

# Glenys McDonald

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- *Life Member MSA 1989*
- *Australian Sports Medal 2000*
- *Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 2001*

Originally from Victoria, and with a career in nursing, Glenys moved to WA in 1968 after marrying Vic.

Glenys came to swimming as an adult in 1977, as founding member and Club Secretary of the first WA club, Carine A.U.S.S.I and when the WA Branch was formed Glenys became its first Secretary holding this position for seven years until 1984 when funding allowed for the employment of a WA Administrator, a position she held until the end of 1987.

From 1980 Glenys served as delegate for WA to the A.U.S.S.I Conferences until 1985 when she was elected National Secretary. Prior to 1985 Glenys held many other state positions (usually concurrently) including Recorder, Registrar, publicity officer and swim meet organiser. She and Kay Cox were responsible for the successful 1981 National Swim at Beatty Park, the first to be computerised. Glenys' voice was frequently heard on the National stage and she was well known for her thick folder and detailed preparation.

When the Aerobics Trophy was introduced Nationally in 1983, Glenys was the National Aerobic Director responsible for compiling the results. She chaired the sub-committee that was tasked with reviewing the administrative structure of AUSSI.

As a follow on to this committee's recommendations, Glenys chaired a sub-committee investigation insurance, incorporation, and a new Constitution. She also produced a Club Guide and a Swim Meet Guide for members.



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Glenys became National Secretary in 1985 and held the position until 1989. She was elected National President in 1993 to 1998. During this time Glenys was Australia's delegate to Masters Swimming International and FINA Masters Congress from Japan in 1986, Brisbane 1988, Indianapolis 1990, Perth 1991, Canada 1994, Manchester 1996 and Casablanca in 1998. She also represent AUSSI at meetings attached to Pan Pacific events.

When Margaret Samson resigned as Editor of Masters Swimming International News, Glenys took over, revamped the format, and produced 18 quarterly issues between January 1990 and March 1994. She retired in 1998 after 21 years dedicated to Masters Swimming at club, State, National and International level. In 2001 Glenys was awarded an AM in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her work with Masters Swimming and community development.

Since then her interests were with maritime history, and she published an award winning book, was Secretary & project manager for the beautiful Geraldton Sydney Memorial, became a Director of the Finding Sydney Foundation and was on board the search vessel when HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran were found and filmed in March 2008. She has written a second book about the successful search and her late husband's battle with early onset dementia.

