

HOBART AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED

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AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING in AUSTRALIA (TAS) Inc

14th State Summer Long Course Championships held at the Tattersalls Hobart Aquatic Centre on 31st Jan & 1st February 1998.

Our first AUSSI Championships in the Tattersalls Hobart Aquatic Centre was an unqualified success.

Spacious, comfortable and the constant availability of the diving pool for swimmers to warm up and cool down, immediate to, and post their event, was a delightful bonus. The beginning of a new era in the provision of swimming facilities and development of swimming standards.

As a precursor and "trial run" for the National Championships, it was a valuable opportunity to become familiar with the complex and to identify and eliminate problems.

Programme of Events:

The programme offered was similar to the forthcoming National program and consolidated the format of individual events followed by relays.

Unexpected problems and unfamiliarity with the limited entry through the Aberdeen St entrance to the pool, created congestion and delay with the registration procedure. Hence the Saturday program beginning with the 400M Freestyle was ten minutes late in starting, i.e. 3.10pm.

Consequently the ten minute "recovery break" programmed to follow event 5 was eliminated.

To expedite registrations at future meets, club stations could be established along the concourse (inside the entrance) with competitors listed in alphabetical order.

Pool Facilities:

Overall they were excellent, and the staff were exceptionally obliging and co-operative. But, the unavailability of the second set of changerooms which adjoin the public change rooms is a real issue which must be resolved for future championship meets.

Initially it was understood that this second set would be made available when major swimming meets were conducted, and we expected they would be opened.

Apparently, the problem is that the Dockside Fitness Club has the sole use of these changerooms incorporated in their lease contract of the gymnasium.

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For this reason the pool management were not prepared to negotiate our compromise, i.e. that Dockside patrons share the changerooms only during our meet.

It was very unsatisfactory for our swimmers to compete for the limited space and showers with the broad range of public usage, especially "toddlers".

Liability:

We are responsible for all personnel who attended our Meet, and enter the competition area. This was another issue which had to be carefully supervised, as on Saturday afternoon especially, members of the public attempted to enter the Aberdeen St entrance to by-pass the main entrance and entry fee.

The second days programme- entry and exit was easier to manage as our registration officials were familiar with our swimmers wearing their registration badge, and bona-fide spectators.

Participation:

Seven Clubs participated. A pleasing feature was entries from two new Clubs, Burnie(2), and Tattersalls(12), and unfortunately no entry from NewNorfolk.

The total of 122 entries was below the expected 150.

Marshalling:

Initially marshalling on the side of the dive pool appeared confusing for a few competitors and they missed their event. Re-emphasising to competitors that they stay clear of the marshalling area until called and when warming up/cooling down they enter/exit the diving pool on the opposite side to the marshalling area.

Once marshalled they stay in the area and be alert to the directions of the check Starter, no further problems occurred.

It is disappointing that the Centre's Electronic Display board does not indicate Event No/Heat, as it is limited to only place, lane and time.

A proposal worth investigating is the provision of a simple portable display board which could be positioned behind the start area, operated by the Check starter, and changed after each start prior to bringing up the participants in the next heat.

Officials:

The generous assistance of STSA personnel with our own AUSSI officials proved an excellent working arrangement.

There was no shortage of timekeepers and the blend of announcements and efficient recording of events proceeded smoothly and results were available quickly.

Safety:

4 St John's Ambulance staff with expertise attended the two sessions and there were no incidents reported.

Sponsorship:

Major meet sponsorship was obtained from HOBART VISTA HOTEL- \$350
MEDIBANK PRIVATE provided a donation of \$50 for an event sponsorship.

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Presentation Luncheon:

98 attended a relaxed sit down luncheon, a format which proved popular at the Launceston State Winters.

Assistant Manager of the Hobart Vista Hotel, Mr David Gould attended as guest and presented awards.

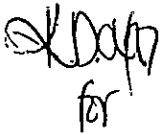
Organising Committee:

It was a splendid team effort demonstrated by the appended list of personell who contributed to the meet success, in particular Pauline Samson and Katherine Daft who undertook the "lion's share" of behind the scenes organisation, e.g. registration of entries, compilation and production of programme.

I gratefully acknowledge the co-operation, time and committment of all our helpers.

Undoubtfully too the results, sixty Individual State records and two National records are a positive reflection of the quality of Club Coaches, and swimmers committment and perserverance.

And ,to judge by the many comments the pool water was "slippery and fast", and participants enjoyed two great days.



Bill Stewart

Meet Director

President of HOBART AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Assistance ,sponsorship and support in many and varied forms was provided for the conduct of the Championships

AUSSI Masters swimming Tasmania wishes to acknowledge the following

OFFICIALS

MEET DIRECTOR

Chief Referee

Inspector of Turns and

Judges of Strokes

Starter

Chief Timekeepers

Marshall

Check Starter

Runner

Chief Recorder

Assistant Recorder

Announcer

Registration

AOE Operator

Medical Officers

Raffle

Refreshments

Sponsors

Bill Stewart

Robert Gregg

Sandy Thomson

Marie Best

Katrina Henry

Peter Floyd

Katherine Daft

Judy Hyndes

Carolyn Smith

Lorna Carlton

Emily Daft

Pauline Samson

Mavis Fisher

Shane McHenry

Kathryn Osborn/Bill Stewart

Michael Greatbatch

St John's Ambulance-Margaret Jacobson

Helen Mitchell,Patrick Dougherty,John

Aitken

Stephanie and Emma Flukes

Kevin and Shelah Quirk,Joan Ryan

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1998 State Long Course Summer Championships
1st February 1998

STATEMENT of Income and Expenditure.

INCOME	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$
Entry fees 122 @ \$20	2440	3000
Relays 77 @ \$4	308	200
Sponsorship	350 +50 = 400	500
TOTAL	3184	3700
 EXPENDITURE		
Pool Hire	1400 for 8hrs @ 175	1500 for 10hrs @ 150
Individual Programs 150	78 (for 26pgs @ .2c	350
Race Cards	18.90 (for 63 @ .3c)	-
Medals	320 for 80 @ \$4	320
Participation Certificates	24 (for 120 @ .20c)	60 (for 150 @ .40c)
First Aid	100	100
TSI cost for paper	10	-
Officials refreshments	18	50
Postage & Stationary	124.24	100
ID Badges	part of P &S	170
Officials Lunch	72(for 4)	108 (for 6)
TOTAL	2165.14	2758
 SURPLUS	 1018.86	
	(43.75)	
	<u>975.11</u>	

Signed on behalf of AUSSI Hobart

Meet Director.....*Bill Stewart* for.....Bill Stewart

\$ 1443.75.