D'port again set to make a big splash

By Rod Morris

IN LATE 1987, the Devonport Olympic Pool was put on show to the rest of the nation for the inaugural Australian Masters Games.

Today one of Devonport's showpieces will again be put to the test, when the 16th AUSSI National Swim and Club Championships begin.

The only official swimming event today will be the 400 metre freestyle title at 1 p.m.

However, a welcoming function for the 400-odd entrants from throughout Australia will be held in the Rooke St Mall from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

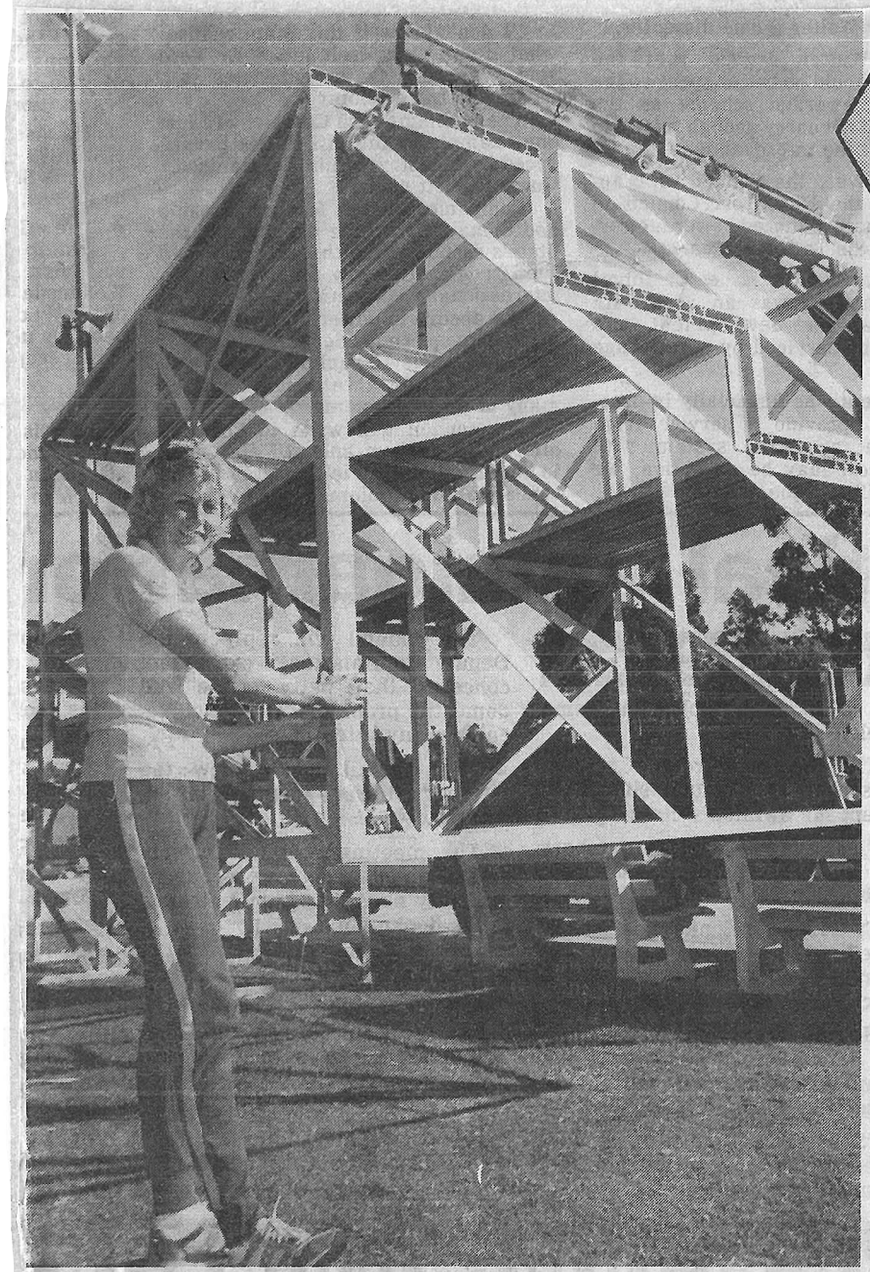
The official opening will be held at the pool tomorrow morning after the 100 metre backstroke and 50 metre breastroke championships.

The swim titles will continue all week, starting at 9 a.m. each day and concluding on Saturday with the 5 km and 20 km open water championships at Lake Eugenana.

The long course titles have attracted the cream of Australian swimming, including West Australian Shelley Taylor-Smith.

The titles, hosted by the Tasmanian branch of AUSSI Masters Swimming, again put Devonport on the sporting map, highlighted last October by the World Rowing Championship.

The Mayor of Devonport, Ald. Geoff Squibb, MLC, will present medallions at the close of the championships.



Devonport pool manager Trish Beveridge assists in the placement of spectator seating yesterday for the AUSSI Masters Swimming Championships. The titles have attracted about 400 entrants from throughout Australia.