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Leading ref. opens AUSSI swim titles

TEAMS COMPETING in the 16th national AUSSI Masters swimming championships provided a splash of colour yesterday as they marched around the Devonport Olympic Pool prior to the official opening.

The opening was performed by international swimming referee Mr Don Blew, of Launceston.

Mr Blew was a referee at the Auckland Commonwealth Games last year and also officiated at the world championships in Perth this year.

In his younger days he was known more for his involvement in football circles.

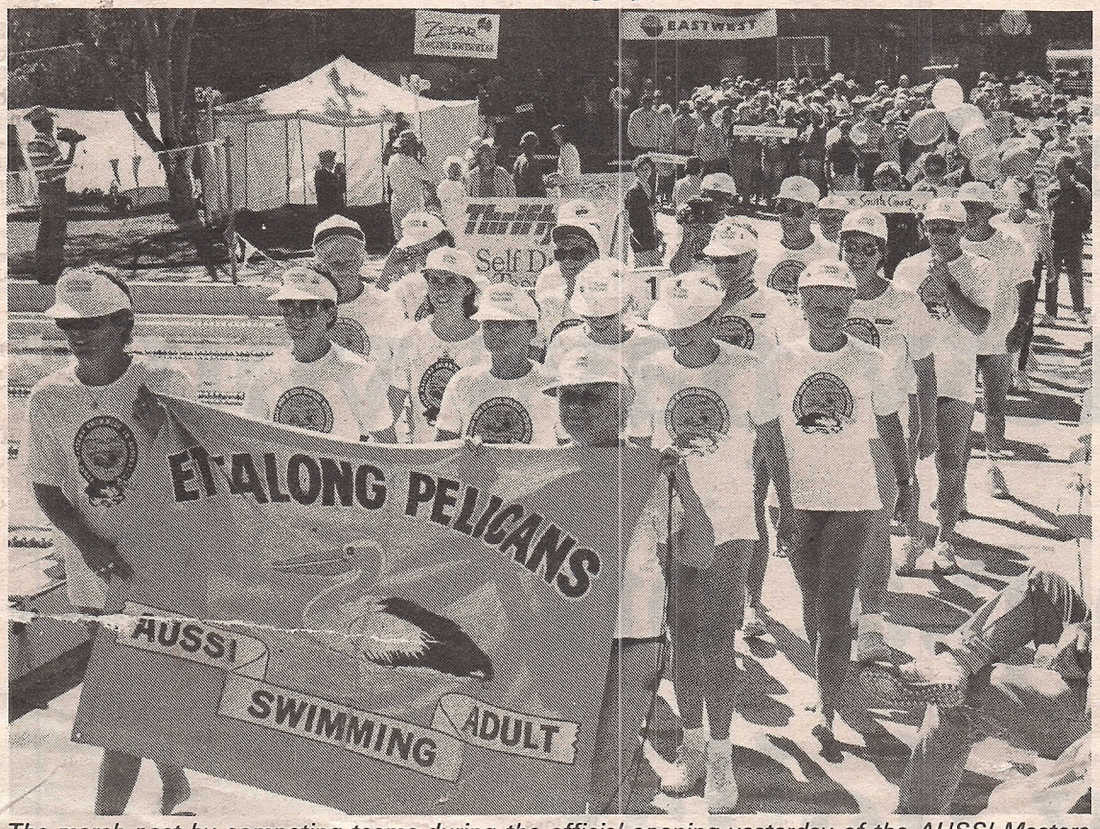
– A senior VFL umpire between 1962-67, Mr Blew was the only umpire ever to report former Geelong legend, Polly Farmer.

He came to Tasmania in late '67 to join Roberts Ltd and is well known as the company's wool administration manager.

Mr Blew said it was his aim to one day referee at an Olympic Games.

He told swimmers yesterday that it was wonderful to see that age had not deterred them from enjoying competitive swimming.

It also was pleasing to see many of the country's top swimmers continuing in the sport after having competed at national and international levels.



The march past by competing teams during the official opening yesterday of the AUSSI Masters national championship at the Devonport Olympic Pool.