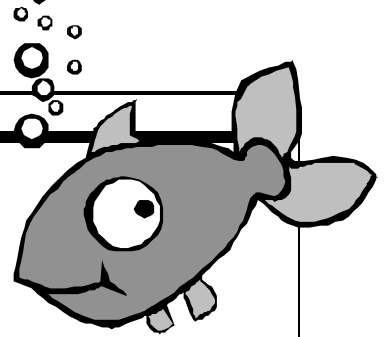


# SNAPPETS



Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc, PO Box 532, Claremont 6910

February 2010

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Here is a skeleton of Sue's comprehensive report to the 2010 AGM. Sue can give you the full report.*

This report acknowledges the achievements of Snappers in 2009 and the work undertaken for the Club.

- At the end of 2009 the Club is in a sound financial position with 86 members
- Our swimmers participated in the Brisbane National Masters swim, the State Championships (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and the Short Course Relay Carnival, also open to all clubs (3<sup>rd</sup> place)
- We swam in four BE ACTIVE Club Challenges (2<sup>nd</sup> in all!) as well as running our own (1<sup>st</sup> place!)
- We took part in the Open Water Swim series; five Snappers were in the Rottnest Channel Swim
- We conducted a 1500 metre Distance Swim open to all clubs and held our eleventh annual Swimathon in which 21 swimmers raised \$5617.00 for the MND Association of WA
- Social events included a beach picnic, golf and bowls days, our annual dinner and Christmas picnic
- About six Snappers gained accreditation as swim meet officials as Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper, Starter, Check Starter, Clerk of Course, Judge of Strokes, Inspector of Turns and Marshal
- Two Snappers served as Directors on the MSWA Board and three served as MSWA Officers

Thank you to the members of the Management Committee, with whose support we have

- Worked towards writing a 20 year Club history to be launched in 2012
- Refined a number of policy matters to guide committee decision making and operational matters, often leading the way for other clubs, eg, policy on dual/second claim club members
- Reviewed awards criteria to improve equity and introduced Certificates of Appreciation
- Improved document management and committee reporting processes
- Gail introduced *Snap Shot*, an e-newsletter to keep night swimmers informed about club activities
- Created two new positions to spread the work load and draw on member expertise: Data Base Manager and Registrar
- Applied successfully for grants for computing and other equipment
- Acquired grant funding for training courses – first aid and coaching
- Introduced technology into our swim entry and results management.

We have been less successful in two areas that have been a concern for some years

- Attracting younger members and more men
- Getting any response to our request for club rooms.

Thank you also to those who have spent time working for the Club in their non-elected roles as Coaches, Recorder, Data Base Manager, Registrar, Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, raffle organisers, archivist, Club clothing manager and the many Dereks.

Congratulations to all swimmers on your achievements during the year.

Sue Colyer, President 2008-2009

20 January 2010

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*Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.*

*HENRY VAN DYKE*

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## Snappers New Rules Rule OK?

Snappers' Special General Meeting, held on Wednesday 20 January 2010, adopted (without dissent, but following a substantial discussion by 24 club members), the new constitution that gives Snappers a new name, **Stadium Snappers Masters Swimming Club Inc**, and a new legal framework. The changes are:

- removal of AUSSI from the title
- lowering of the entry age to 18 years
- new category of membership for associate/social members at a fee covering their insurance through State and National fees, but at a reduced club fee (as for our 80+ swimmers).

The clause to allow Committee members to continue beyond the two years in one position by AGM resolution was amended to the clause that prevails in our current constitution.

In all other respects the new constitution content varies little from the previous one, but now we have an up to date constitution according to the Associations Incorporation Act. It may take a month or so before the new constitution is approved by the Dept of Commerce. By-laws and policies will become part of the governance structure framed by the constitution to allow easy changes to routine operations without going through the rigmarole and expense of changing the constitution.

Richard Diggins moved a vote of thanks to 'Tricia Summerfield and Sue Colyer for their work to produce a draft constitution model that can be used by all Masters Swimming clubs in WA.

Sue Colyer

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## ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010

### Stadium Snappers Management Committee

These officers were elected to the Management Committee at the AGM on 20 January 2010

|                   |                  |                  |                |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| President         | Barry Green      | Social Organiser | Marg Somes     |
| Vice President    | Julianne Crowley | Captains: Night  | Gail Parsons   |
| Treasurer         | Pat Sugars       | Day              | Geraldine Klug |
| Secretary         | Robyn Wilson     | General Members  | Bill Woodhouse |
| PR and Membership | Vacant           |                  | Jil Mogyorosy  |

Appointments were also made at the AGM to fill the positions listed below.

#### Coaches

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Senior Coach (Level 2) | Eleanor Parsons     |
| Level 1 Coaches        | 'Tricia Summerfield |
|                        | Gail Parsons        |
|                        | David Corney        |
|                        | Sue Colyer          |
|                        | Merilyn Burbidge    |
| Trainee Level 1 Coach  | Kim Klug            |

**Honorary Auditor** David Corney

#### Ancillary Positions (non-elected)

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Assistant Treasurer | Pat Byrne        |
| Recorder            | Pamela Walter    |
| Newsletter Editor   | Merilyn Burbidge |
| Registrar           | Julianne Crowley |
| Data Base Manager   | Eleanor Parsons  |

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## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Mention was made at the AGM of help and support given to Snappers by the three people cited below, who have since been presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

**Julie Stonor** in recognition of her long time generous contribution and support of results recording at Stadium Snappers swim carnivals

**Kerry Gates** in recognition of her long time accommodation of Stadium Snappers lane hire and swim events needs and requirements

**John Sawka** in recognition of his generous accommodation of Stadium Snappers needs for additional needs for timing and training

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## AEROBIC SWIM AWARDS FOR 2009 presented at the AGM, January 2010

### Club Aerobic Award

The Club Aerobic Award was introduced in 1995 to encourage members to participate in the National Aerobic program. Scoring for the Club Award is different from scoring for the National Aerobic Trophy in that points are given for each aerobic swim completed regardless of the time taken by the swimmer: 2 points for each 400m swim; 4 points for each 800m; 10 points for each of the longer swims. The maximum number of points for each major stroke is 70. The Club Aerobic Award is presented annually at the AGM to the night swimmer(s) and the day swimmer(s) who have gained the most points.

#### Day Swimmers

Merilyn Burbidge, Elizabeth Edmondson, Theresa Elliott, Lillian Hadley, Margaret Somes (210 points each).

#### Night Swimmers

Pamela Walter (250 points).

Club Aerobic Awards for 2008 were announced retrospectively and won by Elizabeth Edmondson and Eleanor Parsons.

### Aerobic Star Awards

Star Awards, initiated in 2000, are another incentive to swim aerobics. A One Star Award is given for the completion of the aerobic program in any one stroke, a Two Star Award for any two strokes, etc.

#### One Star Award

Sue Colyer (FR)  
Beatie Norris (BA)  
Dee Stephenson (FR)

#### Three Star Award

Merilyn Burbidge (FR, BR, BA)  
Elizabeth Edmondson (FR, BR, BA)  
Theresa Elliott (FR, BR, BA)  
Lillian Hadley (FR, BR, BA)  
Margaret Somes (FR, BR, BA)

#### Five Star Award

Vic Paul (FR, BA, BR, IM,  
BU)

#### Two Star Award

Cas Brown (FR, BR)  
William Curtis (BA, FR)  
Audrey Bullough (FR, BA)  
Pat Sugars (FR, BA)  
Kim Klug (FR, BR)

#### Four Star Award

Eleanor Parsons (FR, BA, BR, IM)  
Pamela Walter (FR, BA, BR, IM)

### Club Aerobic Support Award

This award, presented only twice before in 2007 and 2002, went to Geraldine Klug for her outstanding contribution to Snappers' aerobic swim program in 2009. Due largely to Geraldine's organisation last year, 16 swimmers gained Star Awards, as against 10 in 2008, 13 in 2007, 10 in 2006, 13 in 2005 and 16 in 2004.

Pamela Walter and Lillian Hadley

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## FROM THE REGISTRAR

The Club had 86 members at the end of 2009. The table shows age and gender distribution.

| Age group    | Females | Males | Totals                   |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|
| Under 40     | 3       | 5     | 8                        |
| 40 - 49      | 5       | 5     | 10                       |
| 50 - 59      | 10      | 5     | 15                       |
| 60 - 69      | 12      | 5     | 17                       |
| 70 - 79      | 11      | 9     | 20                       |
| 80 - 89      | 7       | 9     | 16                       |
| <b>Total</b> | 48      | 38    | 86 (incl 8 couples = 16) |

As of 29 January we had 72 Snappers registered for the 2010 season. We welcome five new members: Alex Bogoni, Duncan McMurtrie, and Corrie Lodder; Kylie Leaman, a Bold Park Masters swimmer, and Sue Shilling, a Geraldton member, have joined Snappers as second claim members.

We hope their time with us will be enjoyable, their swimming improves and they achieve many goals over the coming year.

Julie Crowley

#### MORE STRINGS TO HER BOW

Congratulations to Theresa Elliott, who has added accreditations as Marshal, Check Starter and Clerk of Course to her already impressive list of swim meet official qualifications.

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR 2009

The table shows attendance to be at an all-time high. Snappers nearly made it to 5000 swims at Challenge Stadium last year, and probably did if more Monday swims were recorded. There was an unexplained dip in 2005 and a slight dip in 2008 as attendance at the Worlds could not be included. Attendance per member increased significantly in 2009 to 58, up from 51 in 2008.

| Year | Snapper swims at Challenge Stadium | Average all months | Average all weeks | Average all days | Total membership | Attendance per member |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 2003 | 3883                               | 324                | 75                | 12               | 99               | 39                    |
| 2004 | 4112                               | 343                | 79                | 13               | 84               | 49                    |
| 2005 | 3796                               | 316                | 73                | 10               | 72               | 53                    |
| 2006 | 4238                               | 353                | 81                | 12               | 79               | 54                    |
| 2007 | 4404                               | 367                | 85                | 12               | 83               | 53                    |
| 2008 | 4151                               | 346                | 80                | 11               | 82               | 51                    |
| 2009 | 4950                               | 412                | 95                | 14               | 86               | 58                    |

Tricia Summerfield

## BIRTHDAYS

### February

- 1 Jean Beaton
- 4 Dee Stephenson
- 21 William Curtis
- 25 Audrey Bullough

### March

- 6 Pamela Walter
- 14 Nomai Jago
- 16 Beatie Norris
- 17 Brian Somes
- 20 Robert Shand
- 23 Geoff Barnard
- 27 Trudy Vandewerdt

Best wishes for cool birthday celebrations! Hope Dee and Audrey B each have a good year swimming in their new age groups.

## DIARY ENTRIES FOR FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

| Date                 | Event                            | Time                           | Venue                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Friday 5 February    | Mini Ashes sculling contest      | 1:30 pm                        | Challenge Stadium        |
| Sunday 14 February   | Alcoa Cambria Island Swim 2.4km  | 9:00 am start                  | Hall Park, Mandurah      |
| Saturday 20 February | Rottnest Channel Swim            | 5:45 am                        | Cottesloe Beach          |
| Sunday 28 February   | Beach Picnic                     | 8:00 am swim<br>9:00 am b'fast | City Beach               |
| Sunday 7 March       | Coogee Jetty to Jetty 750m/1500m | rego from 7 am                 | John Graham Res, Coogee  |
| Saturday 20 March    | Club Swim                        | 1:00 pm warm-up                | Challenge Stadium        |
| Saturday 27 March    | Dale Alcock State OWS 1km/2km    | 8:00 am rego                   | Coogee Beach             |
| Monday 29 March      | Zoo visit                        | morning                        | Perth Zoo, South Perth   |
| 7 to 10 April 2010   | MSA National Championships       |                                | Launceston Aquatic venue |
| Sunday 23 May        | Swimathon for MND                | from 8:00 am                   | Challenge Stadium        |

## CLUB CLOTHING UPDATE

Don't forget to enter your club clothing requirements in the order book, found on the second shelf of the cage. Start thinking about your winter wear. Keep in mind, I need a MINIMUM order of ten items. For the next order the logo design will be altered to display our new Club name.

These recycled items are available:

Aqua polo shirt (XL), navy/aqua tracksuit top (S), navy fleece jacket (XL). All are in good condition and can be yours for a small donation to the club.

Marg Watson 9387 5463

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## SOCIAL NOTES

### Christmas Picnic Sunday 13 December

The Christmas Picnic held at Jabe Dodd Park way back in December went off very happily. An early sea breeze took the bite out of the extreme heat that was forecast and it was very pleasant under the Moreton Bay fig trees. About 50 Snappers and friends, Cliffe and Beryl Webb amongst them, enjoyed the delicious nibbles, salads, slices and fruit that everyone brought. Thank you all and also to David Watson, Colin Beaton and Bill Woodhouse for cooking the sausages to perfection. Jeannine organised the raffle and seven lucky people each took home a well stocked basket, bringing in \$148.

We hope to see you all at our social functions this year, starting with a Beach Picnic on Sunday 28 February and a Zoo visit on Monday 29 March. Best wishes and good swimming in 2010.

Jeannine Heinrichs and Marg Somes

*Ed: And thanks to Marg for her special touch: a biscuit for everyone, iced with their own name.*

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### DID YOU KNOW? Snippets from Snappers' history: sixth instalment

- A Club trophy cabinet was first established in April 2002 after Marg Somes successfully negotiated with Challenge Stadium for the loan of a modest mobile cabinet.
- In 1940, Geoff Lane (not yet 11 years old) of Nedlands Primary School won the title of boys' champion at the Contributory Schools annual swimming carnival. As reported in the newspaper on 2 April, he won the 55 yards backstroke and the 40 yards freestyle. Older brother Don also swam for Nedlands and finished first in the under 13 years 55 yards freestyle and second in the 110 yards freestyle. Nedlands won the champion and meritorious award pennants that year!
- Beatie Norris, Pamela Walter's mum, joined Snappers at the age of 71 in 1995. She became interested in the Club after watching her three daughters participate in AUSSI Masters swimming.
- Experienced coach Glad McGough conducted a Swim to a Healthy Lifestyle program in 1992 which led to the formation of Snappers. At the Club's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration dinner in 2002 Glad presented the Club with a shield to be named the Founders' Award in honour of Stadium Snappers' founding members. The inaugural recipient was Gail Parsons.
- The Club's second One Million Metre Award winner was 'Tricia Summerfield who achieved this mighty feat in 2000. The first Snapper to receive the One Million Metre Award was Julian Keys, a former prominent Club member.

Barry Green

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### MASTERS SWIMMING WA MATTERS from Executive Officer Wendy Holtom

#### 2010 Dale Alcock State OWS

As this is our State OWS Championship event we will be taking entries for the 2010 event via Team Manager in the same format as the State Swim in the pool. State Recorder Sandra Mutch will receive the entries and Clubs will be asked to collect entries from members and then make one payment either via cheque or bank transfer with the summary sheet provided. An information sheet with flyer will be available on the OWS page on the website so all members understand the new system.

#### HeartSwim update

This fund-raising event brought in nearly \$45,000, which is triple the amount raised in 2008.

#### FINA Swimsuits Rules

The complete list of swimsuits approved under FINA Rules, effective from 1 Jan 2010, is now the standard for all Masters pool events and Swimming Australia. It may be viewed on the MSWA web site: [www.mswa.asn.au](http://www.mswa.asn.au). However, at present compliance is essential only for those swimmers who are attempting a State or National record at interclub meets. (Note: The rules for Open Water swimming are different - eg full BlueSeventy B70 suits are still legal for both Masters and WA Swimming which also includes the Rottneest Channel Swim.)

*Ed: For those in danger of breaking records, this reference from FINA by-law 8.3 is worth remembering: 'Approved swimsuits must carry either on the product or on a non-removable label the words "FINA approved" together with the approval time eg 11/09.'*

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## GOGGLE SAW

- ◆ At après swim afternoon tea just before Christmas, one of our esteemed Captains sternly rationing Marg Somes' mince pies to ONE ONLY per person.
- ◆ The same Captain in the changeroom after a training session that she had found hard going, searching for her singlet top to put on after her shower. Eventually she found it – saturated, underneath her rashie. It had served very well as a resistance tool for training.
- ◆ Geoff Barnard buying nine tickets in the Christmas raffle and giving six of them to his wife, Robin. She selected a basket for the first ticket and asked for a redraw for the others. When Robin and Geoff unpacked the basket, they found the five items that Geoff had contributed to the hampers! Luckily he'd followed the principle: give what you'd like to get.
- ◆ Two Snappers, the sum of whose ages is 158, relaxing in a coffee shop in Claremont. Unremarkable, except that they'd come straight from the beach and were wearing bathers.



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## MY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Author unknown

On the first day of Christmas  
My true love said to me,  
"I'm glad we bought fresh turkey  
And a proper Christmas tree."

On the second day of Christmas  
Much laughter could be heard  
As we stuffed ourselves with turkey:  
A most delicious bird.

On the third day we entertained  
The people from next door.  
The turkey tasted just as good  
As it had the day before.

Day four, relations came to stay.  
Poor Gran is looking old.  
We finished up the Christmas pud  
And ate our turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas  
Outside the snowflakes flurried,  
But we were nice and warm inside  
For we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day, I must admit,  
The Christmas spirit died.  
The children fought and bickered.  
We ate turkey rissoles, fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas  
My true love he did wince  
When he sat down at the table  
And was offered turkey mince.

Day eight and nerves were getting frayed  
The dog had run for shelter.  
I served up turkey pancakes  
With a glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day our cat left home.  
By lunchtime Dad was blotto.  
He said he had to have a drink  
To face turkey risotto.

On the tenth day the booze had gone  
(Except our homemade brew)  
And if that wasn't quite enough  
We suffered turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas  
The Christmas tree was moulting,  
The mince pies were as hard as rock  
And the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day, my true love  
Had a smile upon his lips.  
The guests had gone, the turkey too,  
And we dined on fish and chips.

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## ON PRE-TRAINING STRETCHING

"... and now the roll-down. Tummy tucked in. Touching toes? OK, again! Further this time. Easier? And once more to finish."

Thanks to Sue, Merylyn and Barry for leading us through these exercises with their various contortions prior to our swims. Stretching certainly helps the squad feel better before entering the water and gets us in the mood for a more enjoyable swim. I'm sure it also benefits our times and reduces the chance of injury in the water. The sessions are appreciated by all participants.

"Yes, Brian, just one vertebray at a time!"

'Cas Brown

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## ARTHUR AND THE LION AND ALBERT

The appearance of "The Lion and Albert" in *Snappets* last year triggered Arthur Jenkins' childhood recollections of the poem. It so amused him that he set himself the task of memorising it "to keep my brain alive"! He has succeeded. Hope he enjoys the sequel to be printed closer to our visit to the Perth Zoo in March.



## POOL SWIM RESULTS from Recorder Pamela Walter

### Club Swim Sunday 24 January

|                     |                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Audrey BULLOUGH     | BA50 (PAB50), FR50 (PAB50), FR200 (PAB50)             |
| Merilyn BURBIDGE    | BR200 (best since '07)                                |
| Elizabeth EDMONDSON | BA50 (PAB50), BR50 (PAB50), FR200 (PAB50)             |
| Theresa ELLIOTT     | BR100 (0.36 sec outside PB)                           |
| Geraldine KLUG      | BA50 (PAB50), BR100 (PAB50), FR50 (PAB50)             |
| Sue SHILLING        | FR100 (inaug50)                                       |
| Hazel SPONG         | FR50 (inaug50), FR100 (inaug50)                       |
| 'Tricia SUMMERFIELD | BR200 (PAB50), BU50 (PAB50), BU100 (PAB50)            |
| Robyn WILSON        | BR100 (PB by 2 sec, CR50), BU50 (PAB50), FR50 (PAB50) |
| Bill WOODHOUSE      | BU50 (inaug50), FR50 (PB50), FR200 (PB50)             |

Special mention to Hazel Spong, entering her first Club Swim, and Bill Woodhouse, for scoring two PBs as well as an inaugural time. Well done to the five here achieving PABs: there should be plenty more of those this year as a big contingent moves up an age group.



Results from the Newman Churchlands BE ACTIVE Club Challenge on Sunday 31 January (won by Snappers!) will appear in the next issue, but here's a preview: a photo of our first ever men's 320+ relay team 'The Dinosaurs': Brian Somes, Wyvern Rees, Colin Beaton and Alan Earnshaw.

## OPEN WATER SWIM REPORT

### Fremantle Ports Swim Through 400m and 1.6km South Beach Saturday 12 December

| Swimmer          | Age Group | Time  | Age Grp Posn | Gender Posn | O'all Posn |
|------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Phil HOFF        | 55-59     | 33:36 | 9            | 109         | 173        |
| Julie CROWLEY    | 60-64     | 34:23 | 5            | 74          | 191        |
| Vic PAUL         | 65-69     | 23:14 | 1            | 14          | 18         |
| Sue COLYER       | 65-69     | 33:34 | 1            | 62          | 167        |
| Merilyn BURBIDGE | 65-69     | 34:38 | 2            | 79          | 198        |
| Theresa ELLIOTT  | 65-69     | 35:45 | 7            | 97          | 224        |

There were 271 in the 1.6 km event. From the beach, the course looked flat, but it's never as easy as it looks. This time there was more than one stinger and one of the marker buoys went AWOL toward Rottnest, so some entrants were forced to swim further than others. Audrey B, Marg S and Pat S took part in the novice swim, nominally 400 metres, but actually less. To get their money's worth, they all went around the course again.

From Kim Tyler, organiser: 'Thank you all so much for bringing your old towels for our charity, St Patricks Community Care. We collected four large bags full of towels that will be used for the care of homeless people and people in crisis in Fremantle.'

### Swimming WA Series Round 3 Champion Lakes Sunday 13 December

| Distance | Swimmer          | Age Group | Time    | Age Group Position |
|----------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| 5 km     | Warwick MAXTED   | 35-49     | 1.15:52 | 1                  |
| 10 km    | David FAIRCLOUGH | 35-49     | 2.54:59 | 8                  |

From Swimming WA: Over 250 swimmers braved the heat on Sunday 13 December to take part in ideal conditions on the 55 ha lake at the Water Corporation OWS at Champion Lakes.



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**TISLSC Tower to Tower 1.8 km Scarborough Beach to Trigg Saturday 19 December**

| Swimmer     | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position |
|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| Phil HOFF   | 50-59     | 40:41 | 14                 |
| Barry GREEN | 60-69     | 39:54 | 8                  |

Barry reports:

This was my third Tower to Tower, the 2007 event being my first competitive open water swim. Last year the swell and huge waves made this event horrendous; this year conditions were perfect, except for the stingers. They were there at the start and stayed with me to the end. I emerged quite red from the experience - a red Green! One swimmer told me he had avoided the stingers by swimming closer in to shore. Could this be a temperature effect as the water closer in is warmer?

The event was well organised, although it seemed to me not as well attended as in the past. I swam in the second wave, five minutes after the first, and felt quite pleased when I overhauled at least one of the first wave.

**Swimming WA Series Round 4 Leighton Beach Sunday 3 January 2010**

| Distance | Swimmer          | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| 1.25 km  | Aleksandra GREEN | 18-34     | 24:49 | 6                  |
| 1.25 km  | Barry GREEN      | 50 plus   | 27:19 | 6                  |

Barry reports:

I think I, with my daughter, Aleksandra, (over from London), was the only Snapper in this event. The photo shows a proud father and his daughter all numbered up and ready to go. This was Aleksandra's first ocean swim competition. There were also 2.5 km and 5 km events - 300 plus competitors which made for "busy" water. Apart from crowding, conditions were good: no stingers; no current; waves not too big.

**Cottesloe Classic Mile Cottesloe Beach Saturday 16 January**

| Swimmer         | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position | Gender position |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Phil HOFF       | 50-59     | 29:08 | 27                 | 179             |
| Vic PAUL        | 60-69     | 21:16 | 2                  | 34              |
| Theresa ELLIOTT | 60-69     | 32:28 | 8                  | 125             |

Surf Club comment: "The ocean was calm with temperatures in the low 30's which made for a great day in the water and competitors all seemed to be getting very good times. There was a good turnout this year with a total of 439 swimmers entering the event."

**Swim Thru Perth Sunday 17 January**

| Distance | Swimmer          | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| 4 km     | David FAIRCLOUGH | 35-39     | 56:10 | 4                  |
| 4 km     | Eleanor PARSONS  | 50-54     | 59:00 | 1                  |
| 4 km     | Vic PAUL         | 65-69     | 52:23 | 1                  |
| 2.2 km   | Merilyn BURBIDGE | 65-69     | 53:05 | 1                  |

Merilyn reports:

I felt pretty wimpish getting off the bus at the old Swan Brewery to swim 2.2 km to Matilda Bay, knowing that 79 year-old Glad McGough was starting her 4 km swim at the Barrack St jetty. Too late then, though, to be worried about that – just be more adventurous next time. My stroking was continually interrupted as I caressed big brown jellyfish that came out of nowhere. I noticed that The Swimmer standing on the site of the old Crawley Baths was wearing something skimpy over her bronze bathers. Some depressingly long time later, my face covered in black silt, I walked out of the river and realised that it was a good place to be on a day of 43C heat. No, there were no other 65-69s in the 2.2 km event!



## **Australia Day Swim 2 km Scarborough Beach Tuesday 26 January**

| Swimmer          | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position | Gender position |
|------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Phil HOFF        | 50-59     | 42:06 | 12                 | 149             |
| Pamela WALTER    | 55-59     | 43:00 | 3                  | 78              |
| Julie CROWLEY    | 60-64     | 43:54 | 5                  | 83              |
| Merilyn BURBIDGE | 65-69     | 46:47 | 3                  | 92              |
| Vic PAUL         | 65-69     | 28:17 | 1                  | 14              |
| Theresa ELLIOTT  | 65-69     | 48:12 | 4                  | 95              |

After listening to an incredibly long-winded briefing and singing Advance Australia Fair, just over 300 starters plunged into the beautifully clear water off Scarborough. Luckily for Pamela, who rarely indulges in open water swimming, only baby stingers were in evidence.

## **Swimming WA Series Round 5 Sorrento Sunday 24 January**

| Distance | Swimmer          | Age Group | Time  | Age Group Position |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| 2.5 km   | David FAIRCLOUGH | 35-49     | 36:01 | 3                  |
| 2.5 km   | Gail PARSONS     | 35-49     | 40:29 | 4                  |
| 2.5 km   | Eleanor PARSONS  | 50 plus   | 36:30 | 1                  |

## **ROTTNEST CONTENDERS**

Snappers (and immediate past Snappers!) are again tackling the Rottneest Channel Swim this year on Saturday 20 February. They've been training as never before, first with Bill Kirby and later with Shelley Taylor-Smith.

Solo: David Fairclough; Richard Devlin

Duo: Gail and Eleanor Parsons (Name: REG), supported by Robyn Wilson and David Corney.

Team: Robyn Wilson is swimming in a team. Robyn says: "Our Rotto team name is Generation Gap (we have four females – one each in 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s). However, we have since found out that the 30-something is pregnant and considered changing our name to Four Females and a Fetus - decided not to in the end because then we would have five in the team! So we've left it at Generation Gap. The other three are from Bold Park (I think)."

Warwick Maxted is paddling for a friend doing a solo.

Come and wave the swimmers off and admire the spectacle, lit by the rising sun - solos leave Cottesloe Beach at 5:45 am. We wish our swimmers a safe and quick crossing.

### **DEADLINE**

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