

AUSSI Masters Swimming

In Australia (Tas) Inc

Annual Report

1998



BRANCH COMMITTEE 1998

President	John Pugh
Secretary	Katherine Daft
Treasurer	Les Young
Safety Co-Ordinator	Bill Stewart
Coaching and Education	Megan Stronach
Recorder	Pauline Samson
Registrar	Judy Hyndes
Publicity	Rod Archer
Delegate to National	Pauline Samson

14th Long Course Summer Championships

Winning Club	Hobart AUSSI Masters	
Swimmers of the Meet	John Pugh TLC	Sue Mayne TTL

14th Short Course Winter Championships

Winning Club	Launceston AUSSI Masters	
Swimmers of the Meet	John Pugh TLC	Sue Mayne TTL

AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA (TAS) INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

In my report last year I concluded that our Association was meeting the purpose and goals of Masters Swimming in its widest sense. I am pleased to report that we have continued to do so again this past year, albeit to a relatively small body of adult swimmers. However, I also reported on some ongoing challenges which faced us. These were to increase our membership, ensure the progress of 8 coaches through their Level 2 accreditation, market masters swimming in the state and elsewhere through a Web site and host the National Championships in Hobart. I will comment on how we have addressed each of these challenges amongst other matters.

Membership

At the beginning of the year we had two new clubs developing in Hobart and a magnificent new facility in the Hobart Aquatic Centre and we expected that these would contribute to membership numbers, at least in the South of the state. This increase did not materialise and, at 338, total registrations actually decreased by 5 compared with the previous year.

An analysis of the registrations by geographical area and by clubs is interesting. It shows that the proportion of members from the North of the state increased slightly at the expense of the South. It also shows that, as in previous years, more than 75% of total registrations are still with the 4 old established clubs, two in the north and two in the South. So the expectation that a new world class pool and new clubs would bring forth new members did not materialise.

What the statistics do not show is another limiting factor which emerged during the year. This is the difficulty the newer and smaller clubs have in finding people to administer and manage their activities. Given that a club of any size needs a minimum of about six committee members to run it effectively, the 9 Tasmanian clubs require 54 unpaid volunteers to take on committee jobs. This is 16% of total state membership and 30% of the membership of the 5 small clubs. This is not simply a Tasmanian problem as the National President identified this factor as a 'threat' in the SWOT analysis to achieving national goals in her annual report at the National AGM in Hobart.

In case this analysis seems gloomy, we must always consider the possibility that we are catering very well for a niche market and should, perhaps, devote energy to doing this even better.

I could not have done this membership review without the regular and up-to-date records supplied by our Registrar, Judy Hyndes. Fortunately Judy decided to carry the job with her when she 'retired' to Orford.

Coaching

Coaching activity has been fairly quiet this year. The good news is that 2 coaches have nearly finished their Level 2 accreditation and that the other 6 are still progressing, slowly. The not so good news is that all the coaches involved, except one, are from the 4 established clubs

While there were no new coaching courses put on, our Convenor of Coaching and Education, Megan Stronach, has kept busy. She has worked to complete her own Level 2 accreditation, has kept a watchful eye on her colleagues progress and also attended the annual ASCTA conference in May. An outcome of the latter was the organisation of a set of coaching clinics by Judy Bonning from the Forbes Carlisle Swim School in Sydney. Judy's experience and excellent technical and inter-personal skills were greatly appreciated by all the participants in Hobart and in Launceston.

Inter-club Championship Meets

The usual three meets were held, one in Hobart and two in Launceston. The long distance summer championships were hosted by the Hobart Masters club at the end of January. The meet was the first to be held in the new aquatic centre and it was treated as a dress rehearsal for the National meet in March. The new pool proved its excellence as a venue and we were able to anticipate some of the problems that the National Championships would present.

The short course long distance meet and the winter short course championships were both held in Launceston in May and August respectively.

The organisation by the host clubs was efficient and effective, as we have come to expect, and the swimming and social activities were well supported. It was pleasing to see that the majority of the officials at these meets are now AUSSI members. Again, the success of these meets was enhanced by the untiring work of Pauline Samson who made sure that programs were produced and results always posted continuously. She reports that 215 new state records were broken and/or established and 24 national records achieved. Seven swimmers were also ranked in the FINA World Top Ten for 1997 in their respective age groups.

It seems that the competitive side of our AUSSI activities is well catered for and our challenge is to increase participation.

National Championships

Our preoccupation for the first ten weeks of the year was preparing for the National meet in the new aquatic centre in Hobart. We planned for 350 competitors and 435 actually entered. We coped easily with the extra numbers and local and visiting officials made sure that the meet proceeded smoothly. It was opened by the Governor Sir Guy Green and received good publicity in the local press.

The pool was adjudged 'fast' by competitors and some excellent times were achieved. The social events were very well attended. The financial outcome was also excellent. Our reports to the National body were made promptly and received favourable comments from its management committee.

A National meet takes a lot of prior planning and good organisation on and around the poolside. Pauline Samson coordinated the organising committee and took leave to do much of the work herself, while day-to-day control of the swimming was done by myself and Megan Stronach. I would like to recognise and also thank the host of other helpers who kept everything running so smoothly.

World Masters Championships in Casablanca.

Five swimmers, four from Launceston AUSSI and one from Hobart AUSSI, travelled to Morocco in June for the world meet. Although there were some organisational problems behind the scenes these were not apparent at the poolside and the events kept to time.

The open water swim in the Atlantic ocean was different, and generally a lonely experience. Small red marker buoys are not easily seen by elderly swimmers without their spectacles, through misted goggles and in a light swell! Fortunately, all the starters got back eventually.

The Tassie contingent performed well and returned with one gold, two silver and a swag of bronze medals.

Other matters

The branch has held five management meetings as well as its Annual General Meeting. All the portfolio holders have carried out their jobs with the efficiency and goodwill which has become a feature of the administration of Tasmanian masters swimming at this level.

Katherine Daft has kept clubs informed on matters affecting them and organised all the paperwork and records needed to keep the branch operating. Mavis Fisher has been a good deputy on occasions when Katherine was away. Bill Stewart retains his keen interest in safety matters and has made our Branch a model and leader in matters of safety policy. Les Young continued to manage the finances and produce timely records to show our progress against budget targets. Rod Archer published informative editions of the Platypus Press and also researched some useful information about the feasibility and costs of tele-conferencing

Clubs have reported regularly to the management committee showing that activities at club level are on course. This is important because clubs are the primary providers of services to AUSSI members. There is still a perceived 'problem' of distance which inhibits some club delegates from attending branch meetings but these are being addressed. It was pleasing to have delegates from Devonport and Burnie back at quarterly management committee meetings. Pauline Samson is working on our own

Web site, which will soon be completed. This will strengthen links with the wider community of adult swimmers in Tasmania and elsewhere.

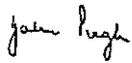
Our first meeting of club presidents was held in the latter half of the year. Only 3 of the 9 club presidents turned up but there was a useful discussion about common problems and issues and the different strategies that clubs are taking to address them. We should make this meeting a permanent feature of the meetings calendar.

New Constitution

The branch now has a new and more appropriate constitution. One of its stipulation's is that the president and secretary should not hold office for more than 4 years consecutively. This means that I have effectively voted myself out of office. However, on reflection, it is an appropriate time to step down.

Over the past five years we have twice been through a strategic planning process. We have clear goals, good administrative procedures, a sound budgeting process and clearly defined specialist portfolios held by experienced people. We are also in a very strong financial position. As well, we have shown that we can manage a national championships.

There are still ongoing challenges but we are in a good position to tackle them. I thank all of my fellow committee members for their support and trust that they will give my successor the same loyalty and help.



John Pugh
President

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc.

Treasurer's Report – 1998

It is my pleasure to report that the Branch has had a successful financial year. This has been due to our customary budgeting process and to our good fortune in hosting the National Championships in Hobart in March.

The main features of the financial reports are:

- An operating surplus of revenue over expenses of \$7 651, which includes the Branch share of the surplus from the National Championships of \$6 563
- An increase of \$6 071 in cash balances

Details making up the operating surplus are given in the Income Statement, and the Balance Sheet shows the cash position. How well actual transactions kept to budget estimates is shown in a separate statement.

Spending during the year reflected our priorities of keeping equipment up-to-date and providing coaching services.

The Branch is well situated to serve the State's masters swimmers for the next few years.

Les Young

Treasurer

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc.
Balance Sheet
at 31 December 1998

	Notes	1998 \$	1997 \$
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		13 078	1 075
Bank Term Deposits		6 917	12 849
Accounts Receivable		-	520
Total Current Assets		19 995	14 444
Non-Current Assets			
Equipment	1&2	3 082	1 085
Total Non-Current Assets		3 082	1 085
Total Assets		<u><u>23 077</u></u>	<u><u>15 529</u></u>
Current Liabilities			
Unearned Revenue		<u>200</u>	<u>302</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u><u>200</u></u>	<u><u>302</u></u>
Net Assets		<u><u>22 877</u></u>	<u><u>15 227</u></u>
Accumulated Funds	3	<u><u>22 877</u></u>	<u><u>15 227</u></u>

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc
Income Statement
for the year ended 31 December 1998

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Member Registrations	2 582	2 536
Surpluses from Swim Meets	8 338	2 013
Club Affiliations	900	700
Interest	427	755
Sale of Merchandise	5 556	-
Sponsorships	200	-
Proceeds from Insurance Claim	930	-
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Total Revenue	18 933	6 004
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Expenses		
<i>Administration</i>		
Depreciation of Equipment	1 028	1 618
Carrying amount of Equipment scrapped	-	300
Merchandise	4 887	-
Printing & Stationery	812	309
Meeting Expenses		
Advertising AGM	104	-
Refreshments & Room Hire	218	318
Travelling	362	404
Affiliation Fees	450	425
Audit Fees	275	260
Insurance	362	217
Postage	453	173
Servicing Equipment	-	205
Rent for Storage	294	-
Miscellaneous	63	67
Telephone	45	45
Medals & Trophies	-	30
Post Office Box Rental	70	70
Corporate Affairs	45	45
Banking Charges & Fees	63	37
	9 531	4 523
<i>Courses</i>		
Coaching	1 451	2 096
	1 451	2 096
<i>Other</i>		
National Board Delegate's Expenses	100	200
Cost of Establishing Web-Site	200	-
	300	200
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Total Expenses	11 282	6 819
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Surplus (Deficit) for Year	7 651	(815)
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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The Executive Committee has elected to treat the Tasmanian Branch of AUSSI as a non-reporting entity in presenting its financial reports. This means that the reports are specific purpose reports for Branch members and are not general purpose reports.
- b) The Executive Committee has resolved to prepare its reports on a historical basis using accrual accounting.
- c) Non-current assets are depreciated over a four year period using the straight line method.

2. Non-Current Assets

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Carrying Amount at beginning of year	1 085	2 853
Obsolete Items Scrapped	-	(300)
New Equipment Purchased	3 025	150
Depreciation	(1 028)	(1 618)
Carrying Amount at end of year	<u>3 082</u>	<u>1 085</u>

3. Accumulated Funds

Balance at beginning of year	15 227	16 042
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	7 650	(815)
Balance at end of year	<u>22 877</u>	<u>15 227</u>

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia (Tas) Inc
Income Statement - comparison of Actual to Budget
for the year ended 31 December 1998

	Actual	Budget	Variance
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			
Member Registrations	2 582	2 700	- 118
Surpluses/staging Fees from Swim Meets	1 775	1 600	+ 175
Club Affiliations	900	700	+ 200
Interest	427	650	- 223
Share of Surplus from National Championships	6 563	2 000	+4 563
Surplus from Sale of Merchandise	669	350	+ 319
Sponsorships	200	-	+ 200
Proceeds from Insurance Claim	930	-	+ 930
Total Revenue	14 046	8 000	+ 6 046
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>			
Inter-net service for secretary	200	600	- 400
Printing & Stationery & postage	1 335	600	+ 735
Meeting Expenses			
Refreshments & Room Hire	218	350	- 132
Travelling	362	400	- 38
Travelling National Board Member	100	250	- 150
Affiliation Fees	450	450	
Audit Fees	275	260	+ 15
Insurance	362	300	+ 62
Servicing Equipment	-	250	- 250
Rent for Storage	294	-	+ 294
Miscellaneous	167	145	+ 22
Telephone	45	100	- 55
Corporate Affairs	45	45	
Banking Charges & Fees	63	50	+ 13
Total Expenses	3 916	3 800	+ 116
Cash Surplus from Operations	10 130	4 200	+ 5 930
Non-cash expenses - depreciation	1 028	2 000	- 972
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	9 102	2 200	+ 6 902
Development Activities			
Coaching & Education	1 451	1 000	+ 451
Training of Officials	-	300	- 300
	1 451	1 300	+ 151
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	7 651	900	+ 6 751

BRANCH REGISTRAR 1998

Membership closed at the end of December 1998 with 338 members, of which 87 were new registrations. The comparison for the previous year was 343 members with 77 new registrations. Registrations are down again this year, however it was pleasing to have 2 new clubs registered in 1998, Tattersall's and Oceana.

The breakdown of clubs and members are:

AUSSI CLUB	Males	Females	Total
Talays	29	42	71
Launceston	38	30	68
Hobart	29	35	64
Devonport	29	24	53
Tattersall's	26	10	36
Burnie	9	11	20
Sandy Bay	7	8	15
New Norfolk	2	4	6
Oceana	2	3	5

The split up of age groupings are:

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
20-24	4	5	9
25-29	14	10	24
30-34	17	18	35
35-39	22	26	48
40-44	28	35	63
45-49	38	21	59
50-54	14	14	28

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
55-59	13	13	26
60-64	10	9	19
65-69	6	6	12
70-74	3	5	8
75-79	1	5	6
80-84	0	0	0
90-94	1	0	1

JUDY HYNDES
BRANCH REGISTRAR

National Delegate Report

Two meetings were held in 1998, the AGM being held after the National Swim in Hobart and the mid-year meeting being held in Adelaide in October. A number of Tas Branch members were able to attend the meeting in Hobart as observers.

For Tasmania, the major event on the national calendar was the National Swim, which was a great success for our visitors and a financial success for the Branch and National.

This year saw a number of swim rule changes in line with the FINA changes, which took place in January. It has been decided that there are to be no further rule changes except to consider rules as changed at the next FINA Congress. This will hopefully remove some of the more mundane sections of the agenda.

A reprint of the Constitution and Rules of AUSSI will be reprinted early in 1999.

The Board works hard over the four days of meetings and many of the Board members continue to work hard with their portfolios for the remainder of the year.

The National Swim Meet Policy document has been presented in its final form to each of the Branches. The Club Manual is yet to be completed.

The National Safety Policy has had some minor alterations and will be included in the back of the Rules of AUSSI.

1998 also saw the introduction of a Record Swim Certificate so those swimmers could submit a signed record card signed by the Referee who is particularly helpful where race cards are not used.

NSW also produced Aerobic Software to make the task of compilation less tedious, however there are problems with the program which will need to be addressed if Branches are expected to purchase this program.

Discussion at the mid-year Board Meeting re ownership of software packages resulted in the decision that National would pay for purchase and then ownership would then be National.

Quite often, members question value for money especially what does National do for them. Members need to be reminded that National provide the manuals for conducting events, provide training of officials and coaches and there is much intellectual property. There are many people within AUSSI who provide time and expertise as volunteers. Without this volunteer support, a lot of what goes on in AUSSI just would not happen. WE need to talk to our members about what AUSSI provides and offers on a regular basis.

After some initial hitches, the AUSSI National Website is nearing completion and due to be released to cyberspace at the end of January.

The website will be an information site with reference to the workings of National, access to records and results of Top 10, Aerobic Trophy, National Newsletter and rules of swimming as well as access to products. It is expected that this website will allow greater access to AUSSI by more of the membership and an opportunity for members to ask questions and give opinions. This website may also help in dispelling the myths about what AUSSI does for the membership.

Pauline Samson

National Delegate (Director of Technical Development)

Recorder's Report

1998 was another great year in swimming recording for Tasmania Branch. With four major competition swims and several interclubs, a total of 215 individual and 13 relay records were either broken or established.

Records

Women's Short Course, 50, Men's Short Course, 47, Women's Long Course, 70, Men's Long Course, 48, Long Course Relays, 7, Short Course Relays, 6.

As well as Branch Records, a total of 24 National Records were also broken.

Short Course:

Glenise Gale (40-44) TSB, 100Ba(21/7 & 6/09), 200Ba(7/09 & 7/09), 400Ba, 200Br, 400Br.

Sue Mayne (60-64) TTL, 100Br, 200Br, 400Br, 800Br.

John Pugh (60-64) TLC, 1500Fr

Mal Innes (55-59) TTL, 200Bu

Long Course

Glenise Gale (40-44) TSB, 100Ba, 200Ba(26/01 & 12/03) 400Me (1/02&12/03)

Sue Mayne (60-64) TTL, 100Br, 200Br

Susan Cure (45-49) TSB, 400Me

Brent Walker (25-29) THB 100Ba, 200Bu

In 1999, the Branch records will be available on the Branch website. This will also apply to the National records.

World Top Ten

The following people were also listed in the 1997 World Top 10 –

Ketrina Clarke (TLC), John Pugh (TLC), Mal Innes (TTL) Sue Mayne (TTL)

Tina Smit (THB) Brent Walker (THB) Glenise Gale (TSB) Susan Cure (TSB)

Use of Recording Equipment

In 1998, a second laptop computer was purchased to enable the running of the updated swim meet software. Our original laptop was damaged and a replacement was purchased and is being used by the Branch registrar.

With assistance from Mavis Fisher, the setting up and recording for both the Long Course and National Swim went very smoothly.

This year also saw the trialling of an aerobic software program developed by NSW AUSSI and although the features are adequate for club recording I found there were some tedious jobs to do as the program is missing a number of requirements. I have written to NSW with my concerns and hope that the program can be adjusted especially as there is a price tag attached to the use of the software.

National Top 10

All entries for individual and relay swims have been forwarded to the National Recorder - numbers being less than previous year. Copies of the Tasmania Branch best swims have been published and available from Club Secretaries.

National Aerobic Trophy

Eight of the nine clubs had at least one swimmer who completed swims, that is 97 of the 339 members participated, 28.61%.

Launceston AUSSI has again achieved the top points in Tasmania with 45/69 swimmers competing, a participation rate of 65.22%; total points being 2171, an average of 31.46 pts per member. A full set of results are available from Club Secretaries.

I would like to thank Club Recorders for their work in preparing submissions for both the aerobic trophy and the top 10.

Pauline Samson

**SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR
REPORT TO THE BRANCH 1998**

Accident Reports: 1st January- 31st December 1998

No accidents were reported by Clubs for the period.

It is pleasing that for the sixth successive year, no major accidents have occurred in the Tasmanian Branch. Hopefully this reflects that Club officials and members are observing the Safety Guidelines and procedures during Club activities and swim meets. Hence, a high level of safety awareness is being maintained.

Club Safety Officers: Six of the nine Clubs in the Branch appointed Safety Officers and First Aid and CPR courses were organised for club members.

Major Swim Meets: Medical Personnel

Summer Long Course Championships, Hobart: St John's Ambulance

National AUSSI Swim, Hobart: St John's Ambulance

Winter Short Course Championships, Launceston: Doctors and nurses, Launceston Club members.

We are very grateful for the generous time and expertise the volunteers of St John's Ambulance and the two doctors and nurses of the Launceston Club provided at our major swim meets, this year.

No incidents occurred during the Summer or Winter Championships.

Three incidents occurred at the National Championships.

Day 1: no incident

Day 2: 1) A female swimmer during an event severely strained her left shoulder muscles, treated by St John's First Aiders and medication given for pain.

Day 3: 2) Following an event, a male swimmer developed an Angina trauma, taking his medication, he was monitored by the medical personnel until he stabilised. He withdrew from a later event.

3) A female spectator slipped and fell while using the mid-aisle steps on the stadium, twisted her ankle, treated with first aid and sent for X-Rays for possible fracture.

Cause: Stainless steel plates are fitted on each step. These are slippery for persons with bare feet and also slippery for those wearing sneakers.

The Pool management was immediately notified of the dangerous nature of these plates. It was recommended that each plate be covered with safety tread.

First Aid Facilities at the Hobart Aquatic Centre:

A fully equipped First Aid room/area at the changeroom end of the main pool is manned by qualified Aquatic Centre staff. It is only available for these staff to treat person(s) injured or requiring First Aid, while using areas supervised by Aquatic Centre staff.

There is no separate First Aid room/area equipped for dealing with first aid cases during a major swim meet. A notable limitation during our Summer and National Championships.

The provision of a suitably equipped First Aid room/area during major swim meets needs to be negotiated and resolved with the aquatic centre management before any further AUSSI swim meets.

Medical Personnel: Time of arrival at swim meets:

An embarrassing situation occurred on the second day of the National Swim. swimming events began before the medical personnel arrived. They were late because en-route to the pool one of the two officers had to be taken to hospital.

Issues arising from this incident are:

*Prior to a Swim Meet, the First Aid/Medical Personnel concerned be briefed that they must be on the pool deck with all other meet officials, forty five(45) minutes before the first swimming event. This will also ensure they are in place for the warm-up sessions.

*In addition, at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the first swimming event a check be made by the Meet Director/Referee that all the Meet officials including the medical Personnel required are in place on the pool deck.

Equally the Safety Officer for the Meet needs to be fully aware of this provision so that as in this case if the medical personnel become delayed alternative provisions can be implemented before the start of the first swimming event.

Guidelines for First Aid/Medical Personnel, staffing AUSSI Swim Meets need to be developed which can be discussed with First Aid/Medical Personnel at a briefing session prior to an AUSSI Swim Meet.

National Safety Policy:**Open Water Swims:- water temperature**

Our recommendation for a lowering of the average minimum water temperature over an Open Water swim course for Masters swimming was submitted by the National Board for ratification on the agenda of the FINA Congress in Casablanca, June 1998. i.e: that the FINA RULE MOSI be altered, changing 18 C to 16 C and then only at the discretion of the Commission as described in OWS 5.5. Air temperature, wind and cloud cover are also taken into consideration.

We have been advised that our recommendation was not approved, although for elite swimmers the rule has been lowered from 16 C to 14 C !

Reprint of the National Safety Policy and Guidelines:

This is to be published in the latest edition of the Rules of AUSSI, currently being printed.

There will be a moratorium on rule changes for two years, bringing our Rules into line with FINA.

National Safety Committee:

Three Tasmanian Branch members comprise this committee, Convenor Bill Stewart, Pauline Samson and Dr Frank Meumann.

Bill Stewart

Safety Co-ordinator.

PUBLICITY OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 1998

An interesting year for the Tasmanian Masters with the National AUSSI Swim, which was promoted through The Mercury Newspaper with a feature article and publicity. Acknowledgment to the advertisers whose support made that possible.

Platypus Press was published quarterly and where possible kept to the single page format which ideally suits clubs for distributing purposes. The introduction of "Life in the Fast Lane" as a light hearted segment with social snippets was on a trial basis and sometimes had to be deleted because of space limitations.

To those kind people at Branch and from within the Clubs who were of assistance to me in this role, I thank you.

Regrettably due to changes in my professional and personal lifestyle I am unable to accept a renomination for this appointment in 1999.

My best wishes to the incoming committee and office bearers for a successful year.

Rod Archer

Coaching and Education Report for the year ended December 1998.

This has been a fairly quiet year in the Coaching portfolio. With little interest in formal coaching courses expressed by the clubs, we did not, for the first time for several years, conduct a course at any level.

At the time of writing this report, we currently have eight coaches accredited at Level 1M, but from only four different clubs (one club of which is now in recess). In the last twelve months we have lost one coach who did not re-accredit. We have also not recruited any new coaches wishing to undertake Masters coaching courses for three years. At least two of our qualified coaches are not currently active in coaching Masters groups. So that leaves four clubs without coaches holding formal qualifications to coach Masters swimmers.

However, all is not doom and gloom – we still have eight coaches working towards their Level 2M accreditation, two of whom should be finished during this summer season.

As well, we conducted Coaching Clinics in both the north and the south, and were fortunate enough to attract the services of Judy Bonning, a highly experienced and knowledgeable coach from Sydney, and formerly the U.S. Judy's sessions were well attended and valuable for swimmers and coaches alike.

I was able to attend the ASCTA conference in Melbourne in May this year, where I attended several sessions geared towards Masters swimmers. I also attended the open forum conducted by National Coaching Director Kay Cox and her panel. This conference and the presentation dinner gave me a chance to catch up with Kay and other state Coaching convenors – occasions such as these are always valuable for networking and exchanging ideas from our own parts of the country.

I have also been involved in rewriting the Level 2M course, as all of our courses are subject to scrutiny every four years by the Australian Coaching Council. I also attempted to provide material for both the AUSSI publications – although this more frequently became a case of delegating the task to another capable individual!

My other task again this year has been to attend AUSTSWIM meetings as AUSSI's representative, which I have enjoyed. These meetings give us the chance to promote our profile and activities to other members and member organizations – RLSS, SLSA, TSI, etc.

Sadly my own Club has gone into recess and I am not currently an AUSSI member. Also I seem to be flat out with Coaching activities with a squad of fifty plus (and growing!) juniors at New Norfolk. At this stage I am not sure whether or not I will be able to continue with this portfolio, although I would like to be able to get the Level 2M course requirements completed, both for the other candidates and myself.

Hopefully this time next year we will be able to report that we have at least four Level 2M coaches, as well as a new group of level 1M, and a qualified Masters coach in every Club

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Megan Stronach'.

MEGAN STRONACH



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TALAYS AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INC.

Annual Report for 1998.

Busy and rewarding are the two words that best describe our club over the past 12 months.

During that time our members have competed in :
Summer Long Course championships hosted by HBT
AUSSI National Championships hosted by Tas.
Winter Short Course Championships hosted by **TLC**
Short Course Long Distance Swim Meet., hosted, once again, by **TLC**
Two 400 short course swim meets., hosted by us
Water Polo match hosted by TAC
Long course relay meet hosted, again, by TAC.
Both the later meets., were, what we like to classify as, "fun" , even though a great deal of effort was put into them!!!
As ever, with all of the Championships,. TTL members produced their best performances, with PB's, Branch and National records being the order of the day.

Our Wednesday night training at Collegiate, was changed to Tuesday evening at the Aquatic Centre - members now have the best of both worlds, as we have maintained our Saturday morning training session at Collegiate.

Aerobic swims were brought back under the eagle eye of our Pauline; held every second Saturday at Collegiate. These were extremely well received, and all participants completed their set goals.

Socially, we continued with Supper after training, on the third Tuesday of the month, and since Ken Stronach changed his membership to us, (aren't we lucky!) these evenings have been held at Rydge's. Very salubrious, I can assure you!!! At this point, and on behalf of the Club, may I thank Ken, very much, for his generosity, and in particular for the special effort at our Christmas function.

Long and hard, were the celebrations at Blue Skies, for our 10th Birthday - my, don't the years just fly by?? Nearly all the original members were present to cut the Birthday Cake.

Telosa Park was the venue for a Family Day Picnic, during Winter. Fortunately, it didn't rain TOO much - and all who went actually enjoyed themselves.

Brunch, as usual, was held after the two 400 swim meets., that we hosted - Mure's and Barjo's were the venues

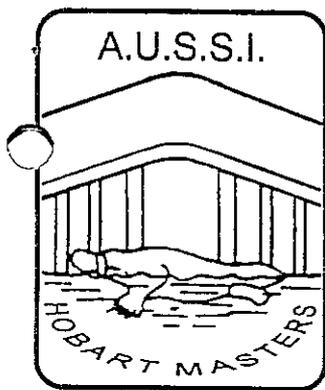
Drinks after the Water Polo match, and, a BBQ at the completion of the Relay meet., were enjoyed with TAC members and "others".

Not forgetting, of course, the Luncheons that follow our Branch Championships and the excellent Dinner after the National Swim - as you can see our members really know how to enjoy themselves. These are the fun and friendship moments of the AUSSI theme.

Towards the end of 1998 our A.G.M. saw a full committee voted in, with both new and long-standing members filling all positions. We look forward, eagerly, to 1999, during which we intend to make our Club stronger and more interesting - moving towards the next century.



PERRI BRERETON
CLUB DELEGATE.



HOBART AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

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ANNUAL REPORT to the Branch 1998

The year began with HOBART AUSSI hosting the 14th State Summer Long Course Championships at the new Tattersall's Aquatic Centre. 31 members competed and gained a total of 2181 points winning the State Shield.

February saw a new Committee elected at the AGM, some new faces made a welcome change to the old line up.

March brought the 23rd National AUSSI Swim to Tassie and the Dolphins were active with other Clubs in both the organisation and running of the Meet. 35 members competed and the Club was successful in winning the Founder's Trophy with a total of 1152 points.

26 members and friends spent an enjoyable dinner and film night to celebrate.

Neil Hickey had a fantastic win in the World Masters OWS 45-49 age group held in Casablanca.

22 members competed in the Winter Championships at the Mowbray Pool, all pleased with their effort.

Michael Bellis achieved his Million Metres Award, he began recording his swimming in 1991.

20 Dolphins had a good work out with guest Masters coach, Judy Bonning, from the USA now coaching in Sydney.

A small number of members competed in the Short Course Long Distance swims held throughout the year.

In spite of dull skies, the Christmas BBQ was a huge success, we all ate and drank too much and the drawing of the giant hamper raffle rounded off the day.

Hobart's two coaches are still working hard to achieve their Level II Masters Coach qualifications, due to be finished in 1999.

4 members gained their CPR qualifications, and one member the Bronze Medallion.

25 members participated in the National Aerobic Trophy competition.

Hobart entered a team of 10 members in the 1 KM Relay Swim held at the Aquatic Centre and hosted by Tattersall's Club.

As at October 1998, membership stood at 64, 29 male and 35 female, our oldest member being Ernie Webster who celebrated his 90th Birthday.

Mavis Fisher
Hobart Delegate

OCEANA AUSSI MASTERS
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12 January, 1999

ANNUAL REPORT

It has been an exciting year for the Oceana team, with four members competing in the National Swim in March and fairing quite well.

1 - Gold	120+ Relay
2 - Silver	Individual Events
4 - Bronze	Individual Events

MEMBERSHIP

We still only have five members, but over the last year, interest has increased especially at training sessions which we have increased.

We have scheduled our Annual General Meeting for Wednesday 20th January, where we will aim to increase our membership. Membership Applications for renewals and new applicants will be to hand shortly after our AGM.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Over the last year we have had several competition races with our Junior Swimming Squad, which is enjoyed by everyone, and the juniors think they're pretty good beating the oldies. These were followed by barbeques and drinks.

We had a Quiz Night, which was very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended, and assisted our team that competed in the Nationals last March.

AIMS FOR 1999

We hope to be able to send a team to the Nationals in Darwin in May and will need to get cracking on the fund raising.

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

Penny Davis
Secretary

SANDY BAY AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

Annual Report 1998

SandyBay Swimming Club celebrated their 100th year in 1998. Most of the year was taken up with arrangements and celebrations for the Centenary, which was a huge success, resulting in many members past and present renewing old friendships and making promises to return to the fold as AUSSI Masters swimmers! As yet nothing has come of this.

In addition to the Centenary, SandyBay enjoyed an eventful 1998.

The Seagulls commenced the year training enthusiastically for the Summer Championships on January 31st and Feb 1st, in which all members swam well and most won medals.

March brought success to several members at the AUSSI National Swim, gold, silver and bronze medals for overall points and five members won individual medals.

Seagulls participated in the postal "Rivers of the World" swims completed so far are: Bass Strait, length of the Nile and Murray Rivers.

Two members completed their One Million Metres Swims and one other is on her way to her second million.

Other events in which SandyBay competed in were the Long Distance Short Course in May and the Winter Championships in August. Both were enjoyed socially as well as competitively.

Unfortunately due to the commitment of SandyBay Learn to Swim program in October to December each year, the Club missed the Long Distance Long Course and the 1KM Relay meets. However it has become a tradition for all SandyBay members to assist at the Learn to Swim and it is a most rewarding task.

For the oldest swimming club in Australia 1998 has been an interesting year full of fitness, fun and friendship, old and new and SandyBay Swimming Club look forward to 1999 and the next 100 years of swimming.

SandyBay Seagulls delegate
Jan Archer.

BURNIE AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

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Membership

The annual membership of the Burnie club increased this year to 20 registered swimmers.

Grants

The club applied for and received two community grants this year.

The first was from the Burnie City Council and enabled one club member to attend the Aus-swim 'Learn to Swim' coaching course, plus provided a small amount of money for equipment.

The second grant was from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Money was requested for 2 club members to attend coaching courses, two club members to upgrade their First Aid qualifications, members to undertake a CPR course, plus money to purchase equipment (stop watch, pull buoys, kickboards etc.).

Money still remains from these grants, particularly in the coaching area. No-one was available for the Level 1 course last year, but we hope that this will be rectified in 1999.

Training

Training sessions for both the winter and summer months have been well supported. In winter Devonport again allowed us to join them at the Ulverstone indoor pool and a committed group of between 6-8 swimmers regularly attended.

In summer sessions are held at the Burnie Aquatic Centre on Tuesdays and Sundays, and again there are usually 6-10 swimmers present per session.

Competition

There has been a small group of swimmers who have entered statewide swimming competitions, including both the long and short course events.

It is hoped that the 1999 Summer Championships in Devonport will attract a few more North West coasters to enter these events.

As we enter our 3rd year as an official AUSSI Masters Club, we are more financially stable, have a core group of committed members and have gained knowledge about running a club, and also being part of the greater Tasmanian AUSSI movement. We look forward to 1999 to be a really fulfilling year.



Joan Coleman
Burnie Secretary

AUSSI

DEVONPORT

Masters Swimming for Fitness and Fun



President :

1998 CLUB REPORT.

Secretary :

1998 was a steady year for our club. Our Winter sessions at the Ulverstone pool again held their own financially although not to the extent of 1997. Rex Hill continues to coach us during the Winter months and is a positive draw card for prospective members.

We are now swimming at the Devonport pool and as usual offer members five weekly training sessions plus a Sunday morning time. Throughout the Summer we lose our "club" focus as members west of Ulverstone gravitate to the Burnie pool while some hang up their bathers over the Summer. Our Summer numbers average eight swimmers per session compared to twenty five swimmers for our Winter times.

As mentioned our Ulverstone numbers were slightly down on 1997 eventhough our membership topped 54. To reduce the Summer drain on our finances our committee has once again decided to cut the a.m. session (Mon, Wed, Fri.) from two lanes to one. We are also not employing Rex to write Summer training programs but are continuing to do this ourselves.

Socially we have had a relatively quiet year. Throughout the Winter last year we averaged a dozen or so members to our Friday night drinks session at the Bass and Flinders Tavern - unfortunately this has now ceased due to the Tavern's management's indifference towards us. In June we had a very entertaining "Upside Down Christmas Party" at Anna Mackay Smith's home. A good crowd came along and while it wasn't a fabulously successful fundraiser it was a great night!

A Christmas Party was not held this year and our annual Christmas Brunch (held the Sunday prior to Christmas) was sparsely attended.

Preparations are well under way for the hosting of the 1999 Summer Championships in Devonport - 13th / 14th February. And many club members are now gearing their training for this event. We are hopeful for a large turn out!

On January 14th we will be holding our A.G.M. when new faces will be elected to guide our club into the next millenium.

Ross Belbin.
Club Secretary.



THE DEVONPORT DEVILS

AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia Launceston Incorporated

Report to Branch 1998

I am pleased to report that the club has continued to build on the successes of the previous year. This outcome is a tribute to all the members who have attended swim sessions regularly, participated in competitive swimming meets and supported social activities.

The club achieved its highest membership ever and it is pleasing to note the continued number of new members who do not have a background as elite swimmers. Attendance at club sessions was excellent and this helped to produce the very good financial surplus for the year and the sound bank balance.

Committee meetings were held regularly and supported the administrative tasks carried out by the secretary, recorder, treasurer and coach. The club again hosted the Short Course Long Distance and Winter Championship meets and feedback from participants showed that both events ran smoothly. We acknowledge the financial contributions of our several sponsors, and particularly the management of the Riverside Hotel for their hospitality and financial support.

The club continued with its successful mix of training sessions, time trials and aerobic swims. The participation in the longer aerobic swims surpassed the previous year's numbers and we had to schedule two extra sessions to allow everyone a swim.

Like other clubs we had a busy year with competitions. We had strong teams entering in the Summer Championships, The National Swim and in the Winter Championships and were well placed in the inter-club points rankings. The advantages of the new swim centre in Hobart were obvious to all of us. I congratulate all members who represented the club, and in particular those who received awards, broke records, or achieved personal best times. Our four club members in the World Masters Championships in Morocco buoyed several of our training sessions in June with the news of excellent results.

This year the coach compiled a questionnaire seeking feedback from members about the services offered by the club. My thanks to those members who took the time to complete it as the results will be used to guide the coming year's activities.

We were pleased with the information from the Branch that kept us up-to-date with happenings at that level and our Club Delegate filled in any gaps after attending the quarterly meetings.

The outgoing committee leave the club in a sound position that will allow new innovations for the enjoyment of club members in the coming year.

Peter Neilson

President