

AUSSI Masters Swimming
in Australia (TAS) Inc

Annual Report

1991

BRANCH COMMITTEE 1999

President	Peter Neilson
Secretary	Katherine Daft / Anne Horner
Treasurer	John Pugh
Safety Co-ordinator	Bill Stewart
Coaching and Education	Megan Stronach
Recorder	Pauline Samson
Registrar	Judy Hyndes
Publicity	Lyn Jetson
National Delegate	Pauline Samson

15th Long Course Summer Championships

Winning Club: *Launceston Lemmings*
Swimmers of the Meet: Jan Archer TSB Doug Job THB

15th Short Course Winter Championships

Winning Club: Launceston AUSSI Masters
Swimmers of the Meet: Rachel Fitzmaurice TOC John Pugh TLC



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1999

This year our Branch underwent administration changes as our constitution only allows the President and Secretary to serve a maximum of four consecutive years. I am pleased to report that the transition has been successful and our Branch has continued to meet the goals of Masters Swimming.

At the end of last year we had nine clubs affiliated, however one went into recession due mainly to lack of a training facility for the winter months. It is expected that another Club will form as a new pool complex has opened in Hobart.

Administration of Clubs will always be difficult with relatively small numbers within the Branch, however there are a number of enthusiastic members who remain the core of both the Clubs and the Branch. I offer my thanks to those members who work hard for the success of their Club.

I believe we need to look more closely at member retention rates and how we can compete in the wider sports choice market. As an added value to club membership currently two Clubs are able to offer their members a corporate rate for membership to both a pool and gym complex.

Our coaching activities have been fairly quiet, although two coaches have gained level 2M accreditation. While there were no formal coaching courses conducted, clinics were held for the swimmers in both Launceston and Hobart with the use of local lecturers and coaches. Our Coaching and Education Officer also attended the Coach's Workshop in Adelaide.

During the year there were three championship meets conducted - the long course summer at Devonport and both the short course long distance and winter short course held in Launceston. There have also been several inter-club long distance meets at the Aquatic Centre between the southern clubs.

The organisation of these meets by the host clubs has been efficient and effective, and have included social activities to encourage new members to compete.

Our Branch Recorder has reported that 80 records were either broken or established with one of our younger members breaking four national records. Nine swimmers also achieved rankings in the World Top Ten in 1998 in their respective age groups.

A number of Tassie swimmers competed at both the National Swim in Darwin and at the Australian Masters Games in Adelaide in a variety of sports. Swimmers had an enjoyable time, performed well and brought home a variety of medals.

The Branch held five management meetings as well as its Annual General Meeting during the year. The Committee members work well together and are united in commitment to providing an excellent service to the members. The Branch continues to monitor its strategic planning process which ensures that our goals are realized and that our budgeting process is clearly defined and secure.

As sponsorship is always difficult to find for swim meets we were fortunate to secure an going sponsorship from the Best Western hotel/motel chain. This is in the form of discounted accommodation throughout Tasmania and the mainland states for all members and families and also provides a major raffle accommodation prize for each of the major championship meets.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their loyalty and support and to all the members whose contributions make the Tasmanian Branch so successful.

Peter Neilson
President

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tasmania) Incorporated
Budgeted Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 31 December 1999

Operating Income	\$	Actual	
Member registrations 350 @ \$7.00	2 450	2 164	-
Club affiliation fees 8 @ \$100	800	800	
Staging fees for championship meets	1 500	1 500	
Interest on investments	350	497	+
Sale of merchandise	50	-	
Total Income from Operations	5 150	4 961	-
Operating Expenditure			
Advertising AGM	100	115	-
Affiliation fees	450	75	+
Audit fee	300	275	+
Bank fees and charges	60	32	+
Coaching accreditation	-	40	-
Filing fees	90	-	+
Insurance	360	335	+
Internet service and web site	500	46	+
Interstate	300	200	+
Local	360	360	
Medals & trophies	-	38	-
Meeting costs	220	260	-
Miscellaneous	80	42	+
National registration fees	-	180	-
PO Box rental	70	72	-
Postage, printing & stationery	* 1 000	1 968	-
Registration of business name	* 100	100	
Servicing & repairs to equipment	200	-	+
Storage	360	306	
Telephone	50	53	-
Travelling			
Total Operating Expenditure	4 600	4 497	+
Cash Surplus from Operations	550	464	-
Depreciation of equipment	1 800	796	-
Operating deficit	(1 250)	(332)	+
Expenditure on Strategic Priorities			
Coaching and education	1 000	820	+
Training officials	200	-	+
Equipment	* 500	160	+
Total Expenditure on Strategic Priorities	(1 700)	980	+
Expenditure to be met from Existing Cash Resources	(2 950)	(1 312)	+

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Incorporated *For the year ended 31st December 1999*

Compared with the flurry of financial activity that occurred in 1998 with the National Championships in Hobart, 1999 was a quiet year. Apart from normal administrative expenses only the coaching and education portfolio incurred expenditure in line with budget spending priorities.

Statement of Income and Expenditure

This statement shows how well the management committee performed in providing services to clubs and their club members. Overall Total Income of \$4,961 exceeded total administration costs of \$4247 by \$714, but this amount was absorbed in providing coaching services, a web Site and meeting the costs of the National Board Member in attending National Board meetings. The final outcome was a small deficit for the year of \$352.

To make direct comparisons with the 1998 amounts it is necessary to ignore items in that year relating to the National Championships. This means excluding from income the insurance claim, sale of merchandise, sponsorship and \$6,963 of the swim meets surplus. Similarly Merchandise costs must be excluded from the expenditure. On this basis the 1998 result shows an operating deficit of \$163 and an overall deficit of \$1,914. The 1999 results were 'better' in both respects.

The Balance Sheet

This statement gives a snapshot of the organisation's financial resources on the last day of the financial year. There are three major assets comprising cash, a stock of stationery and items of office equipment. The cash position is very healthy, the stationery results from a mistake in over-ordering Branch letterheads and the equipment consists of computers and printers that will need replacing in the next two years.

If the organisation is to continue providing coaching services and maintain the efficiency of its computing facilities the cash will need to be expended gradually over the next five or six years until the National Championships return to Tasmania. Of course we may 'get lucky' and gain a significant cash sponsorship.

Audit

For the first time in some years the reports could be audited before the Annual General Meeting and the report of the independent auditor is attached. Garrotts are helpful and efficient and I recommend that they be re-appointed as auditors for the forthcoming year.

Budget for 2000

Normally the Treasurer should provide a budget for the year to come but I am relinquishing the position and the period of the previous strategic plan ended last year, so there was no basis for determining budget priorities.

Recommendations

I offer the following recommendations for consideration by the incoming committee:

1. That a review of the strategic plan and budget priorities be done as soon as possible.
2. That a new computer should be acquired for the secretary and to hold the Branch web-site.
3. That all material purchases of stationery and equipment are made through the Treasurer and/or Secretary on the basis of a written purchase order.
4. That all expenditures are considered against the authority implied by the year's budget.

John Pugh

Treasurer

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA (TAS) INC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 1999

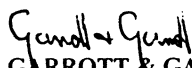
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COMMITTEE LIST

Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc

For the year ended 31st December 1999

President:	Peter Neilson	9 Quail Court Legana 7277
Secretary:	Katherine Daft (Resigned August 1999)	PO Box 659 Rosny Park 7018
	Anne Horner (Appointed November 1999)	486 Nelson Road Mount Nelson 7007
Treasurer:	John Pugh	10 Pendennis Street Riverside 7250
Recorder:	Pauline Samson	PO Box 242 Rosny Park 7018
Coaching and Education Officer:	Megan Stronach	PO Box 17 New Norfolk 7140
Health and Safety Officer:	Bill Stewart	16 Belhaven Avenue Taroona 7053
Registrar:	Judy Hyndes	PO Box 163 Claremont 7011
Publicity Officer:	Lynn Jetson	10 Bonnard Court Newnham 7248
National Board Delegate:	Pauline Samson	PO Box 242 Rosny Park 7018


GARROTT & GARROTT
Chartered Accountants

Partner:



Date: 15 February 2000

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc		1999	1998
For the year ended 31st December 1999		\$	\$
		Notes	
Income			
Club affiliations		800	900
Insurance claim		-	930
Interest received		497	427
Membership fees		2,164	2,582
Sale of merchandise		-	5,556
Sponsorships		-	200
Swim meets		1,500	8,338
Total Income		4,961	18,933
Expenditure			
<i>Administration</i>			
Meeting expenses	Advertising AGM	115	104
	Refreshments and room hire	260	218
	Travelling	360	362
Affiliation fees		75	450
Audit		275	275
Bank charges		32	63
Coaching accreditation		40	-
Depreciation		796	1,841
Filing fees		-	45
Insurance		335	362
Medals and trophies		38	-
Merchandise		-	4,887
Miscellaneous		42	63
National capitation fees		180	-
Post Office Box rental		72	70
Postage		183	453
Printing and stationery		1,085	812
Storage		306	294
Telephone		53	45
<i>Total Administration Expenses</i>		4,247	10,344
<i>Courses</i>			
Coaching		820	1,451
<i>Total Courses Expenses</i>		820	1,451
<i>Other</i>			
National Board delegate's expenses		200	100
Web-Site expenses		46	200
<i>Total Other Expenses</i>		246	300
Total Expenditure		5,313	12,095
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(352)	6,838
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year		22,064	15,226
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		21,712	22,064

The above statement of income and expenditure should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BALANCE SHEET

Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc		1999	1998
<i>As at 31st December 1999</i>		<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>
	<i>Notes</i>		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank	2	19,035	19,995
Inventories		700	-
Withholding tax		54	-
Prepayments		450	-
Total Current Assets		20,239	19,995
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Equipment	3	1,633	2,269
Total Non-Current Assets		1,633	2,269
TOTAL ASSETS		21,872	22,264
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Unearned revenue		160	200
Total Current Liabilities		160	200
TOTAL LIABILITIES		160	200
NET ASSETS		21,712	22,064
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		21,712	22,064
TOTAL EQUITY		21,712	22,064

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc	1999	1998
31st December 1999	\$	\$

1 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964.

The committee have determined that the Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

(a) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value on a first in first out basis.

(b) Depreciation

Non-current assets are depreciated over a four year period using the straight line method.

2 Cash at Bank

Commonwealth Bank - cheque account	6,717	13,078
ANZ - deposit account	7,263	6,917
Commonwealth Bank - deposit account	5,055	-
	<u>19,035</u>	<u>19,995</u>

3 Non-Current Assets

Carrying amount at beginning of year	2,269	1,085
New equipment purchased	160	3,025
Depreciation	(796)	(1,841)
	<u>1,633</u>	<u>2,269</u>

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

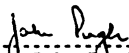
Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc

31st December 1999

In the opinion of the treasurer the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 4:

- (a) present fairly the financial position of the Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc at 31st December 1999 and the results of the Association for the year then ended: and
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 to prepare accounts.

Treasurer:

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John Pugh

Date:

14 February, 2000

GARROTT
Chartered Accountants
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc

Scope

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc for the year ended 31st December 1999 as set out on pages 1 to 5. The Association's Committee are responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committees' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

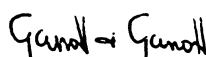
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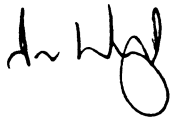
As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over membership fees and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed:

- (a) the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of Aussi Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc as at 31st December 1999 and the results of its operations for the year then ended;
- (b) we obtained the information we required for the audit and the Association kept proper accounting records and other books during the year ended 31st December 1999; and
- (c) the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.


GARROTT & GARROTT
Chartered Accountants

Partner: 

Date: 15 February 2000



AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING TASMANIA

TO: REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FROM: MEGAN STRONACH
SUBJECT: COACHING AND EDUCATION
DATE: 02/12/00

NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR BRANCH COACHING DIRECTORS.

The bi-annual National workshop for Branch Coaching Directors was conducted in Adelaide on the 30th, 31st July and 1st August. Coaching directors from Branches, members of the National Coaching a Panel, the National Executive Director (Ivan Wingate) and the National President (Mary Sweeney) attended a very busy workshop. The review of our Coaching Course received considerable attention as did several other coaching issues.

One issue in particular was a Coaches' Code of Ethics. Our new Code of Ethics was presented and discussed. Each person doing a coaching course from now on will be required to sign on to the code. All coaches updating their accreditation will also sign on to the Code of Ethics. In recent times it has become necessary for sports to protect their integrity by developing a Code of Ethics, and ours is very similar to that proposed by the Australian Coaching Council (see over).

Level 0 – Orientation to Coaching Courses.

By running our own theory component in parallel to similar level courses being conducted by Tasmanian Swimming, we were able to present two Level 0 – Orientation to Coaching courses. This would not have been possible otherwise, due to the low numbers of participants. We took this course of action in a deliberate move to bolster the numbers of coaches working with our swimmers. It was pleasing to note the good numbers in the north with eight or so participants, particularly with Ketrina Clarke who went on to complete the requirements of the Level 1 course. The southern participants thoroughly enjoyed the input from Coach Len Yeats (OSR Consultant) and the marathon performance of Peter Churchill (Level 2 Coach and Masters swimmer) on pool deck.

Current Status.

We finish the year with coaching numbers that continue to decline. All clubs have a qualified coach in attendance, but sadly, only three clubs boast Coaches with Masters qualifications. We have two Coaches accredited at Level 2M, and 5 Level 1M. I am assured that that two Coaches continue to work towards the completion of their Level 2M requirements, and that at least one Level 1M coach has just renewed his CPR and will re-accredit soon.

I am continually concerned at people coaching without being accredited and urge these people and their clubs to be very sure that you are covered by some sort of insurance policy.

Coaches' Code of Ethics

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
 - * Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
2. Ensure the swimmer's time spent with you is a positive experience.
 - * All swimmers are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
3. Treat each swimmer as an individual.
 - * Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual swimmer.
 - * Help each swimmer reach their full potential.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest with swimmers.
5. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
 - * Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards.
 - * Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
 - * Encourage your swimmers to demonstrate the same qualities
6. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your swimmers.
 - * Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation.
 - * Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.
 - * Provide a training program which is planned and sequential.
 - * Maintain appropriate records.
7. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport.
 - * The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact your sport for a copy of its rule book, constitution, by-laws, relevant policies, eg. Anti-doping Policy, selection procedures etc.
 - * Coaches should educate their swimmers on drugs in sport issues in consultation with the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA).
8. Any physical contact with swimmers should be:
 - * appropriate to the situation.
 - * necessary for the swimmer's skill development.
9. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your swimmers.
 - * This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
 - * Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your swimmers from other sources whilst they are in your care.
10. Refrain from any form of harassment towards your swimmers.
 - * This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability
 - * You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an swimmer, but should also discourage any attempt by an swimmer to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal.
11. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
 - * Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
 - * Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age and ability of the swimmers.
12. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured swimmers.
 - * Provide a modified training program where appropriate.
 - * Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
 - * Encourage swimmers to seek medical advice when required.
 - * Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured swimmers.
13. Be a positive role model for your sport and swimmers.

Coaches should.....

- ® Be treated with respect and openness.
- ® Have access to self-improvement opportunities.
- ® Be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence.

Recorders Report for 1999

While the position of Branch Recorder may seem onerous to many, the task has always been relatively easy as the programs used to keep records and top 10 up to date alleviate the need for paperwork.

The Branch provides a laptop and has purchased the swim meet software for use at swim meets. The other programs used, Top UL (which allows for Top 10 to be extracted), branch records have been provided by the national recorder for use by branch recorders.

The aerobic software that has been used by Talays, Launceston and Hobart clubs and then transferred to the Branch program is still being trialled and there are still some minor hiccups to address before the software will be released nationally. It has of course reduced the amount of paperwork and rewriting and manual calculation of points.

The records are kept up to date on the branch website and results from swim meets are posted as soon as practicable.

Several members achieved Top 10 World ranking in 1998 and these are listed on the website and those members have been presented with a certificate and a badge where required.

National records for 1999:

This year two of our swimmers achieved National Records and enter the National Historical Records Book:

Glenise Gale (TSB) 40-44 100m Backstroke (long course)

Brent Walker (TAC) 25-29 1500m Freestyle, 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke and the 50m Butterfly (all short course). The 50m Butterfly record had stood since 1986.

Branch Records:

At every swim meet, records are either established and a great many broken in nearly every age group. Sometimes the same records will be broken more than once in the age group but in different heats. Each swimmer is listed in the historical records even though they may have held the records for just a few minutes.

The number of records broken or established for 1999 are:

Long course – women 6, men 18 and relays 2.

Short course – women 30, men 47, relays 5.

Aerobic Trophy Results - with 6 Clubs scoring points in a limited number of events:

Club Point Scores (with average points per club – number of points/ membership)

Launceston Lemmings:	2031	31.73
Talays AUSSI	1776	28.79
Hobart AUSSI	1670	23.68
Tattersall's AUSSI	150	6.00
Sandy Bay AUSSI	39	3.00
Oceana	15	.71

Top 3 Scoring Swimmers:*Women*

Ris Wilkinson (TTL)	352	(completed all swims)
Perri Brereton (TTL)	251	
Jan Chew (THB)	198	

Men

Bill Stewart (THB)	275
Harald Gatenby (THB)	153
Gerry Waugh (TTL)	140

Pauline Samson

Branch Recorder

SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT TO BRANCH 1999

Accident Reports 1st January – 31st December 1999

For the seventh successive year the Tasmanian Branch has continued it's high safety record as no major accident(s) has been reported during any of our Club activities or Swim meets.

Club Safety Officers: All Clubs appointed Safety Officers, First-Aid/CPR courses have been organised and a number of members in each club have maintained their accreditation in First Aid/CPR.

Club officials and members are to be commended for attaining this high safety record.

On reflection it highlights the value of our National Safety Policy and Guidelines and the need to continue to maintain a vigilant attitude to safety.

Equally ensure that members are prompted when they register/re-register that they have addressed the medical considerations and safety procedures.

Also that all members consider the personal advantages of annually qualifying for a CPR course and ensure that should their medical status change during the year immediately advising their Safety Officer, so that the safety register details can be updated, and the "safety net" is optimum.

National Safety Policy: A pleasing development is the safety Policy and Guidelines have been produced in the same format as the Handbook. Colour coded pink and included in the back of the latest reprint and circulated to all Club secretaries.

Bill Stewart
Branch Safety Co-Ordinator

BRANCH REGISTRAR 1999

Membership closed at the end of December 1999 with 323 members, of which 72 were new registrations. The comparison for the previous 2 years , 338 members with 87 new registrations in 1998 and 343 members with 77 new registrations in 1997.

The breakdown of clubs and members are:

AUSSI Club	Males	Females	Total
Talays	35	40	75
Launceston	35	29	64
Hobart	26	32	58
Devonport	32	16	48
Tattersall's	15	10	25
Oceana	7	14	21
Burnie	11	8	19
Sandy Bay	6	7	13

The split up of age groupings are:

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
20-24	5	5	10
25-29	11	11	22
30-34	17	24	41
35-39	19	16	35
40-44	25	37	62
45-49	46	17	63
50-54	14	14	28

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
55-59	11	8	19
60-64	8	11	19
65-69	3	5	8
70-74	6	4	10
75-79	1	4	5
80-84	1	0	1
90-94	0	0	0

JUDY HYNDES
BRANCH REGISTRAR

PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT AUSSI TASMANIA 1999-00

At the beginning of the 1999 I offered to fill the vacant position of Publicity officer for Aussi Tasmania. At the time I believed that I would be able to take on this position but I found that due to the pressures of working night duty, lack of time and sadly lacking in information and technology skills and much poorer computer skills than many other people I know, I am afraid I was unable to fulfill this position as well as I myself expected and others within the organisation expected and therefore apologise. In hindsight I should have withdrawn from my position.

Although one or two people did supply me with some items for the newsletters I was very disappointed with the response from clubs in general to requests for information that I had made and feel that as a state newsletter every member and club should be submitting items of interest to this publication.

I therefore again apologise and also wish to inform Aussi Tasmania that I will not be seeking re-election to this or any other position in the Branch committee.

Yours in swimming,



Lyn Jetson

Delegate to National Board

In 1999 I attended two Board Meetings, the AGM held in May in Darwin in conjunction with the National Swim and the mid year meeting held at the conclusion of the Pan Pacs in Perth.

This year there were changes to the Management Committee with Mary Sweeney (Qld) elected as National President and John Pugh (Tas) elected to National Director of Finance. There were also some changes to portfolios with Tasmania accepting Communications, Victoria, Technical Development, Queensland, Planning and Risk Management, ACT, Marketing. The Safety and Computer committees are placed within the Planning and Risk Management portfolio.

In December, 1998 I took on the role of webmaster, to setup and then maintain the National website. The website was launched on January 25th (on the eve of Australia Day) and has grown from a tiny 2Mb to fluctuate between 10 and 18Mb. Recently the statistics have shown an average of 193 visits per day with a total of 65,217 visitors to the site from Jan 25th 1999 until Jan 31st 2000. This has been a most cost effective way of reaching Masters swimmers throughout AUSSI and overseas with us linked to the sites of USMS, Hong Kong, Spain to mention a few.

Probably the most significant changes to AUSSI operations was the increase in capitation fees and the aggregate age medals being removed for the 2001 National Swim. The rise in National fees was inevitable and although only a small amount has caused some concern in the wider AUSSI community. Some people will always maintain that they are only there to swim for fun and not compete and should not have to pay fees - what many don't realize is that swim meets are self funding and often make surpluses which help to provide programs etc for all members of the clubs and branches.

The new logo for AUSSI adopted by all Branches in their respective colours has given a degree of unity and this logo is featured on several pieces of merchandise - a must for swimmers traveling overseas.

At present the portfolio of Communications is involved in the maintenance of the website and the production of the National Newsletter every second month - not as onerous as the Technical Development portfolio.

Although at times, I enjoy representing the Branch, at some in the future, another delegate should be sought so that the Branch can be represented with a fresh approach.

Pauline Samson
Branch Delegate to National
National Director of Communications

BURNIE AUSSI MASTERS PRESIDENT/SECRETARY'S REPORT 1999

1999 was the third year of the Burnie branch of Aussi masters.

There are now 19 registered members of the club.

I would like to thank the executive for their support through the year. In particular I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Joan in her capacity as secretary, Johnathon as Treasurer and Gavin as Coach

The club held regular Sunday training sessions at the Burnie pool through Summer with members meeting informally at various other times through the week. In winter the club again combined with Devonport Aussi to provide training sessions at Ulverstone three nights per week.

The club (Joan) also organised a grant to provide coaching classes to adults at Healthglow pool. Lyn Fergusson ran two groups spanning ten weeks each. The aim was to improve swimming skills in adults to promote health, fitness and water confidence. Approximately fifteen swimmers attended the two courses. There are still funds available from earlier grants to be used to upgrade the coaching skills to members. Further equipment in the form of flippers were purchased.

The club also combined with Devonport to run the 1999 state summer championships at the Devonport Pool. The event was very successful with participants coming from all over the state. Burnie club entered its largest ever team with Gavin and Joan winning medals in their age groups.

1999 also saw the first end of year presentation night conducted by the club. Encouragement medals were presented to new swimmers and a special trophy was presented to Joan to recognise her efforts in staging the summer championships.

Most importantly the club has provided the opportunity for those that share a common interest in swimming to train together, improve their fitness, swimming ability and make new friendships.

Finally I would like to thank the management of the Burnie Aquatic Centre for the continued use of their facilities through the year.

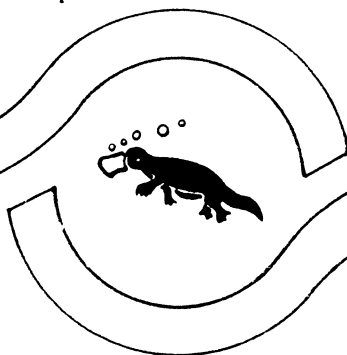
1999 has been a successful one for the club and we have been pleased to be associated with all those involved.

Trevor Ismay	Joan Coleman
President	Secretary

AUSSI

DEVONPORT

Masters Swimming for Fitness and Fun



President :

Secretary :

1999 CLUB REPORT

1999 was a steady year for the Devonport Devils. Our Winter spent at the Ulverstone pool was another financial success and will hold us in good stead throughout the coming Summer. Rex Hill coaches us during the Winter months and continues to cater for members' needs.

We are currently swimming at the Devonport Aquatic Centre and leave there at the end of March 2000. As usual we are offering members six weekly training sessions. We lose our "club" feel over the summer as members can train at times to suit themselves. While at Ulverstone we have a captive audience for our three weekly swims so more of a club atmosphere is generated.

Our 1999 membership peaked in the high 40s and we will be looking at building on this figure in 2000. Our newly elected committee has decided to raise our membership fee to \$45 (up from \$40, the last increase was in 1992) this is due solely to the increase in registration payable to the Branch - now \$32 per member.

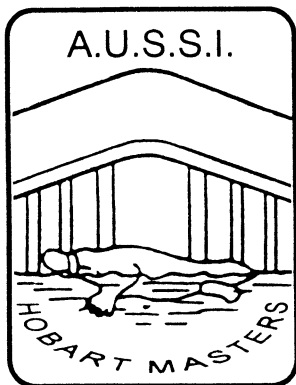
Socially we have had a relatively quiet year. A "Mafia Night" was held in June at Anna Mackay-Smith's home and a good time was had by all! The evening was not a fund raiser but billed as a "get to gether."

Our committee is at present designing ways to encourage participation in the Statewide meets. Our club over the last four years has had minimal representation at the Summer and Winter Championships. We will endeavour to encourage more swimmers to have a go at these events.

Ross Belbin - Club Secretary.



THE DEVONPORT DEVILS



HOBART AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

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1999 ANUAL REPORT FOR THE BRANCH .

March 16th 2000.

The dolphins had a rewarding year begining with the summer championships meet hosted by Devonport/ Burnie clubs. Our swimmers gained a total of 1380 points,a good effort by all concerned.

Since then, our members have competed in the following:

- Short course long distance swim hosted by Launceston.
 - 1500m s/c hosted by T A C.
 - One member competed in the National swim held in Darwin.
 - Winter championships hosted by Launceston.
 - 6 of our members traveled to Adalaide for the Masters Games.
 - 800m s/c swim held at the aquatic pool hosted by T A C.
 - A number of our members helped and competed in the Fin Swim Championships.
- Our training sessions remain the same, Saturday/ Sunday mornings and Monday/Thursday evenings,we have the best of both worlds with long and short course pool.

Six members updated and gained their C P R and First Aid qualifications.

Four members attended the Introduction to Coaching clinic held in October.

Congratulations went out to Wilma Attrill on achieving her million metres award.

Congratulations also went out to the mighty team of Les Young,Athol Eiszele,Doug Job,and Peter Bourjau, who won their age group swimming 800m medley in the National Postal swim.

On the social front.

Katherine Daft organised a boat trip to do a spot of fishing and brunch wich was well received.

We had a produce stall at the pool side one Saturday morning by kind permission of Garry Kearny,Members bought and sold items of interest.

Mambers and friends had a good day bushwalking at Lime Bay Nature Reserve followed with a BBQ at Peter and Shirley Storey's property.

The Christmas BBQ went well, 35 of us joined in the fun at the home of Kerry and Peter Tucker.

Mavis Fisher. Hobart Delegate.

Fitness, Friendship and Fun through Swimming

AUSSI LAUNCESTON Branch Report 1999

1999 has proven to be a year of success for the Club, which is attributed to all our members who support the club through training, competition and social activities.

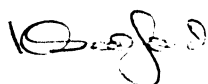
We finished the year with 64 members of which 26 attended the summer championships, 36 the winter championships and 25 participating in the long distance swim with John being our only representative at the National Championships in Darwin. We have also had good attendance at our time trial and aerobic nights with over half of our members participating in these special swim nights. Congratulations to Alwynne McMahon for taking our both club trophies for these swim nights. Congratulations also to Doug Fraser and Lyn Jarvis for being voted as our most improved male and female *Swimmer of the Year*. We also congratulate Katrina Clarke (35-39 short course 1500 free (9), long course 200 fly (6)) and John Pugh (60-64 short course 1500 free (3), long course 800 free (9)) for their listing in the *World Top Ten*, something most of us just dream about.

In our ongoing attempt to improve our swim style and speed we started off our year with a coaching clinic run by Judy Bonning from the Carlisle Swim School in Sydney with a record turn out from members. We enjoyed a BBQ on the Saturday evening, compliments of Gerry and Louise Bonner when a viewing of the mornings video sessions was held which proved uncomfortably revealing as our technique is not always what we think it to be. We then held a couple of Saturday morning sessions with Gino Fratangelo instructing on the use of weights to build up strength and flexibility. Towards the end of the year 9 of our members attended part of a TSI Level 1 coaching clinic.

With the appointment of Kim Whittle, as our Social Coordinator, we have had a full social programme over the year with a house racing night, mystery bus trip, pasta night, Uni Revue night, mini triatherlon ? along with our usual Saturday morning breakfast and Wednesday or Thursday night pub night. We have a core of members who always come along and have a great time and hopefully we can encourage more to come and join in the fun.

All members of Launceston AUSSI thank two of our special members for their untiring efforts over the years as they now retire from committee positions. *John Pugh* and *Alwynne McMahon* have supported the club in various official positions, Alwynne who is a founding member of Launceston AUSSI and our recorder for many years and John who has been a member for 13 years and coach for 12 years, and their support has been greatly appreciated by all club members. Our thanks to you both for the supreme efforts and dedication you have both shown to our club and AUSSI swimming in general.

Launceston AUSSI look forward to a new year with new challenges new friends and as always improved swimming. We wish all AUSSI clubs the best for the year 2000 and look forward to good comradeship and good competition.



Kerrie Bedford
Branch Delegate

OCEANA AUSSI MASTERS
Electra Place
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16 February, 2000

ANNUAL REPORT

It has been an exciting year for the Oceana team, our club has grown and we have had an excellent involvement in both the Summer & Winter Championships. Our club has become more organised, with us being incorporated last March.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to the growth in the club, our membership numbers have increased dramatically to 21, 7 Males & 14 Females. We are currently in the process of receiving membership renewals.

We have scheduled our Annual General Meeting for Thursday, 2nd March. As part of our Agenda we have put this date to have all membership renewals and entries for the Summer Championships in.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Over the last year we have had several fund raising activities such as, raffles and sports cards. Part of the monies raised paid for the entry fees for our swimmers that competed at the National Swim in Darwin last year.

We have had several club teas which are always fun.

We have also had several of our swimmers compete in local triathlons and also the Trans Derwent swim.

AIMS FOR 2000

Our aim for this year is to ensure the growth in our club continues.

You should see a strong support at the Summer Championships in March from Oceana.

Penny Davis
Secretary

SANDY BAY SWIMMING CLUB AUSSI MASTERS

ANNUAL REPORT 1999

MEMBERSHIP

As usual, our membership has remained stable, with most if not all members training at least 3 times per week with the Club.

COMPETITION

Summer Championships - Devonport - February

Unfortunately only two members were able to attend the Championships. However they had a very successful meet, with Jan Archer being named Female Swimmer of the Meet with 3 Butterfly records and a gold medal, and Chris Singline winning the bronze medal in her age group.

Sandy Bay Club Championships - Clarence - March

The Club Championships were a successful meet, with both the TSI members and AUSSI members swimming. The Annual Awards afternoon was held at Wrest Point in September.

Long Distance Short Course Championships - Mowbray - 1 May

Four members attended and three participated, taking away gold in their respective age group events.

1500m meet - TAC - 29 May

Four members attended the 1500m meet hosted by Tattersall's Masters.

Winter Short Course Championships - August

Five members attended, and, with the new event medal system, came away with a swag of medals, mainly gold, and a few records! As always, we enjoyed the social functions.

Australian Masters Games - Adelaide - October

Jan and Rod Archer both competed at the Games, with Jan winning two national silver medals.

800m meet - TAC - November

Three members successfully completed the impossible - the 800m Individual Medley, with two setting records.

GENERAL

We had a quieter year in 1999 following our rather hectic but successful Centennial year in 1998. However, members attended various Club functions through the year, as well as assisting with fundraising activities.

AUSSI members were volunteers for the FINA World Cup at the TAC in January, as liaison officers and technical officials, and also at the National Age Championships at the TAC in April.

Sandy Bay Aussi Masters (Seagulls)

Jan Archer (Delegate)

February 2000



TALAYS AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC.

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TALAYS AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC.

1999 Annual Report

Excellent participation and results were the reward of a busy 12 months for members of Talays.

At our last Branch AGM we welcomed a new President, Peter Neilsen, apparently he has been happy as our leader and has decided to "give it another go". We thank him for that.

Our Club committee remained constant, only a couple of minor changes, our President seems happy with us, so why change a good thing??

Members competed in :-

February the Summer Long Course Championships hosted by both Devonport and Burnie

May there was a Short Course, Long Distance hosted by Launceston

AND

A Short Course 1500 hosted by Tattersalls

August saw the Short Course Winter Championships, once again hosted by Launceston

Sept./Oct. The Australian Masters Games in Adelaide

Oct. also saw a Coaching Clinic organized by our Branch Coaching Officer – Megan Stronach.

January 2000 Short Course 400 hosted once again by Tattersalls

Plus members attended either one or both days of the FINA World Cup – absolutely wonderful!!!

February 2000 has also held our Awards Night, with a magnificent repast at Rydge's

AND

The Trans Derwent Swim on Regatta Day public holiday – some members will always do silly things, and brave the elements.

Aerobic swims are being well attended – after our excellent result last year – and are now held every Saturday morning at Collegiate AND every Tuesday evening at the Aquatic Centre. Members are really fired up!!!!!!!

Brunch, after swimming on the fourth Saturday in the month, remains a pleasant social gathering, with members turning up whether or not they have swum. Supper, after swimming on the third Tuesday in the month has once again commenced, even if it is only a glass of wine or a cup of coffee.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a stalwart member – Helen Munro, who with her family, has moved to Newcastle. A wonderful evening of entertainment and laughter was held at the home of our secretary – Ris Wilkinson and husband, Steve – to wish her well and appreciate her great talent on the piano. Needless to say the Champagne supper was most appropriate.

As this report will be read on the first day of our 2000 Summer Championships, Talays would like to wish all competitors the very best, and may all the results be golden ones!!!!!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PERRI BRERETON
CLUB DELEGATE.



The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 18th March 2000 at the Tattersall's Hobart Aquatic Centre commencing at 12.45 PM.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 13th February 1999 at the Formby Hotel Devonport have been circulated.

Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 13th February 1999 at the Formby Hotel Devonport be accepted as read and confirmed.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report comprising the reports of the Office Bearers has been circulated.

President:

Motion: That the President's Report be received

Treasurer:

Motion:

1. That the Treasurer's Report be received.
2. That the Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 1999 be approved.
3. That the Budget for 2000 be received.

Coaching and Education:

Motion: That the Report be received.

Recorder:

Motion: That the Report be received.

Safety Officer:

Motion: That the Report be received.

Registrar:

Motion: That the Report be received.

Publicity

Motion: That the Report be received.

National Delegate:

Motion: That the Report be received.

Clubs:

Motion: That the Reports be received.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Coaching and Education

Safety

Recorder

Motion: 1. That the persons who are nominated for the positions and who are unopposed be elected.
2. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes on a ballot be elected.

5. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Registrar

Publicity

National Delegate

Motion: That the persons nominated for the positions be appointed.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion: That the Auditor be appointed for 2000.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: That the Correspondence be received.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS