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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Hello fellow AUSSI swimmers,

The end of a very busy year draws closer and time for a little rest before the silly season kicks in. This year has been one of the most successful years in AUSSI Tasmania's history – increased membership for the first time in four years, a very good National swim, increased participation in the state competitions and to top it off we achieved funding from Sport and Recreation to assist in a number of projects.

We achieved a nice financial advantage from the National swim which will put us in very sound position over the next couple of years, enabling us to run some training/coaching seminars in the near future.

None of what was achieved would have happened without the dedication and support of the Branch executive, who took on a considerable work load with the National swim, and the members of AUSSI Tasmania. Thank you to you all.

The AGM is coming up at the Summer Championships – Feb 26./27 – at Launceston.

Long standing and hard working Bill Brooks will be standing down from the position of

Treasurer – so we welcome any one interested in taking on the position. All positions on the Branch executive are open to nomination, again anyone wishing to become more involved is quite welcome. Any member of AUSSI Tas may nominate for a position.

The Championships at Launceston will mark the 20th summer championships and the last time that the current Windmill hill complex will be used (we hope). The first summer championships we conducted at Windmill Hill and the Launceston Club is looking to have a function to celebrate this event – if you know of past members of AUSSI or officials who may have helped over the years, please let myself or Hector Beveridge know – contact details are on the Launceston Lemmings web site; www.launcestonaussi.org. All things considered, 2006 looks as good as or even better than 2005 – with the possibility of a club being organised in Smithton to lift our profile in the North West.

Last but not least, best wishes to you and your family for the Christmas season and a safe and happy new year... hope to see you all in the swim sometime early next year.

Ray Brien
President