

NORTH LODGE NEPTUNES WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

North Lodge Neptunes has four new World Record Holders!

Barb Brooks, who founded AUSSI, now Masters Swimming, in Victoria, and North Lodge Neptunes, noted that there was not a FINA record in the 360+ years age group 4x 50 metre Freestyle Relay, anywhere in the World. Four swimmers, whose combined ages add up to at least 360 years, from the same Masters Club, were needed.

Barb asked Hazel Gillbee aged 84, Nancy Ayres 89, Trudy Bullivant 90 and Clarice Artis, an active 97 year old, if they would be agreeable to attempt to create this world record. Happily and excitedly they agreed.

With protocol requirements satisfied and great co-operation from Frankston Peninsula Masters Swimming Club, especially Con Duyvestyn, who has been so obliging and supportive to us and much interest from the Media, TV, Newspapers & Radio, family, friends and strangers, 6.30 pm on Saturday evening, 18 August 2012 arrived!

With a crowd of about 200 people watching, Clarice set off on her two laps of backstroke to great applause followed by Trudy gracefully swimming her favourite backstroke. Nancy and Hazel, both swimming Freestyle, finished their two laps and this **AMAZING RACE** to clapping and cheering and signs **'GO MISSILES'** from an ecstatic crowd of family, friends, strangers, the wonderful team at Frankston and the Media. In 5 minutes 45 seconds four lovely, inspiring, wonderful swimmers had **CREATED A NEW WORLD RECORD.**

After the race, Clarice, Trudy, Nancy and Hazel were presented with Gold Medals inscribed with 'World Record and the Date' and Flowers, donated by Mepacs, an arm of Peninsula Health.

The girls then created a National 360+ 4 x 25 metre Medley Relay in the time of 3 minutes 14 seconds! Wow, what a night!

Since Saturday evening, the ladies have appeared on Sunrise, The Today Show and The Project and had an article about the swim in The Age and a Dandenong newspaper.

Our Golden Girls were invited by the Premier's Department to attend The Olympic Parade and were introduced to the audience to great applause. They also have been invited to Afternoon Tea with the Frankston Mayor in September and Afternoon Tea at Government House with the Governor.

CONGRATULATIONS CLARICE, TRUDY, NANCY AND HAZEL and **BARB** for the idea, implementation and management of our **WORLD RECORD HOLDERS.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read The Age article.

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Hazel Gillbee, Clarice Artis, Trudy Bullivant
and Nancy Ayres