breached the rules.

Secondly, many competitors expressed the desire to compete in relays but did not have enough/any club members to participate with. To accommodate these desires invitation relays were conducted at the conclusion of each days programme as unofficial events, entries being taken from composite or club teams on the day. These events were well supported.

As the Games are not interclub events it is debatable if there is a place for relays in the official programme. Most entries originated from individuals, not clubs, who felt they were missing out not have a team to swim with, especially as there was no extra fee for relay events.

On the other hand, several clubs treated the relays as we had hoped clubs would, encouraging participation and using the events as a vehicle to express club spirit and strength.

Once again provision of medals for winning relay members was contentious, justifiably being seen as inadequate reward for individuals.

In establishing the relay award criteria - cumulative per age group - the relays were seen as Club events and the trophies intended for Club display.

A masters swim programme without relays is not complete and it is recommended their inclusion in future Masters Games be encouraged.

OFFICIATING:

Committee was most fortunate in getting extensive support from TASA Officials.

I know there were concerns expressed interstate about our use of ASI officials but Mr. Don Blew (Chief Referee TASA) and his band of enthusiastic officials soon dispelled these fears by their professional presentation, efficient conduct interpretation of the rules, friendly communication with competitors and consideration of swimmers needs.

From the first day march on the officials quickly became an integral part of the swim meet and were one of the criteria by which it was judged a success. We are greatly indebted to them.

At the completion of the meet Dawn Fraser, who has no reason to lead the officials cheer squad, publicly expressed swimmers appreciation of their efforts and lead a three cheers vote of appreciation.

In turn many of the officials expressed to me their appreciation of this recognition, commenting on the friendly atmosphere at a Masters event compared to the serious attitude of a top level open meet. This dialogue greatly developed an understanding by TASA of Masters Swimming and enhanced the rapport between TASA and AUSSI Tasmania.

The Swim Meet was conducted essentially to AUSSI rules of swimming. Because not all competitors would be familiar with the AUSSI

rule of going straight to the front of the blocks it was decided to allow this or "go to the back and step forward on command". Allowing either situation ensured competitors were comfortable at the start and created no problems of its own.

There was only one official protest. It was based on misinterpretation of the breaststroke kick rule and successful completion of a breaststroke event at the Perth National Swim where AUSSI referees officiated. Disqualification had been made on uneven kick as observed by the referee who re read the rule which only reinforced his belief the rule had been broken. The protest was dismissed.

PUBLICITY:

As a National, multi sport event sanctioned by CAS, the Masters Games offers sports an excellent opportunity to gain publicity.

Despite the fact publicity was divided between the Games as a whole and the thirty-five sports, many chances were presented to gain widespread coverage of Masters Swimming. This was utilised as much as possible, there being several lead up stories in the press on prominent competitors and extensive press, radio and television coverage in Tasmania during the events and to a lesser extent Nationally in all three media.

Swimming is fortunate in being a high profile amateur sport with its champions being household names, thereby attracting press attention. The presence of Dawn Fraser in Devonport gave the press a natural focus and definitely won our sport extra exposure. Dawn was at all times a perfect ambassadress for swimming in general and the concept of Masters Swimming in particular.

The press was inclined to feature the elder (oldest) competitors, ignoring many younger (60, 50, 40 year old) top class performers. To say an 80 year old is typical of the competing swimmers is not true but the way they wish to report us. At 80 a competitor is an exception, the average age of competitors was 52 years. Future Australian Masters Games are seen as an opportunity for AUSSI Masters Swimming to publicise its existence, purpose, objectives, activities etc. on a National basis.

most publicity opportunities arise in the State/City where the Games are being conducted however, National opportunities exist. Feature articles in publications such as International Swimmer, Womens Weekly, New Idea, M.B.F. Magazine, The Australian etc. are made possible because of links with the National Masters Games. Radio chat shows offer similar opportunities. Television presenters experienced trouble covering the events. They were not able to show selected competitors winning a final, winning gold! and were unable to develop an alternative format. A suggestion they film the final, fastest heat, was not heeded.

Over the two days of the Pool Swim approximately 400 visitors were admitted to the pool as spectators. Some of these came to see family members compete others out of general interest. A percentage came to see Masters Swimming in action, to see if there is a place for them.

It is recommended Council and Branches investigate ways of capitalising on future Australian Masters Games to publicise Masters Swimming in Australia as extensively as possible.

MARATHON EVENTS:

Inclusion of long distance, open water events on a Masters Swim programme was, to our knowledge, a first. It was certainly a first for us, never having conducted such an event previously.

It was most fortunate having a venue like Lake Eugena, in which a circuit swim could be staged, thereby enabling much easier continual observation of the entire field. The marked course was approximately 715 metres which enabled a seven lap, 5 km and 14 lap, 10 km event.

Official sanction of the Australian Marathon Swimming Federation was given and the swims were conducted to their adopted rules for the conduct of long distance swimming events.

The two swims created a lot of interest and we were pleased with the entries - 63 for the 5 km and 21 for the 10km. Sufficient to create a spectacle but not too many to manage. About one third scratched there being 35 starters in the 5 km and 14 in the 10 km.

We are indebted to the Devonport Triathlon Club who assisted with the running of the swims and the Devonport Surf Club who supplied the life guards for the event. Just as importantly the services of the St. Johns Ambulance were essential. They treated 6 people for hyperthermia, their expertise ensured all competitors were able to walk comfortably away from the venue. Their, or similar, expert training is necessary.

Most discussed topic leading up to the "marathons" was the water temperature. An article written by Dick Champion and distributed by us to all entrants on preparation for and how to swim long distance events was invaluable.

Many competitors inquired about wet suits, which were vetoed by the rules. Consideration was given to allowing them but the inequalities created by the relative assistance given by different wet suits convinced us it was better to make it fair to all and apply the ban rule. This decision was not taken lightly. Our chief aim in running the events was to ensure the same number of swimmers that started the race got out. Water temperature on the day of the race was 19.5°C, much higher than rumours that circulated on the mainland during winter.

Overall the marathons were most successful and it is recommended they be maintained in the Masters Games programme in future depending on a suitable venue.

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HECTOR BEVERIDGE

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES SWIM MEET

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS AS AT 20TH APRIL, 1988

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| A.M.G. Grant | | \$2,000.00 |
| Sponsorship | | 3,200.00 |
| Registrations - A.M.B. | | 3,435.00 |
| Donation | | 30.00 |
| Gates Receipt & Sale of Programs | | 515.00 |
| Bank Interest | | 30.53 |
| Profit on Sale of Swim Caps | | 54.00 |
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| | | \$9,264.53 |

LESS PAYMENTS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Postage | \$206.43 | |
| Stationery | 189.21 | |
| Insurance | 408.34 | |
| Bank Charges | 3.33 | |
| Cocktail Party | 840.00 | |
| Presentation Dinner | 3,405.47 | |
| Hire of Pool | 1,000.00 | |
| Telephone | 55.93 | |
| Liquor Licence | 40.00 | |
| Expenses Hobart re Program | 35.00 | |
| Happy Hour Entertainment | 60.00 | |
| Expenses re Setting up Pool | 55.98 | |
| Officials Teas & Coffees | 19.90 | |
| Payment to St John Ambulance | 246.00 | |
| Donation Lakeside Caravan Park | | |
| Marathon Swim | 150.00 | |
| Expenses re Lane Ropes - Launceston | 180.00 | |
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| | | \$6,895.59 |

SURPLUS ON SWIM MEET

\$2,368.94

FIRST AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES 1987

RECORDERS REPORT

COMMITTEE:

Consisted of myself, 1 typist, Unisys programmer, 2 computer operators 3 people checking cards, records, and several people entering times, position, points onto certificates, a huge task divided between a few workers. My personal thanks to all who assisted.

ENTRIES:

Official registration entry forms for the First Australian Masters Games was available from Jan. '87 and entries were officially closed on the 1st October, 1987.

Because of the huge influx of entries by all sports to the Games office in Hobart, the closing date for swimming entries was left open for 3 more weeks. We still had late entries and changes to events 3 days before the start date of the swim. Many errors occurred as a result of people entering an event and being sent wrong information on their receipt, and wrong information to me. These errors were pointed out by me to Hobart, but in some cases were not corrected and as a result problems arose during the swim meet.

Because of the way the swimming section of the Games was decided to be run, the official entry form was not designed suitably for us to inform the swimmers of our requirements.

Rationale:

Therefore any future organiser must/will have to ensure that the information required by a recorder is clearly explained on official forms, e.g.

1. How many events per individual (we allowed only 5)
2. Nominated time for each individual event
3. Name, sex, birthdate PLUS age group, should be known by the recorder
4. The state being represented, not club.

If a card system like we used is to be used again at a swim meet, the recorder will have to send to all persons entering a set of cards. I found this was a very arduous task, as a very careful record of names, events had to be kept to ensure every swimmer received cards, returned them, were completed correctly etc. Many swimmers duplicated entries because I found the Masters Games office were forwarding cards to some competitors. This was arranged by us and at the time did not see its problems.

Some clubs forwarded summary sheets but I found they did not help as I relied entirely on the actual cards. The summary sheets were helpful for checking purposes and in one case a swimmer received her official receipt from Hobart with 5 swims that she wished to enter. Her Club only marked her on the summary sheet for 3 events and only sent 3 cards. Because she had her official receipt, it was argued that she should be allowed to swim the other two events.

Rationale:

A solution to this seems to be that:

1. a duplicate copy of the official receipt from Games office be sent to the recorder,
2. that cards are filled out by the recorder as per that receipt. - This would alleviate almost all posting out of cards, reduce costs and time waiting for cards being returned.

A seven digit number must be provided if swim meet results are computerised. Some Aussi members sent cards with their Aussi number on them. Some members didn't, and some swimmers were not Aussi people. Therefore careful checking of numbers had to be made. A number was allocated by me which started from 9001001, ensuring I kept away from all Aussi numbers.

Rationale:

The official receipt number could be used which consisted of 5 numbers. You need only add several zero's to fulfil requirements for computer, as it will only accept 7 numbers.

A copy of manual recording attached Appendix A I found this extremely valuable for checking etc., as a computer was not available to me. A trip to Hobart, 180 miles and a full day entering all cards into the computer by two people and the Unisys programmer. A computer, if used should be available to recorder for checking, entering names, etc at all times.

Unisys were most helpful and the programme was changed to suit our requirements. See attached list Appendix B re the programme as it is at the moment.

PROGRAMME:

400 copies were printed. Enough copies have to be done for officials, sponsors, competitors, media, public.

Compiling the information pages took some time and a suggested format for future Masters Games is attached. Appendix C

Careful checking of events for errors in programme was not available to us because of sponsors late entries. and errors resulted. Time was lost as several sponsors lacked the ability to supply their logo/ advertisement by the required time.

RELAYS:

The swimming committee decided to run the relays as an Aussi club event in that overall point score for each age group won a trophy and medals for 2nd and 3rd.

Thirteen clubs entered relay teams before the close of entries. Out of a possible 94 teams entered, 70 teams competed.

We allowed Invitation Relays to be made up on the day. We received 34 teams during the 2 days. This posed no problem for the recorder. A set of numbers can be pre-determined for computer purposes, e.g.

(Event 4) (Age Group 120+) (Male 1, Female 2, Mixed 3) Team Number)
04 12 2 24

0412224 then becomes say "Aussi Masters" relay number, and the team number and name must always stay the same. So the 120+ Womens relay team will score points in an event.

Future games organisers could easily run relays called for on the day using this number system. Awards can be medals/certificates for each team member in a winning team plus 2nd and 3rd placegetters in that event.

Teams could be called for at the beginning of the Meet and a dead line set for entries for that event. When a programme of events is set, ensure the relay events are programmed to be swum after a break, e.g. after lunch or as last event, thus allowing swimmers time to organise teams during break or session.

Two people can check cards received and issue numbers and 1 keyboard operator can enter details for the events.

Many swimmers meet each other due to the fact that people have to be approached and ask if they want to participate in a relay.

RELAY MEDAL ALLOCATION

TEAM WINNERS, 2ND & 3RD

Serious thought must be given if Masters Games' committee is to award medals for relay winners. There are six possible events in 6 age groups and 4 competitors in each team.

There may be 108 swimmers being able to swim, e.g.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
| Mens 4 x 50m freestyle relay | 100+ | 4 teams | 16 swimmers |
| | 120+ | 6 teams | 24 " |
| | 160+ | 10 " | 40 " |
| | 200+ | 4 " | 16 " |
| | 240+ | 2 " | 8 " |
| | 280+ | 1 " | 4 " |
| | | | = 108 |

For this many swimmers and having place getters in all age groups a total of 72 medals would be awarded. 4 Gold, Silver and Bronze in each age group for each swimmer.

In some cases there would not be this many swimmers competing in a single age group.

RECORDING DURING THE MEET

During the swim meet we had 1 Unisys programmer, a second input operator and 2-3 people handling cards, problems and checking results for records etc. A complaints table should be manned away from recording area. All times for heat/event swum were entered into computer from the cards. 3 stopwatches on each lane and electronic timing was used.

Results were posted within 5-10 minutes after the completion of most events.

One copy was printed and a person checked times for any errors, re wrong times before posting results.

Because there were problems with swimmers names not being entered in the programme due to errors that they may have created or mistyped information from Masters Games office, we had people wanting to swim events they claimed they had entered.

There were no instances where a swimmer claimed the card and manual recording system failed.

All errors were due to:-

1. Swimmers entering 1,2,3 or 4 events only and deciding on the day to do extra swims,
2. Not understanding the requirement in that only a maximum of 5 individual swims would be allowed,
3. Overall age group swimmers with accumulated points,
4. late entries were accepted but no points were allotted,
5. wanting to change events.

We allowed swimmers to swim that event but did not allow them to receive points. Unfortunately some points were allotted to some of these swims and this resulted in point allocation being adjusted from time to time when an error such as this was discovered.

Some swimmers misunderstood our intention in that we wished everyone to have a swim, but because of not entering an event due to no mistake on our part - no points.

Rationale:

In future, if a swimmer cannot prove the organiser made a mistake
NO SWIM

SWIMMERS BY STATE

| | |
|----|------------------------------|
| 92 | Tasmania |
| 66 | Victoria |
| 2 | Australian Capital Territory |
| 44 | New South Wales |
| 19 | Queensland |
| 8 | Northern Territory |
| 4 | South Australia |
| 5 | Western Australia |
| 6 | New Zealand |
| 1 | Nova Scotia, Canada |

27 swimmers entered/paid, but did not swim.

53 Accompanying persons.

27 Second sports people.

MEDAL PRESENTATION - MEN

- 1st Gold 12 Medals all age groups
25-29 through to 80+
- 2nd Silver 12 Medals all age groups
25-29 through to 80+
+ 2 blanks = 2nd 35-39 age group
+ 60-64 " "
- 3rd Bronze 8 Medals
25-29 through to 65-69

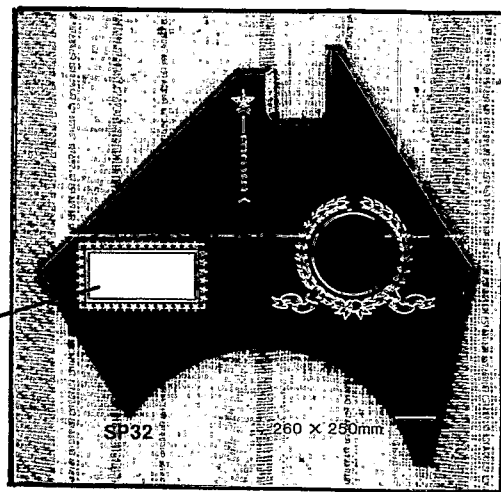
WOMEN

- 1st Gold 12 Medals in age groups
25-29 through to 75-79
+ 1 blank = 1st 65-69 age group
- 2nd Silver 10 Medals
25-29 through to 65-69 age group
+ 1 blank = 2nd 45-49 age group
- 3rd Bronze 8 Medals
25-29 through to 65-69 age group

MEDAL PRESENTATION - RELAYS

- 1st Gold 5 Medals each age group
100+, 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+
These medals were set on an Australian Trophy. (see insert)
- 2nd Silver 5 Medals in age groups
100+, 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+
- 3rd Bronze 4 Medals in age groups
120+, 160+, 200+, 240+
No Bronze Medal in 100+ Relay

AGE GROUP
SPACE FOR SWIMMERS NAMES.



Nominated Times.

| 35-39 Age Group | Event 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 | | 7 | | Assess Number | | Prime Spot | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|------------|---------|----------|------------|---------|----------|---------|---------------|-------|------------|-----|-------|
| | 200 Free | 50 Fly | 100 Back | 100 Breast | 50 Free | 100 Back | 100 Breast | 50 Free | 100 Back | 50 Free | 100 Back | Club | No | Yes | No |
| Name | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M |
| Age | 37 | 38 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 38 | 35 | 37 | 35 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 37 | 35 | 37 |
| 1 Liz, M.C. Grath | 3:45.00 | 57.00 | | | | | | | | | | UGL | 7323005 | ✓ | |
| 2 Margaret Ashken | 2:50.00 | 41.00 | | | | | | | | | | VPP | 7315073 | ✓ | |
| 3 Mark Eaves | 2:10. | 29.40 | | | | | | | | | | VPP | 7701007 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 4 Phillip Downrow | | | | | 1:50.00 | | | | | | | QBM | 7403538 | ✓ | |
| 5 Margaret Williams | 4:31.00 | | | 2:29.25 | | | | | | | | THB | 7703024 | ✓ | |
| 6 Janny Green | 3:18.79 | | | 1:34.45 | | | | | | | | THB | 7703027 | ✓ | |
| 7 Greg Pavin | 2:25.00 | 33.00 | | | 2:00.00 | | | | | | | VDV | 7304501 | ✓ | |
| 8 Margaret Wilby | 2:42.00 | 39.00 | | | | | | | | | | NER | 7203014 | ✓ | |
| 9 Graham McNew | 2:20.00 | 31.50 | | | | | | | | | | NER | 7203515 | ✓ | |
| 10 Edwin Jewell | 2:15.00 | | 1:15.00 | | | | | | | | | VGP | 7303809 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 11 Alan Paulow | | 31.00 | | | | | | | | | | VGP | 7308693 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 12 Carmel Whittle | | | 2:06.15 | | | | | | | | | TOP | 7702001 | ✓ | |
| 13 Patricia Beveridge | | | 1:28.0 | | | | | | | | | TOP | 7702002 | ✓ | |
| 14 Linda Pauling | 3:00.00 | 47.00 | | | | | | | | | | Alice | 7303002 | ✓ | |
| 15 Kevin Pauling | 3:09.00 | | | | | | | | | | | V | 7303501 | ✓ | |
| 16 Geoffrey Tingall | 2:50.0 | | 1:35.0 | | | | | | | | | MSW | 9001044 | ✓ | |
| 17 David J. Smith | | 34.0 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001067 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 18 Christopher Swanson | 2:25. | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 7702531 | ✓ | |
| 19 Ian Vaughan | | 38 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001064 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 20 Pat Somerville | 36 | | 1:24 | | | | | | | | | MSW | 7206008 | ✓ | |
| 21 Norman Jarvis | 35 | 2:40. | | | | | | | | | | N.T. | 3600002 | ✓ | |
| 22 Jocelyn Rolley | 38 | 3:15.0 | | | | | | | | | | Vic | 4251074 | ✓ | |
| 23 Christine Vella | 39 | 3:05.0 | | | | | | | | | | NEW | 7000115 | ✓ | |
| 24 Neville Sice | 36 | 3:05.0 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 7701503 | ✓ | |
| 25 Peter Goss | 39 | | 1:15 | | | | | | | | | THB | 9000036 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 26 Robyn Price-Jones | 38 | 3:30.0 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 7701015 | ✓ | |
| 27 Peter McKenzie | 39 | | 1:25.0 | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001092 | ✓ | |
| 28 Ruth Kemp | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | Vic | 6313176 | ✓ | |
| 29 Rod McGregor | 36 | 2:46.0 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001121 | ✓ | |
| 30 Geoffrey Daws | 35 | 2:30.0 | | | | | | | | | | THB | 4001130 | ✓ | |
| 31 Robert Palmer | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001088 | ✓ | |
| 32 Wayne Ellis | 39 | | 1:57.2 | | | | | | | | | THB | 4201107 | ✓ | yes ✓ |
| 33 Suzanne Cranston | 36 | 3:00.0 | | | | | | | | | | N2L | 9001138 | ✓ | |
| 34 Christopher Newman | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 7001140 | ✓ | |
| 35 Garry Matthews | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001139 | ✓ | |
| 36 Paul Dobson | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001107 | ✓ | |
| 37 Peter Shearing | 38 | | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001120 | ✓ | |
| 38 Simon Martin | 35 | 2:15.0 | | | | | | | | | | WA | 9001141 | ✓ | |
| 39 Stewart Egerton | 36 | | 1:12.0 | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001122 | ✓ | |
| 40 John Truman | 36 | 2:50. | | | | | | | | | | THB | 9001116 | ✓ | |

This consisted of 2 pages
2nd page allowed space to record points & places.

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APPENDIX C

FRONT COVER

Inside front cover Major Sponsor

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| Page 1 | Meet Director/Premier or organisers message | |
| 2 | Swim Meet Committee, Officials | |
| 3 | General Information | Welcome function-time-venue |
| | | Presentation " " " |
| | | Happy Hour " " |
| 4 | Abbreviations of Australian States and overseas countries | |
| | Programme of Events | Pool opening time |
| | | Lunch |
| | | Official opening etc |
| 5 | AUSSI State Branch Secretaries and Postal addresses | |
| 6 | Pool layout | |
| 7 to 37 | Events | |
| 38 | Marathon swim officials | |
| 39 | Lake layout | |
| 40 | Rules | |
| 41 | Instructions | |
| 42 | Names and numbers of competitors | |
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Inside back cover Major Sponsor

Outside back cover Major Sponsor

We deliberately left out the rules of swimming and left all interpretations to official referees. Therefore swimmers had nothing to challenge.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME CONTENTS

Under general information;-

Bus time tables, taxi phone numbers
phones and location for public use
first aid station and time of attendance
Doctors on call and location
Pharmacy location and opening times
Availability of souvenirs, e.g. Masters windcheaters etc.
Official photographer, location and times available
Commemorative items, i.e. Cascade Brewery Tas. printed beer cans
with the Masters Games logo.

At all times organisers must remember it is a Masters Games for everyone, not just AUSSI. Swimmers and abbreviated Club names don't mean a thing to non-Aussi members.

National, Club or World records will mean something to those who can swim in that class, but remember, don't frighten people off by allowing these sorts of times to be shown in the programme. Make them available to those who wish to see them.



An Agreement between the First Australian Masters Games Inc and
..AUSSI..Masters..Swimming..in..Aust.(Inc.)..TASMANIA..Branch

① to stage the events in schedule 1 at ..Devonport.....
from 28th..Nov...1987.... to ...30th..November 1987.

The Australian Masters Games Inc will provide the following:

- 1 AMG will undertake to promote, publicise and market the Games on a National basis.
- 2 AMG will provide .60. officials with identification.
- 3 AMG will provide all registered competitors and registered accompanying persons with official identification.
- 4 AMG will provide adequate directional signage for each venue.
- 5 AMG will undertake to provide by 31 January 1987, a detailed brochure of travel and accommodation, including costs.
- 6 AMG will provide registration forms for inclusion in newsletters or mailing lists.
- 7 AMG will provide full colour posters for promotions, to be distributed by ..AUSSI...Tasmania...Branch.....
- 8 AMG will provide a master list of registered competitors each month or more frequently if required.
- 9 AMG will provide each competitor with a Commemorative Medallion.
- 10 AMG will provide .290 Gold, .290 Silver and .290 Bronze medals with engraving for all agreed events. These medallions will be available for the closing function.
- 11 AMG will provide a staging fee of \$2,000 for each sport. This fee will be payable in quarterly instalments as follows: 1 December 1986, 29 February 1987, 31 May 1987, 31 August 1987.

* Amended
by Chris
Ginsden!

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- 12 AMG will provide a minimum fee of \$10 for Tasmanian competitors and \$15 for interstate registrations. This fee will be paid to the sporting body on a monthly basis commencing 31 August 1987, with the final payment by 18 December 1987.
- 13 AMG will provide a fee of \$10 per head to cover the costs associated with accompanying persons attending the Opening and Closing functions. This fee will only be paid to the sports in relation to those people registered as an accompanying person with a registered competitor.
- 14 AMG will refund each sport \$2.00 per luncheon voucher returned within 2 days of the completion of competition for competitors and officials.
- 15 AMG will provide *.60* luncheon vouchers for officials.

The sports organisation will provide the following in return for either services or fees paid to them by the Australian Masters Games.

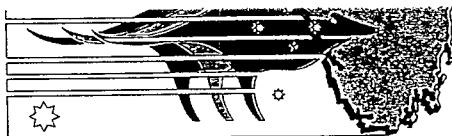
- 1 Provide the necessary administration required to stage an event of this stature to the satisfaction of the AMG management.
- 2 Provide and pay any costs associated with the rental, cleaning and presentation of the agreed venues.
- 3 Provide and pay for any purchase or hiring of equipment necessary for staging these events.
- 4 Provide each registered competitor and official with a luncheon on days of competition only. The minimum luncheon provided to be two rounds of sandwiches, one piece of fresh fruit and one drink (hot or cold).



- 5 Your organisation will forward in writing a list of National and State events and Veterans events. This information to include location, dates and contact person for these events and is required by 1 December 1986.
- 6 Your organisation will provide the AMG office with results within 2 hours of completion of each day's events.
- 7 Your organisation will provide a fully detailed summary of their events to the AMG office within 2 days of completion of these events.
- 8 Your organisation will host an opening function which will provide as a minimum, finger food and appropriate refreshments for all officials, competitors and registered accompanying persons.
- 9 Your organisation will host a closing function which will provide a buffet meal and appropriate refreshments for all officials, competitors and registered accompanying persons. This function will include the presentation of medallions.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1 A minimum number of registrations will be required for each sport. This number will be required prior to 31 August 1987. will require a minimum of to be able to compete in the Masters Games.
- 2 Each event will require a minimum number of entries in each category by 1 November 1987. A category may be cancelled after consultation between the AMG and sporting committee.
- 3 All registered Masters Games participants will be admitted free of charge to any venue, on presentation of their AMG identification.

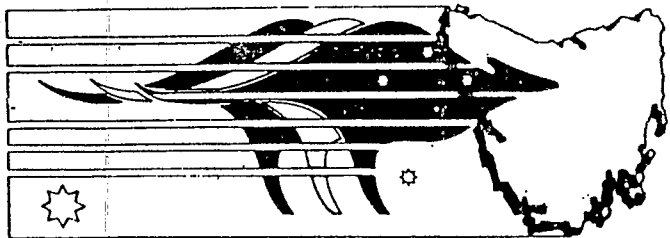


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- 4 In the event of entries exceeding the venue capacity, after consultation with sporting committees, the AMG will close registrations for those events.
- 5 Sporting committees may provide additional trophies, over and above the medals supplied by the AMG, for presentation at their own expense. These trophies shall not take the form of prize money or vouchers.
- 6 Sporting bodies will be responsible for any expenditure undertaken by them outside the AMG advertising and promotions campaign.
- 7 Sporting organisations will require written permission before using or reproducing the AMG logo. This permission can only be obtained from the General Manager of the Games.
- 8 No sponsorship agreements may be entered into by AUSS! - Tasmania Branch without the written approval of the Games Manager.
- 9 The AMG will not be responsible for any debts incurred by Sporting Committees or Associations in staging events at the Australian Masters Games.
- 10 In the case of any dispute, the final arbitrator will be the Australian Masters Games.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES INC

| | |
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| Chairman | President <u>HECTOR BEVERIDGE</u> |
| General Manager | Secretary <u>JR Page</u> |
| Date | Date <u>4th Nov. 1986</u> |



The 1st Australian Masters Games

SWIM MEET

Devonport Olympic Pool
28-30 November 1987

PO Box 133
Devonport
Tasmania 7310

31st July, 1987.

Dear

In reference to your letter concerning allocation of medals, I wish to confirm that competitors are limited to five (5) individual events and medals will be awarded on cumulative points in each age group.

I am disappointed to read of your desire not to compete under this arrangement and suggest you reconsider before making any cancellations.

The matter of medal allocation was debated at length before the pointscore system was adopted. The cost of medals was not the deciding factor and, in fact, the central organising committee based in Glenorchy (to whom you sent your entry and \$60.00 registration fee) were prepared to provide medals for the first three placegetters in each event for each age group. When they learnt there were one thousand six hundred and thirty two medals involved they were still prepared to do so.

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not 1632
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I can't help but think however when accepting our decision to run the pointscore system and reduce the number to one hundred and thirty-eight they were also pleased to accept the savings. Factors leading to our decision to run the pointscore system were:-

- (1) It is the established AUSSI method and as a Masters Swimming event it was considered prudent to follow AUSSI Masters Swimming Rules as closely as possible.
- (2) Cumulative points allows for seeded events as distinct from heats and finals in age groups. This in turn is less time consuming and therefore provides for a greater number of participants, an objective of the Games Organisers. We estimate we will be able to cater for 450 competitors using cumulative points versus 200 to 250 for heats and finals.
- (3) It was considered undesirable to encourage competitors to swim ten heats and finals over the two days allocated to the pool swim.

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- (4) The ratio of medals to competitors is more realistic by pointscore.
- (5) Reducing the number of competitors adversely affects relay nominations, a popular part of any swim programme.
- (6) International and National competitions quoted as examples for medal allocation are
 - (a) open events
 - (b) usually competed by representative teams
 - (c) have qualifying times refining entry to the elite.

Our swim meet is, of course, in five year age groups and open to all individuals over 25 regardless of their ability. It is the Games objective to bring together mature age athletes not to establish an elite.

Also, although the decision had been made before the Perth AUSSI Nationals, swimmers I spoke to there who won a swag of medals at the Central Australian Masters Games placed very little value on them, primarily because of the surfeit of medals available.

Swimming is only one of the thirty-five sports involved in these Games. The swim meet is not an AUSSI event, being open to all. The swim meet committee was however, established by AUSSI Tasmania Branch. As AUSSI is the recognised Masters Swimming organisation in Australia, it is only natural AUSSI should conduct the meet.

Having been at the past three National Council meetings I am aware of the push from some sectors to introduce individual medals in all events for all age groups. At the last council meeting it was decided to use existing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates to recognise the efforts of individual placegetters at the National Swim and Branches were asked to report on suitable means of recognising placegetters in the future.

At the Masters Games Swim Meet we will be providing a certificate to competitors detailing their age group; individual events and times swum; position in each event i.e. 1st, 2nd 3rd etc.; points scored in each event; total points scored and position in age group.

The certificates will serve as a permanent record to competitors of their participation, performance and placing in each event at the Games. They will be presented to all competitors, not just the first three as recognised by the medal system.

We live in a democratic society and I recommend if you wish to influence AUSSI's method of recognising competitors you have your club promote your view at South Australian Branch meetings.

Regarding the time allocated the swim meet it has always been two days for the pool swim and one day for the open water ("marathon") events. This was not detailed in the official entry form, primarily because of space availability, but was quite clear in the information sheet that was distributed to all AUSSI clubs in early April. The same sheet also detailed all other matters raised by you.

Should you, on reflection, still wish to withdraw from these historic games, I can relay a message from Mr. Don Barwick of the Games Office in Glenorchy that a request for a refund to that office would be successful.

I would urge you, however, to enter and compete in the Games which promise to be a true Festival of Masters Sport.

Yours faithfully,

Hector Beveridge.

Meet Director.

Mr. R. Edwards,
Venue Co-Ordinator,
First Australian Masters Games,
Quinn Motel,
P.O. Box 133,
DEVONPORT TAS

Dear Sir,

We apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of the 15/12/87, but things are very busy just at the moment. Firstly, I will list the accidents that were treated at the meet.

- 28/11/87 - On a Ina Pool
- John Roberts South Aust. Grazed finger.
- Nancy East Hobart. Headache
- Jane Steppard Devonport. Blisters.
- Mr. M. Ellis Bridgewater. Diarrhoea.
- Picky Lefrancke Brisbane. Headache.
- Pauline Winata Marlston. Bullant Bite.
- Corrie De Groot Victoria. Cut Toe.
- Rodney Bird Devonport. 3 cut fingers.
- 29/11/87 - Swimming Pool
- Allan Hartle Victoria. Cut Finger.
- Graham McNea Victoria. Headache.
- Margaret Smith Blackburn. Cut Knee.
- 30/11/87 - Melrose Quarry.
- Kim Robinson Lillico. Hangover.
- Marion Skarratt Lauderdale. Sunburn.
- Shirley McFarland Victoria. Sunburn.
- Cliff Eddy Victoria. Hypothermia
- Erma Graham Lindisfarne. Grazed Elbow.
- Margaret Askew Victoria. Hypothermia.
- Sue Cranstoun New Zealand. Hypothermia.
- Jacelyn Roffey Victoria. Hypothermia.
- Margaret Smith Victoria. Hypothermia.
- Dianne Rennie Queensland. Hypothermia.
- Mark Flanagan Devonport. Hypothermia.

Costs incurred during the Swim included drycleaning of blankets, uniforms etc. owing to soiling by swimmers protective oils to the extent of \$62; costs of medical equipment used totalled \$34.

Total number of hours contributed by St. John Ambulance members was 104 hours.

The only suggestion I can make is that at future meetings such as that held at the Lake, a first aid room be made available - working in a caravan was very difficult with the above types of cases.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours faithfully,

SWIMMING - PRELIMINARY REPORT.

This report is submitted as requested by the First Australian Masters Games Office. It is titled preliminary as it is intended to produce a complete report detailing matters of interest to both Masters Swimming and the A.M.G. Committee and its successors.

Swimming was pleased to be involved in the Games. Our organising committee, established under the jurisdiction of the Tasmanian Branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Inc., endeavoured at all times to fulfill its commitment to the overall concept and requirements of the Games.

The swimming was conducted according to schedule free of interruption on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November at the Devonport Olympic Pool and Monday 30th at Lake Eugenana. Both venues won praise from competitors for their presentation, water quality and suitability for the competitions.

Two hundred and fifty three swimmers nominated, sufficient to ensure a successful meet. The open water 5km and 10km events were innovations for a National Masters Swim and attracted 63 and 21 nominations respectively. Several of these reconsidered their positions and on the day there were 38 starters in the 5 km and 14 in the 10 km.

Five Australian records were broken during the pool swim and three others bettered. Many national record holders/champions participated.

A welcoming function, attended by approx. 180 was held at Devonport Technical College on Friday evening 27th November. The Mayor of Devonport, Ald. Geoff Squibb, welcomed competitors and visitors.

The swim-meet was officially opened by Mr. Doug Plaister, A.O., M.B.E. on Saturday morning. Medals were presented at a Presentation Dinner, also at the Technical College, on the Monday night and attended by 250 competitors, friends and guests.

The organisation and officiating of the swimming at both the pool and Lake Eugenana and also the social functions won praise from most competitors and observers, including the National Executive of AUSSI Masters Swimming. All officials were given three cheers by

competitors at the completion of the pool swim and the organising committee a standing ovation at the completion of the Presentation Function.

All the forgoing would suggest the organisation of the competitions was trouble free. This is not the case and it is a credit to my committee that they achieved the success outlined.

Despite an excellent relationship with and assistance received from the Masters Games office at Glenorchy restrictions placed by that office and problems emanating from their necessity to cater for 35 sports simultaneously greatly inconvenienced organisation of the swimming.

Major problem areas were -

- (a) Amount of money supplied from entries for conduct of events and ceremonies.
- (b) Restrictions placed on sponsorship, especially the veto on a meet sponsor.
- (c) Format of entry form compared with our requirements.
- (d) Format and promptness of notification of entries received.
- (e) Late closure of entry acceptances. A combination of (d) and (e) resulted in the programme being printed only the day before opening of the Registration Centre.
- (f) Despite a "our involvement stops at the venue gate" philosophy continual pressure to change our medal allocation system.
- (g) Confusion created for many registrants by Tasbureau interstate.

These and other matters will be reported fully in the final report mentioned earlier which will also include a complete list of results and medal winners, a financial statement and recommendations for the convenors of the Second Australian Masters Games.

A preliminary financial report is attached.

In conclusion, I extend my congratulations to the Games Board and Organising Committee for their achievement in overseeing and so very successfully staging the First Australian Masters Games.

Hector Beveridge.

Meet Director - Swimming.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES - SWIM MEET

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AS AT 21ST DECEMBER, 1987

RECEIPTS

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| A.M.G. Grant | \$2,000.00 |
| Amounts Received re Participants | 3,435.00 * |
| Bank Interest | 30.53 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,465.53 |

LESS EXPENDITURE

| | | |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| Postage | \$187.86 | |
| Stationery | 88.92 | |
| Insurance | 408.34 | |
| Welcoming Function | 1,040.35 | |
| Presentation Dinner | 3,540.00 | |
| Hire of Pool | 1,000.00 | |
| Swim Caps, Marathon Swim | 120.00 | |
| Hire of Crane, Lane Ropes | 120.00 | |
| Liquor Licence - Social Functions | 40.00 | |
| Happy Hour Entertainment | 60.00 | |
| Pool Setup Expenses | 55.98 | |
| Officials Teas & Coffees | 59.90 | |
| Donation St John Ambulance | 200.00 | |
| Donation Caravan Park re Marathon Swim | 100.00 | |
| Courtesy Buses | 200.00 | |
| Bank Charges | 9.88 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7,231.23 |
| <u>DEFICIT</u> | | <u>\$1,765.70</u> |

* AN AMOUNT OF \$355.00 IS STILL OWING FROM A.M.G. BEING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMOUNT RECEIVED AND ACTUAL NUMBER OF COMPETITORS WHICH WERE OFFICIALLY ENTERED.

B K HALL
Treasurer 21/12/87