

Annual General Meeting 12 September 1961

Mr Pomfret in chair.

The minutes of last meeting were lost? But they are in the book?
Miss V. Hamill reported the accounts for presentation dinner were
£30.2.6 Door, £31.10.6 raffle and Profit of £8.11.2

Mr Pomfret asked that an executive meeting be held soon to discuss
an important matter – see notes below.

The following people were elected

President Mr J Pomfret
Patron Mr P. Mullane
V. Patrons all donors
Sen V P Mr Ray Stevens
Vp Mrs N Stanners, Mr A Stanners, Mr H Ackerman
Secretary Mr J Godfrey
Ass Sec Mr C Lynch
Treasurer in abeyance
Etc for many other positions.

Executive Meeting 19/9/61

Election of new Sec and Treasurer- Mr C Lynch elected to Secretary
and Mr J Stevens elected to Treasurer.

Mr Godfrey was apparently ill and hence resigned.

Mr Pomfret said the club was being run in a poor financial manner.

Mr G Stevens said the method of bookkeeping will be changed.

The President read out a new draft constitution.

A small committee was set up to discuss proposed constitution and
present to November meeting of the Club but no further record is
made in this year.

The rest below are general meetings in 1961/62.

The President spoke on the lateness of general meetings to start!

The very next meeting he is held up and late- the meeting starts
without him!

Some protests against race winners were upheld. The minutes show
"both protests upheld- meeting overruled pres not to accept
protest".

The general meetings in this year usually had only 5 or 6 people
attending and those were regulars.

Mr W Stevens was paid an Honorarium of £26 pa.

Apparently the Council levied the rates every year and the Club had to apply for a reduction that they seemingly got every year.



As intimated in the September issue of "SPLASH", a BIGGER, BETTER and BRIGHTER Newsletter should roll off the press for October.

WELL, How Do You Like It?

Your comments would be most welcome. Every endeavour has been made to provide something NEW, something BRIGHT and something INTERESTING and I trust that you approve of the face-lift.

I would, at this juncture, extend my personal thanks to Neville Hayes and Ron Casey for their very interesting articles and don't be at all surprised if you hear more of these two Gentlemen of the Sporting Fraternity. Many thanks Neville and Ron, and I hope you enjoyed reading your copy.

A further THANK YOU to Norman Reynolds Pty. Ltd. Silk Screen and Advertising & Display, 33 Nickson St., Surry Hills for their whole-hearted co-operation in respect to the NEW COVER.

The work involved in producing the Colour Cover was considerable and we are fortunate in that Norman Reynolds Pty. Ltd., were gracious enough to meet us half way.

Thank you - Mr. Norman & Mark Reynolds.

And Now to You - The MEMBER.
This Newsletter is YOURS - PLEASE USE IT.

Submit your articles for the interest of others and assist in maintaining the standard of "SPLASH".

In conclusion - my BEST WISHES FOR a very successful Season at "SANDY".

Ron Short.

PUBLICITY OFFICER
EDITOR

V. C.

of course, is generally considered as meaning VICTORIA CROSS.

V. C.

as for as we are concerned means :

VAL HAMMIL & Col. Lynch
who announced their engagement on Wednesday September, 16th.

To these two popular and hard working Club Members goes the very best wishes for their future happiness and Sincere Congratulations on their first step to the Altar.

Lets all join the chorus -

"FOR THEY ARE JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS".

A point of interest concerning the above - If you want to join the Group of "ENGAGED" or "MARRIED" - make a point of becoming Club Secretary - Col is the THIRD Secretary to invest in a BAND OF GOLD. - So I'm told.

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SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM
TO JOIN

THE
O.D.A.S.C.
LEARN
TO
SWIM"
CAMPAIGN.



OCTOBER
28TH.

10 A.M.

SANDY BEACH.
RING NORM POMFRET NOW
LU 7198

MEMO TO MUMS AND DADS.

THIS CONCERNS YOU. IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO SWIM, IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

The Watley District Amateur Swimming Club commences their FREE "LEARN TO SWIM" CAMPAIGN at SANDY BEACH OCTOBER 28TH 9-30 A.M. THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR KIDS TO LEARN THE BASICS OF SWIMMING.

CASUALTY LIST

I regret to report that our esteemed President, Jim Pomfret, Mrs. Pomfret, Phillip and Robyn were involved in a most unfortunate accident on Saturday, September 30th, whilst on their way to Stanwell Park.

The details of the accident are of little importance to us, BUT to clarify the matter, I feel it is my duty to acquaint all members with the facts.

- President Jim - Laceration to face, severe bruising and shock.
- Mrs. Pomfret - Laceration to knee, severe bruising and shock.
- Robyn - Head laceration and two stitches.
(of which he was very proud)
- Phillip - Very serious internal damage resulting in major operation.

Latest information and I'm very Happy to report that ALLS WELL - Phillip in particular - due to his fighting spirit and 100% specialist attention from Caringbah Hospital Staff - has pulled through and is making a remarkable recovery.

Hurry up Cap, there's a lot of Juniors to look after this Season.

Ron Short

Ron Short, Jnr.

OATLEY PARK POOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee elected to explore the possibilities of the construction of an Olympic Size pool at Sandy Beach, have, after extensive investigation, submitted to Hurstville Council their proposal.

The suggested design is a standard olympic size elevated, reinforced concrete pool supported on pre-stressed concrete piles. The estimated cost of the project is £50,000.

The proposal, as submitted, has been referred to the Council Engineers for investigation and the Committee are awaiting the report with considerable interest.

A survey conducted in May revealed a 95% interest in the Scheme and it is the consideration of the Committee that, if Hurstville Council are prepared to assist this scheme financially, the residents of Oatley District will back the Committee Financially and by this joint action, the Memorial Pool will become a showpiece of the Hurstville Municipality.

The Site suggested to Council is that area now in use for competitive swimming.

With the summer season here, it should be clearly seen that the proposed pool would indeed be an acquisition to the District and the Municipality.

Your support of this project is of vital importance and there are many ways, in which you can assist the committee.

The Organising Committee meets every 2nd Wednesday of each Month in the Swimming Club Hall, Mi Mi St., Oatley, and a cordial welcome is extended to persons interested in the project.

Annual General Meeting 4th September 1962

Mr J.Pomfret occupied chair.
Accounts presented for payment approved.

Some general issues discussed but following officials elected.

President Mr J Pomfret (but he resigns in March1963)
Patron Mr P. Mullane
V. Patrons all donors
Sen V P Mr Ray Stevens, Mr H Ackerman
Vp Mrs N Stanners, Mr Ron Stevens, Mr R Short snr.
Secretary J.F. Barker
Ass Sec S Christian
Treasurer Ike Stevens
Trustees W Stevens, D Shore, Ron Stevens, Ray Stevens
Etc for many other positions.

The minute book shows a reference to a resignation on 5/3/62. It is assumed to be that of the president. Mr Ray Stevens seems to take over as Senior VP in later meetings.

Double decker bus hired for Bus picnic.

Several resignations occur- president, Social Secretary and one or two others.

Metres rather than yards are first mentioned in 1962.

Annual General Meeting 3rd September 1963

The President Ray Stevens occupies the chair. Note there was no reference to Snr VP becoming president!

Accounts £298 in bank.

President Mr R Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Mr Ron Stevens, Mr R Short snr, Mr L Rogers, Mrs Rogers.
Secretary N. Pomfret
Ass Sec J Slater
Treasurer J. Stevens
Etc for many other positions.

Much money seems to be spent on trophies in this and previous years.

Hurstville Council was requested to put more sand at southern end of baths.

SPLASH

OATLEY DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

DECEMBER, 1963

The Club membership this year is nowhere as high as last year, the competition has been just as keen and the race days have been well attended, although the weather has not been the best.

ANNUAL RAFFLE. Rod Arnold the solid Secretary Organised our annual raffle and the prizes were as follows:-

1st Prize	No. 2555	M. Haworth 37 Seaforth Ave., Oatley.
2nd Prize	No. 733	I. Duncan 10 Blanche St., Oatley.
3rd Prize	No. 2684	J. Eyles 88 Balmoral Road, Mortdale.

Many thanks to the Club Members for their efforts.

AROUND THE BATHS RACE

This keenly awaited race has now been swum and there were many surprises.

The places were as follows:-

<u>Ladies</u>	1st.	M. Foster
	2nd	C. Whitecombe
	3rd	C. Foster

<u>Junior Boys</u>	1st.	B. Whitecombe
	2nd	G. Holt
	3rd	I. Duncan

<u>Senior Men</u>	1st	R. Arnold
	2nd	Ron Stevens
	3rd	R. Adams

Fastest Swimmer J. Drews

Below find listed the actual swimming times of members

<u>Seniors</u>		<u>Juniors</u>		<u>Ladies</u>	
R. Adams	1040 secs.	K. Arnold	948	J. Holt	1327
R. Arnold	876	P. Pomfrett	845	P. Rawlins	1262
B. Hill	857	C. Sorenson	774	C. Foster	900
J. Viewers	803	L. Yeomans	852	M. Foster	878
Ron Stevens	768	M. Yeomans	879	K. Duncan	1113
J. Drews	689	G. Yeomans	138	L. Risk	1112
H. Ackerman	722	N. Hill	837	C. Whitecombe	859
J. Yeomans	699	A. Hill	985	D. Hartley	941
Ray Stevens	738	G. Holt	787	C. Holt	895
		I. Duncan	759	J. Noble	893
		T. White	1036	L. Hill	738
		B. Whitecombe	946	S. Rogers	740

names for this carnival:-

	R. Arnold	C. Sorenson	A. Smith
	K. Arnold	G. Holt	Ray Stevens
	Ron Stevens	I. Duncan	B. Mahoh
C.	C. Stevens	P. Knight	S. Mayoh
	H. Ackerman	N. Pomfrett	
	R. Adams	B. Stevens	
	K. Adams	J. Stevens	
	P. Sorenson	C. Lynch	

BREASTSTROKE, BACKSTROKE, BUTTERFLY POINT SCORE

This point score is now finished as after Christmas Championships take its place.

The major point score scorers were as follows:-

<u>Men</u>		<u>Ladies</u>	
P. Pomfrett	35	S. Rogers	29
Ray Stevens	31	C. Foster	24
V. Hills	24	M. Foster	20
J. Yeomans	23	L. Hill	17
N. Hill	20	C. Holt	12
R. Arnold	20	C. Whitcombe	10

These events have been well attended and have brought out some potential good swimmers, the championships after Christmas in these styles will be keenly contested.

THE ENTRANCE TRIP

Thirty club members went on the visit to the Entrance, we struck some very keen competition, but we were successful in many of the scratch races, relays and handicaps.

It is anticipated that we will have another country trip in the New Year, and all the club members are asked to attend.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club Championships commence after Christmas and all members are asked to compete in them, as you never know who will win. As over the years there has been many upsets in Championships it doesn't matter if you can't win, competing is the thing.

THE WEDDING

The Club congratulated Derek Hawkins on his recent marriage. We caught the bouquet at the wedding and dropped it into a hot oil

Conditions were a bit crowded at the Entrance and every time we sneezed half a dozen people got the blame, anyrate the club almost finished all chances of sleep.

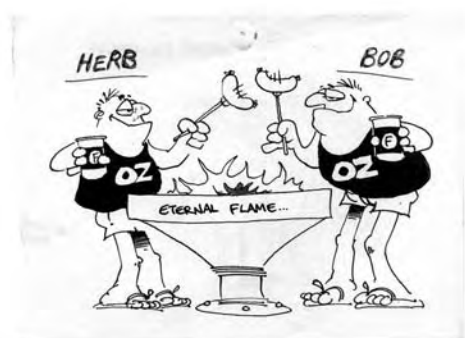
Next time people come in in the early hours of the morning would they please be quieter.

We uncovered the best stonper in the district while we were away. Didn't we F.R.

We have many stars, but the battle of the heavyweights is in favour of our 25 scratch man Big Bert, whose main competitors are Big Bob and F.R., although F.R. tossed Big Bert in a recent 50 dash

Many thanks to Jack Neal for his co-operation with the turning board.

Nim Pomfrett's performance at the Entrance was worth an



Annual General Meeting 23rd September 1964

Mr Ray Stevens in chair.
OWASC is disbanded and now part of OMASC.

President Mr R Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Mrs Rogers, Mr Ron Stevens, Mrs Pomfret, Mr B Hill.
Secretary Mrs Holt
Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret
Treasurer John Stevens
Etc for many other positions.

Membership fees set at 25/- for Senior Men etc to 2/6 for social.

New insurance for club hall set at £3000
Boat picnic organised for 11 April 65.
A fridge for the sandy beach clubhouse agreed but only spend £5.
Mrs Pomfret donates one! But it breaks down in 1966 and is
replaced by a donation from Mr Martin.
Juniors and Seniors in same races!
Money from bottle collections are recorded throughout these years.

Hurstville Circle

22/12/1964

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

The Oatley Amateur Swimming Club is now in its 38th year of existence, having been formed in 1927 by the late Hedley Mallard, who was its foundation president. Amongst the original members were Dudley and Ben Shaw, Bill Stevens, Andy Stanners, Fred and Charlie Montague and the Murray brothers. Dudley Shaw and Bill Stevens have been made life members of the club.

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Some of the past members are still remembered with memorial trophies which are presented each season.

A feature of this club has been the integration of the ladies' section which had operated happily for some years before this became the official policy of the swimming association. The present ladies' captain, Carol Stanners, is the daughter of one of the foundation members, Andy Stanners. This close association between sexes has led to several marriages within the club. The next wedding will be between the ladies' captain, Carol Stanners, and the men's captain, Herb Ackerman.

The current President, Ray Stevens, who joined the club as a boy, was made a life member for his services to the club. His brothers and his daughter have also been active members over a long period, and this has

always been a pleasing feature of the club's activities with parents and their children joining and swimming together.

For years the feature race of the season has been the 'length of the baths', over a course of approximately 365 yards. This is believed to be the largest enclosed baths in NSW. For the past two years, a new race, 'Around the Baths', a distance of approximately 800 yards, has been added to the season's calendar. The first of these events was won by Olympian Neville Hayes, competing by invitation. The next 'around the baths baths race' will be contested on January 17, at 9 a.m.

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S P L A S H

March, 1965.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The season is now in full swing and the competition this year is just as keen as in previous years particularly amongst the younger juniors.

The number of members entering the under 10, 12 & 14 year old championships has led in some instances to heats being run and this is most encouraging. The average numbers competing in the junior and senior men's races have been an increase on previous years, but in the ladies section there has been a tendency to fewer starters and we only hope that the numbers of ladies will be increased from the juveniles. Remember that the majority of the girls come from the Learn to Swim Campaign, so we must try to enlist girls who are already capable swimmers.

The Learn to Swim Campaign has been going well this year, and every Saturday a couple of children gain their certificates which means that their parents know that they can at least save themselves if they ever get into difficulties in the water.

It is not always children who are keen to learn and adults who want to learn should be encouraged to do so. This year we would like to congratulate Mrs. Vilcins who has persevered in an extraordinary manner to learn to swim and last Saturday week it was a great pleasure to present this lady with her certificate for swimming 50 metres. Mrs. Vilcins son, also a "Learn to Swim" product, now races with the club.

The Around the Baths Race was again a great success this year and members have asked that the handicapping be done on the same basis as the Length of the Baths race to make it more interesting.

Members have been attending the District Carnivals and had their share of success in the handicaps. It is many years since this club has had any starters in the District Champion-

We found 57?

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1965 Phillip Bisset

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Annual General Meeting 7th September 1965

Ray Stevens in chair. 12 members present.

President Mr Ray Stevens

Patron Mr P. Mullane

Vp Mrs Rogers, Mrs Pomfret, Mr J Brokman , Ron Stevens

Secretary Mrs Holt

Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret

Treasurer John Stevens

A new hall was discussed. Some note of repairs for hall made. A piano was purchased for £70.

In the year some discussion of heated pool at the club hall.
The meetings continued to use £ shillings and pence after 14th Feb 1966. Note that metres replaced yards several years earlier. By May 1966 the financial figures are in dollars.

Girls were allowed to swim in 200m and 400 m races.

Annual General Meeting 8th August 1966

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Mrs Rogers, Mrs Pomfret, Mr J Brokman
Secretary Mrs Holt
Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret
Treasurer John Stevens

In this year the point scoring system was revised to 2 cents a point for seniors- and 2 points for entering and 3,2,1 for 1st 2nd 3rd. 15 points for winner of championship.

Membership fees are Senior men \$2.50 and senior women 42 and juniors \$1.25.

A BBQ was held- 100 cuts and 30lb (*note no kgs yet*) and ice cream buckets were ordered. Entry fees were adults 75c and children 50c. Night races are cancelled during the week but Sunday night races to continue- the council had been asked to put lights in.

Reference to Carnival and Presentation Dance.

Council Rent for Club room Sandy Beach is \$2 pa.

Annual General Meeting August 1967

Not enough members present to hold election which was postponed to October swimming meet.

President Mr R Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Jean Batteshall, Jack Brokman, Ron Stevens
Secretary Mrs Holt
Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret
Treasurer John Stevens

In the year the valuer general valued the property at Unimproved \$9,800 and improved at \$12,000.

The wall at southern end of Sandy Beach was a continuing problem and the club approached Hurstville council again in this year to repair.

Annual General Meeting August 1968

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Mrs J Brokman, Mrs Pomfret, Mr J Brokman
Secretary Mrs Holt
Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret
Treasurer John Stevens

Annual General Meeting 1969

No records from September 1968 to AGM in October 1970.

Argyle Tavern 1969



Annual General Meeting October 1970

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron Mr P. Mullane
Vp Mr Ron Stevens, Mrs Pomfret, Mrs Henness
Secretary Mrs Holt
Ass Sec Mrs Pomfret
Treasurer Ike Stevens

During year decision to increase points worth to 5 cents. Bank balance \$460.

Hurstville Council approached to make further improvements to river area.

The Nursery was asked to increase its rent to \$15 per week.

Annual General Meeting 1971

No meetings recorded.

Annual General Meeting October 1972

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron no patron
Vp J Holt, G.Holt, Mrs Pomfret,
Secretary Mrs Holt
Treasurer R Bennett
Etc but owing to bad weather no further business done!

The Blue Boy Nursery was asked to pay rent \$18 per week and pay their electricity bill.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

PROGRAMME 1972

8th October	9.00 am	50 Metres	Handicaps
15th October	1.30 pm	50 Metres	Handicaps
		50 Metres	Breastroke Handicaps
22nd October	8.00 am	100 Metres	Senior Handicap
		50 Metres	Junior & Ladies Handicap
		50 Metres	Backstroke Handicaps
29th October	1.30 pm	50 Metres	Handicaps
		50 Metres	Butterfly Handicap
5th November	9.00 am	200 Metres	Senior Handicap
		50 Metres	" "
		100 Metres	Junior "
		50 Metres	" "
		50 Metres	Ladies "
		50 Metres	Breastroke "
12th November	1.30 pm	50 Metres	Handicap
		50 Metres	Backstroke "
19th November	8.00 am	50 Metres	Handicap
		200 Metres	Ladies "
		50 Metres	Butterfly "
26th November	1.30 pm	50 Metres	Senior Handicap
		200 Metres	Junior "
		50 Metres	Breastroke "
3rd December	8.30 am		Length of Baths Handicap
		50 Metres	Handicap
		50 Metres	Backstroke "
		50 Metres	Junior & Ladies Backstroke
			Championships
		100 Metres	Senior Backstroke Champs.
10th December	10.30 am	200 Metres	Senior Handicap
		50 Metres	" "
		50 Metres	Junior & Ladies "
		50 Metres	Butterfly "
		50 Metres	Junior & Ladies Breastroke
			Championships
		100 Metres	Senior Backstroke Champshp.
24th December	1.00 pm	50 Metres	Handicaps

Annual General Meeting October 1973

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron no patron
Vp
Secretary E Holt
Treasurer R Bennett
Etc

Now 7 cents a point. And it was decided to hold a party to open the season!

Annual General Meeting 1974

No records from July 74 to July 75.

The general meeting in July 75 noted the funds were approx \$4,000. And the hall needed painting again. And the Club approached Oatley RSL to combine clubs?

Annual General Meeting September 1975

No AGM in 75 either!

Annual General Meeting 11th July 1976

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron no patron
Vp R Holt
Secretary E Holt
Treasurer R Bennett

The list of Office bearers is now significantly reduced. The Club has gone through a difficult period where the numbers involved and its activities severely reduced. No dances or other major activities outside swimming are shown.

Now 12 cents per point. But cash at bank \$157. But probably did not include around \$4K in St George Building Soc.

Plans for 50th anniversary in November 1977.

Annual General Meeting 3rd July 1977

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron no patron
Vp N. Stanners
Secretary E Holt
Treasurer R Bennett

Points 15 cents. Combined bank balance around \$4300.
In the last 5 years there are no minutes for any general meetings and it seems that this tradition is to continue. The general meetings were of little consequence in any case. And the list of office bearers was substantially reduced in this period.

1977 is 50th year of the club. A reunion at the beach.





Annual General Meeting 1978

No record. Most likely no meetings.

Annual General Meeting 8th July 1979

President Mr Ray Stevens

Patron no patron

Vp Mrs. Stanners

Secretary Esma Holt

Treasurer Ron Holt

Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

20 cents a point.

The minutes mention a sealed handicap for around the baths.

Annual General Meeting July 1980

President Mr Ray Stevens

Vp Mrs Stanners , Ron Stevens

Secretary E Holt

Treasurer R Bennett

Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Cash at hand around \$5,230.

Trophies agreed not to be engraved and trophies not to be replaced.

Championships not to get trophies. Another significant change in the Clubs processes!

Invitation to AUSSI to swim at club.

Approach Alexander Mackie College to build a pool.



1980?

Annual General Meeting 12th July 1981

President Mr Ray Stevens
Patron no patron
Vp N. Stanners, Ron Stevens
Secretary -Treasurer A Smith

Bank balance around \$5,000. Membership fees Adults \$3 Children \$2.

The Dept of Sport and recreation was approached to build a heated indoor pool at Oatley West school.

The trustees for the Club are now Ray Stevens, Ron Stevens, Phil Pomfret, Val Lynch. This is the first mention of Trustees.

At a special general meeting in October 1981 Val Lynch was made a trustee replacing the late Dudley Shaw. The notes now say the Trustees are Ray Stevens, Ron Stevens, Phil Pomfret and Val Lynch.



Back Row: A.Smith, M.Crutcher, T.Lyons, J.Yeomans, T.Walker, J.Pomfret on shoulders.
Second Row: D.O'Hagan, A.Uebel, J.Mitchell, Ray Stevens(Pres), P.White, P.Demur, D.Mitchell, R.Pomfret, B.Whitcombe, C.Stevens, K.Bullivant
Third Row Ron Stevens, M. Boon, P.Pomfret, W.Scott, J.Cambell, G.Snell, S.Smith, M.Kay, K.Whitcombe, D.Lynch
Front Row P.Boon, D.Pomfret, J.Boon, J.Demur, M.Demur, M.Snell, T.Walker, J.Smith
Absent: H.Akerman, C.Conroy, R.Holt, C.Lynch, R.Quinn, J.Stevens



Back Row K.Uebel, S.Kay, R.Smith, C.White, M.Whitcombe, D.Campbell,
 A.Pomfret, A.O'Neil, K.Merran.
 Middle Row C.Demur, T.Demur, C.Smith, G.Uebel, H.Quinn, N.Stanners,
 V.Lynch, J.Mitchell, L.Whitcombe, K.O'Hagan
 Front Row S.O'Hagan, J.White, S.White, M.Kay, F.Lynch,
 Absent were , M.Akerman, S.Akerrman, T.Hill, E.Holt

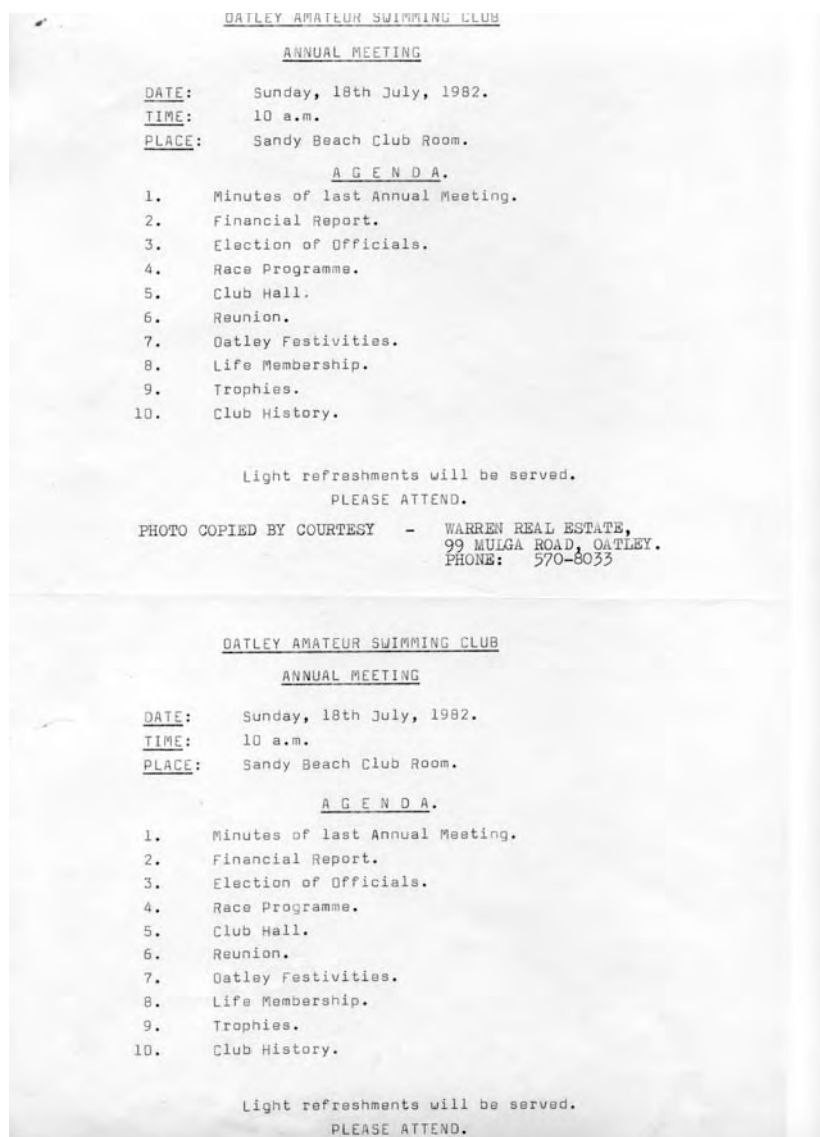
Annual General Meeting 18th July 1982

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary A Smith
Treasurer A Smith
Assist Sec Margaret Whitcombe
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Surplus for year \$816 and cash balance is \$5,835.
Ron Stevens and John Stevens made Life members.

The Kindy is now occupying the Hall. Hall is to be rewired.
55 year reunion is held 20 Nov 1982.
Points still 20 cents.
Ron and John Stevens are made life members.

Membership
fees are to be
adults \$4 and
Juniors \$3
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OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB HISTORY
1927- 1982

BY

RAY STEVENS PRESIDENT

THE HISTORY OF OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

ORIGIN OF OATLEY PARK

Before going into the history of the Club we must consider the location where we compete.

On the 25th March 1887, 45.32 hectares of land was dedicated as a park and on the 29th May 1888 it was declared as a native animal and wildlife sanctuary.

Hurstville Council commenced the same day as the park was declared, the railway came through Oatley in 1886 so the park was declared when the population of the suburb was very small.

THE BATHS

The date of the construction of the first baths is unknown. Its site stretched from the edge of lane 6 down the outside of the turning board to a point meeting a fence coming out from the main beach where there is a rocky outcrop.

During the depression era 1930-35 men on the "dole" did not receive any money instead they worked for it mostly on heavy laboring road work. As Oatley Park was undeveloped after nearly 50 years the council then placed a large number of men on Park improvements, this resulted in roads, the rock castle, the oval and the building of the baths as we know it.

The park was originally known as Sandy Beach, a name not known to the present population.

The park has always had two beaches and the northern one was originally outside the first baths and on the weekends when the tide was suitable fisherman used to bring in their boats to sell fresh fish to the public.

In the 30's 40's and 50's members used to catch prawns in the baths.

With the baths being 365 Yards long it has been recognised as the largest baths in Australia and the around the baths race every year would be the longest straight race in Australia inside a baths area.

One of the major problems has been to keep the baths sharkproof. Over the many years a fairly large wire mesh has been used. A large amount of wire was required but due to rust about 3 years was the life of the wire and it had to be replaced which was rather a expensive exercise for the council. With the large mesh users of the baths were often plagued with jelly blubbers with painful results for the users of the baths.

For a couple of years in the late 70's the club purchased a fishing net which was placed around our swimming area and allowing us to swim free of them. In 1980 Hurstville Council installed a fibre glass net of smaller mesh size which has been of great benefit to the public. Except for an odd jelly blubber it has kept the baths practically free of them and being rust free will last longer though it is showing signs of wear where the public are hitting it with boats or climbing up on it.

FORMATION OF THE CLUB

On the 15th January 1927 a meeting was held at Alderman Hedley Mallards house in Douglas Haig Street for the purpose of forming a Swimming Club.

The people who attended and were the foundation members of the Club were H. Mallard, P. Murray, J. Salmon, A. Stead, S. Christie, V. Kaysen, H. Cohen, B. Salmon, A. Auld, W. Jones, A. Wilson, I. Montague, J. Wilcox, I. Prior, F. Smedley, C. Montague, G. Lyndon, L. Mallard, P. Phipps, W. Stevens, B. Shaw, D. Shaw, S. Hodgson, Misses V. Green, M. Smedley, V. Brown, A. Smedley, M. Murray, M. Crofts and Christie.

The Club was originally called and operated under the name of Oatley District Amateur Swimming Club until we were forced by the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Club in the 60's to drop the word District out of the name due to some regulation.

The first President was Hedley Mallard, Harley Cohen Secretary and Bill Stevens Treasurer.

... a rather unusual move for those days it was to be a combined men and ladies swimming club. This led to many clashes with the N.S.W. Ladies Swimming Association where policy was that men and women must not belong to the same club.

They said it was immoral and for a while when we ran swimming carnivals they insisted that only women were to be time keepers, judges and starters. When they rang the President they insisted they would only speak to a woman President. Eventually Ray Stevens and ex member Brian Ogle moved at Headquarters to disband the Womens Swimming Association and they now all belong to the mens Association.

The first membership fees were 50 cents Men, 30 cents Ladies, Juniors 25 cents and Senior Members 6d a race.

The first carnival was held on the 26th January 1927, and was opened by the Mayor of Hurstville D. Webb. All city and suburban newspaper reporters attended and gave a tremendous amount of publicity.

The next meeting was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Wilcox in Douglas Haig Street where there was more room.

Due to increasing membership and many socials being held a large galvanised shed was rented in Mulga Road. Many meetings and socials were held in this shed and eventually it was decided to purchase land on the corner of Woonona Pde and Myall Streets Oatley. An offer of \$10 was made to Hurstville Council to purchase an old dressing shed from Oatley Park. This was dismantled and shifted to the land and with other materials the present hall was erected and beside it a tennis court. Members then completely furnished the club with piano, urns and furniture. It was actually the forerunner of clubs that we know today.

To pay for the land a rather unique scheme was installed, it was called the Land Scheme. For 10 cents a week each child could be a member until the age of 16 years.

During the 1930's this was a great boon as during the "Depression Years" money was very scarce.

The club room became the social centre of West Oatley, which looking back was a very isolated area. You had to make your own entertainment. Meetings were held twice a month and every now and then they ended up in wild disarray. Members would appear to argue about anything and it was considered a good night out. Card evenings were held, dances and parties and once a week lifesaving classes were held under the eagle eye of Dud Shaw. For a while the club was the best lifesaving club in N.S.W. winning the highly coveted Kelso King Shield beating the N.S.W. Police.

One of the greatest highlights of the season would be our annual picnic to Thirroul. The club would hire two railway carriages with the train stopping at Oatley to pick up the large crowd. Community singing was one of the main features of the trip.

Pre War there were only two other clubs operating in the St George area Kamsgate & St George operating out of Brighton Baths. The Club also played water polo and were fairly successful playing at Kamsgate Baths on a Sunday Night.

Due to the small number of clubs operating there was not many carnivals but they were keenly contested.

The best swimmers in these years were Cheshire Fuimini, Fred & Jack Smith The Davies Boys, Roy Rushworth, Jack Lawler and not forgetting The Belcher Girls. Cheshire was an outstanding sprinter, swimming 50 yards in 25 seconds which was an outstanding time and even by todays standards pretty fast, and he swam that time as a junior.

Then came the 1939-45 war. Many members enlisted and the club became mostly operating with juniors. Three members were killed and they were all Air Force, Jack McDowell, Cec Ricketts and Ian Thompson. During these years the club was held together by Bill Stevens, Ron Stevens, Noel Hammond and Tim Murphy.

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Country trips to Bathurst, Orange Dubbo and the Entrance were greatly enjoyed by members. As many as a dozen vehicles would take members away for a weekend to compete against country Clubs and enjoy a social outing as well.

Our club was very strong in "Club Swimmers" particularly in the Seniors and during these trips we were very successful. Members enjoyed themselves immensely and when members meet they still talk about the various incidents that happened. The trips to the Entrance Club were the most hilarious. With the co-operation of Fred and Ade Montague and the Club we rented a cottage for the weekend and as many as 60 members would attend. Water pistol fights became famous and our "subsidiary" Woronora Club (The Fowler Boys) always attended. Who would forget "Chook" Fowler and his beat up cars.

FLIX FOR NIX

During the early years the "Flix for Nix" era was born. Every month the club arranged Films from Shell, Health Department, Travel Companies and the State Film Library.

The Club room used to be packed by members and funds were raised by selling drinks etc, and members led by Jim Burke placed the signs in chalk around the district. This entertainment went on for many years and gradually faded out when television took over.

For a couple of years, 2 nights a week physical training classes were run for members by Frank Jorian, a well known coach.

The Club formed a Junior and Senior Soccer team which had mixed success but better results were obtained by the Ladies & Mens Basketball teams.

Many bus picnics, socials and some classical launch picnics up the Woronora River were held. Members still talk about the time when the boats were taken up at high tide but unfortunately the tide went out and the members had to carry the heavy wooden boats down the river.

Membership reached a peak in the late 50's and 60's but today we still have a steady membership consisting mainly of family groups and I think we could be one of the few clubs where father, mother and the children race together.

LEARN TO SWIM

For children learning to swim today there are plenty of facilities, Government Sponsored on school holidays, private coaches etc, but in the 1950's and 1960's the Learn to Swim campaign was conducted by Swimming Clubs. There were not any real public pools, a very few coaches and so the club used to teach at the baths on Saturdays allowing for the tide. Our facilities were very poor for teaching the children but hundreds of children were taught. It was nothing to have 100 children turn up. All club members helped and the chief organisers were Mrs Phil Pomfret, Mrs Peg Rogers, Les Dodds, Nola Stevens and many more members both Junior and Senior.

As more local facilities became available we were required less and it eventually faded out.

PARK RANGERS

The most famous of the Rangers (Caretakers) was George Prentice. He was employed by Hurstville Council practically since the inception of the baths. He was absent for a while during the war years but back again after the war for many years. He was a real Character and many stories are told of his unusual behaviour. The kids in the early days worried the life out of him, floating his wheelbarrows in the water, adults not parking their cars properly. Every one knew George but no one can deny he was a great worker. A lot of the rock work around the baths was placed by him and he kept the place spotless. After George retired we had Jack Neild for many years and since then we have had a bit of a change with many rangers. All through these years the club has greatly appreciated the assistance and co-operation of the rangers and we have co-operated in keeping the baths clean and controlling people who create a nuisance.

BOTTLE DRIVES

In the late 50's and 60's the club to raise funds decided to have bottle drives organised by Bill Mitchell, they were a great success. We have now reduced to a bottle yard at the club and they have been a ready source of income to the Club.

TURNING BOARDS

The supply of a turning board and also starting wall has been a major problem to the club until recent years when Hurstville Council has supplied a good concrete starting wall and a large steel floating pontoon.

The first finishing wall was a permanent wooden fixture and lasted for many years though repaired regularly. This eventually collapsed and we had some real trouble for many years.

We had a floating pontoon made up of 40 gallon drums. That lasted for a couple of years and then collapsed. Next was an electric light pole we chopped down but to our surprise it did not float. It was a problem with the pole but eventually the Council supplied a couple of steel pontoons until they rusted away and we have our present one.

DRESSING SHEDS

The first one was half way up the ramp down to the baths and a piece of the concrete floor can still be seen and also a couple of slots in the rock where the rafters went.

The shed was very small and would not hold more than a dozen people at a time and with large crowds at the baths you had to queue up. Then the ramp was put in, the shed was pulled down and two large tin sheds were built on the flat, one for the men which had a partition in it for the club to put their lanes in.

These sheds were not the best, bare floors no showers but they served their purpose.

In 1959 the present sheds were built by Hurstville Council which were a great improvement both from the public and club view.

The facilities have been a great help to the club as basically we are a social swimming club.

SWIMMERS

As we are a swimming club, we cannot go without mentioning them. We have and have had all ages from 3 years old to swimmers in their 60's. We have had slow and fast swimmers but over the 55 years we have escaped the "fanaticism" of other clubs who concentrate on their champions and not on the club swimmers. We have always operated as a family club, dad, mum and the kids and our main object is to enjoy ourselves and I think we have done this remarkably well. We would have the largest senior membership in the district.

But as in any sport there will be always the swimmers who are natural athletes and stand above the rest.

To name these swimmers is very hard, but in my opinion and many may disagree with me, I would nominate the following, Cheshire Fulmini for (pre war) a sprinter, Frank Stevens for backstroke who competed in the Empire Games and Australian Junior Champion, Bob Bouffler probably our best all round swimmer with the greatest potential, Richard Quinn a versatile all round swimmer, John Stevens as a butterfly swimmer, for an older swimmer Jack Campbell, and last but not least Herb Akerman. Herb has been in the club for 25 years and he is swimming as fast as he was 25 years ago. In the ladies our most outstanding would be Carol Steamer, Win Belcher, Diane Campbell, Helen Thibou and Val Lynch.

MEMBERSHIP

One feature of our club has been the long time members have competed. The Stevens, John Ron and myself have been competing for 50 years which is something of a record. There are members who have been competing over 20 years, Jim Yeomans, Herb Akerman, Col Lynch, Val Lynch & Alan Smith.

It is in this long period that the club strength is. The members have raced, then their children and grandchildren. Thousands of members have gone through the club, and it is very pleasing to meet people who were in the club many years ago and still ask about us and still read the results in the "Leader". These ex members still have fond memories of the club and still talk about the picnics barbeques and socials as if it was yesterday.

OTHER CLUBS

Prewar we had other clubs to compete against, North Ramsgate & St George (Brighton Baths). We competed regularly against them at swimming and water polo. After the war more clubs sprung up with the building of more Olympic Pools. We used to compete regularly at carnivals but over recent years not at so many as unfortunately the other clubs do not have many senior swimmers, as our strength are in the seniors we have drifted apart from the carnivals as they seem to have lost their social aspect. I think that with large numbers of clubs and members practically 100% juniors the carnivals take too long.

OFFICIALS

The club cannot operate without officials. Reading through old minute books, names keep appearing year after year. Bill Stevens, Fred Meyers, Bernie Howard, Jack Maples, Harold Coates, Bill Mitchell, Ron and Esma Holt, Jim Burke, K. Patterson, Bob Bennett and many more. But without them no club operates.

PUBLICITY

Over the years we have had great co-operation from the local media who have always published our results which lets the public know we are still operating. In recent years we must thank the St George Leader for their assistance.

HURSTVILLE COUNCIL

We must not forget to mention Hurstville Council, for without their foresight back in 1887 there would be no baths and no swimming club. We can safely say Oatley Park is one of the most pleasant places to have our unusual swimming club.

We have difference of opinions over the years with the council but our both objects is to make the baths more pleasant for the public.

The large baths have always created problems but it is a unique baths and the only type in Australia and we must thank the council for their co-operation in helping us with our facilities for racing. It could be improved but due to unique problems it is a problem and we are working on it.

SUMMING UP

We are a unique club in the swimming world, being for members to enjoy themselves both socially and swimming. Whether we be fast or slow swimmers it doesnt matter. We are a family club and our long serving members back this up.

We invite all locals whether they can swim or not to come along and join us.

Annual General Meeting 25th July 1983

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary A Smith
Treasurer A Smith
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Surplus \$888 and cash balance is \$6720.

25 cents per point.

Future length of baths to be nominated time and length is double points and round is triple points.

Annual fees \$5 adults and \$4 children and \$15 family.

Annual General Meeting 5th August 1984

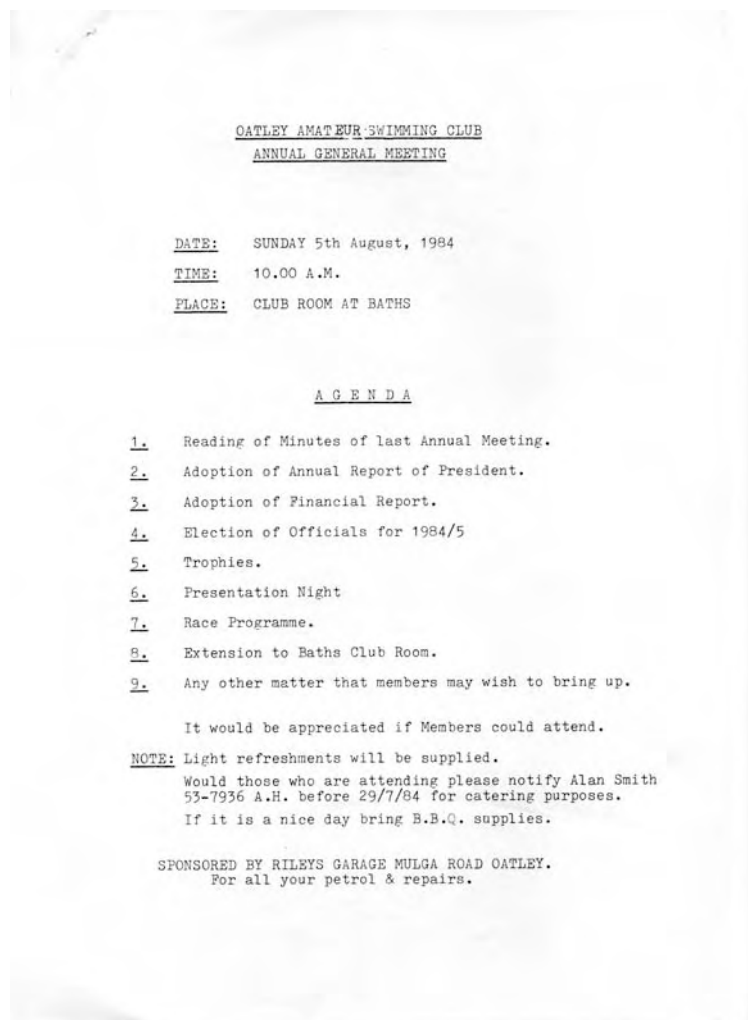
President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary A Smith
Treasurer A Smith
Social Sec Val Lynch

Handicappers
Starters Recorders
and Judges
appointed.

Loss on year \$524
- cash balance
\$6020.

Loss due to hall
maintenance and
hence points value
reduced to 20
cent.

Val Lynch made
Life member.



OATLEY
AMATEUR
SWIMMING
CLUB



NEWSLETTER

The senior men are being led by Ron Stevens at the moment, but he is only there on sufferance.

After the swimming each week, a few of our members like to stay behind for a few drinks and a barbecue, and we usually make a day of it, and leave just before dark.

One of our local customs is to initiate any new members, as Rod and Kerry found. We challenged Rod to a board race, and as he thought he was a lot fitter than us, he jumped at the chance. Little did he know that the board we gave him was water logged and it took him about half an hour to reach the net.

While this was going on, the ladies were giving Kerry the drink treatment and before long she was out on the diving board, feeding the fish. I am pleased to say that Rod and Kerry are now hardened members of the club, and are looking forward to initiating our next two new members, Terry and Trish, next season.

We also have monthly outings to different member's places for a barbecue and a few drinks. Here is a run-down of these outings. Each one is rated out of ten.

The first one was our New Year's Eve party at my place. Everything was going smoothly until someone dropped a bag of crackers. Everyone scattered. Some people went for the pool, and another sat in the lemon merangue pie. People who drop crackers, or sit in lemon merangue pies have been banned from future parties.

Apart from this mishap, the party was a great success, and rated, without doubt, $9\frac{1}{2}/10$.

Next, we went to Bob's place, and someone mixed up the invitations. Instead of 12 people, 60 freeloaders turned up. Luckily, Bob lived opposite the Bowling Club because most of them didn't bring enough beer, and were starting to drink ours.

After that shaky start, thing went OK until Carol said, 'If you want to barbecue, you have to chop the wood first, and when you're finished, wash up the dishes.'

I'm sorry, Bob, that isn't what socializing is about, and I'm forced to deduct marks for that . . . $5/10$.

The next place we tried to ruin was Alan and Wendy's - and ruin it we nearly did. As Alan is always telling us to leave our kids at home when we go to his place, we thought this would be a good time to introduce our two new members, Terry, Trish and their five kids to the social scene.

The plan back-fired because most of the fathers had to play with the kids and got behind with their drinking. Nor would Alan let us drown the kids in his pool and let us catch up . . . I had to deduct some marks for that.

Wendy won back some points when she served lovely rice salad and dessert, but it wasn't enough to give Alan the marks he needed for a successful day . . . $6/10$.

Colleen was next on our list, but she made us sit outside. It was a night barbecue, in the middle of the winter and there were no seats or lighting. However, we managed to find everything because we took turns to hold the candle.

We made our own fun, throwing beer cans over the neighbour's fence, but Colleen made us go and pick them up again. As this was her first party, I let her off with a stern warning and a $6\frac{1}{2}/10$.

Next stop was at Ron's place, but only because he kept bragging about the new spa he had put in. What a let down . . . it is only about two foot square, and when Ron decided he wanted to sit in it, there was no room left for us.

Another complaint was the distance between the fridge and where we sat for lunch. It was all up hill. Whenever we went to the fridge, we had to bring two beers back and the ladies had trouble carrying the eskies down those stairs.

Ron says he's going to concrete a proper path for us to walk down, so I've taken that into consideration when ~~assessing~~ his points . . . $7/10$.

Our next social day was at Herb's place and judging by the length of time it took to get there, I'm glad we don't get invited too often. When we finally arrived, we found a note on the door which read, 'Back in half an hour'.

After he returned, we had a few beers and then started cooking lunch. Well, that was a big mistake, because his barbecue plate was so uneven our sausages kept rolling onto the ground and by the time the smoke cleared, and we could find them, the dog had already eaten them. Oh, well, at least Buffy was well fed.

After you move closer to Oatley and get a new barbecue plate, we will update your points, but for now, Herb, $4/10$.

Now, we come to Rod's place, and being their first time, I think they were out to impress us, and impress us they did. When we arrived, we sat around the table, and Rod even shouted the first beer. The fridge was close to where we were sitting and for lunch Kerry made some delicious salads and desserts.

When it started getting dark, Rod lit a big fire and we sat around drinking and talking until well into the night. after a day like that, it was hard to criticize, but we had to get up and go to work the next day, Rod, so you shouldn't have kept us up so late. . . $8\frac{1}{2}/10$.

Our final barbecue for this year was at Terry and Trish's place. They were a bit reluctant to have us at first, and kept making excuses about the house not being finished etc, but they finally got the message and invited us over.

It was a stinking hot day and Terry made us sit out in the sun because he didn't want anyone walking on his new lawn. He even made us leave our eskies outside because he didn't want us walking through the house.

As the day wore on, and we got drunker, we didn't notice we were burning to a crisp and steam was coming out of our beer cans.

I have taken into account that it was his first party, and there was a large crowd, and he has promised that, next time, we can use his chairs and we won't have to stand up all day. Thanks for a lovely day, mate . . . 4 1/2/10.

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Well, that's what Oatley Swimming Club is all about . . . but before I close, I would like to thank all the officials and swimmers who made it such a great club.

PLEASE NOTE:

ANY RESEMBLANCE TO ANY PERSONS, LIVING OR DEAD, IS PURELY CO-INCIDENTAL.

yours in socializing; B Whitecombe

P.S. Thanks to Terry Bleakley for the super cover.
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NEWMAN

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

SOME RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Membership fees must be paid by the 30th November.
2. A chocolate is given each race meeting to the entrants of juvenile races.
3. Trophies are awarded, the value based on points won in freestyle races, the basis of so much a point (e.g. 20 cents) decided on at the Annual Meeting, and will be presented at the Annual Barbeque. Open orders are given showing the value of the trophy that can be purchased. A cheque will be paid when the trophy is given to the Secretary for presentation.
4. Points are awarded as follows:-
HEATS
3 points for first
2 points for second
1 point for third
plus two points for finishing.
Where there is a final, then extra points, 3 for first, 2 for second and 1 for third, will also be given.
Double points are awarded for "Length of Baths" race.
Triple points are awarded for "Around the Baths" race.
5. Prizes are awarded to the winners of the point scores and club championships.
6. Races of 100 metres or more are run as heats only - no finals.
7. Entries close 10 minutes after advertised programme time.
8. All members must enter their own name for races - juveniles excepted.
9. Winners of all races must bring in the lane ropes after a swim meeting.
10. Only "first claim" club members who have swum in five (5) meetings prior to the day can enter Club Championships.
11. Drinks taken from the fridge MUST be paid for. Exceptions are made on Party days.
12. As a large part of the club prizes, trophies and parties are paid for from our bottle collection, members are requested to help stack bottles at the Club Hall.

IF IN DOUBT - ASK



Annual General Meeting 4th August 1985

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary A Smith
Treasurer A Smith
Social Sec Val Lynch
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Surplus is \$961 and cash balance \$6888.

25 cents per point reinstated.

Hurstville Council asked to repair the net.

The 400m championship is replaced by the length of baths with nearest to nominated time and fastest.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
1984/5

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure I give you my report on the operation of your club during the last year.

Membership has been steady, with a slight drop but the participation of the members has been very high and has resulted in keen competition amongst members, with the result that the point-scores were very close in all sections.

Although we are a swimming club, one of our other main occupations has been our social side. Many barbecues were held and were well supported by members and the other social activities organised by Barry Whitcombe have given members some variety.

The financial management by Alan Smith has given us a surplus of income over expenditure, compared with our loss last year. Two major expenses this year will have to be the painting of the rest of the clubroom and a fence at the back.

Many thanks to all the handicappers Val Lynch, Sandra Kay, Carole Illingworth, Joyce Mitchell, Margaret Whitcombe and Margaret Willis.

The club over the many years has had many excellent swimmers, but I must congratulate Michael and Mellissa Kay. Without doubt they have been the best swimmers for many years particularly in the distant events and I wish to congratulate them on their achievements during the year.

RAY STEVENS
PRESIDENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 1985

TIME: 10.00 AM

PLACE: CLUB ROOM AT BATHS

AGENDA

1. Reading of Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Adoption of Annual Report of President.
3. Adoption of Financial Report.
4. Election of Officials for 1985/6
5. Trophies.
6. Presentation Night
7. Race Programme.
8. Any other matter that members may wish to bring up.

It would be appreciated if all members could attend.
NOTE: Light refreshments will be supplied.

Would those who are attending please notify Alan Smith
53-7936 A.H. Before 30/7/85 for catering purposes.
IF A NICE DAY BRING B.B.Q. SUPPLIES.

SWIMMING CLUB JOURNAL NO 2

Hi Folks!

Welcome to another season of swimming under the influence, I hope everyone has fully recovered from all their winter activities as this summer promises to be a beauty.

Before we get into this season, let's reflect back on last year and try to figure out what went wrong. I'd like to thank the handicappers and officials for doing such a great job organising everything each week and to all those who never lifted a finger to do anything around the club- Up Yours!

The swimming was fairly evenly contested all season and although Michael Kay easily won the Mens Point Score, the ladies wasn't really decided until the end. The eventual winner was Val Lynch narrowly from Margaret Willis.

The social gatherings after the swimming each week are always very well run affairs but I wish somebody would talk to that idiot Graham about Rugby matches he organises after lunch. We just get settled down to a good afternoon of drinking and he wants to play football. Wake up you dubbo and stay unfit like the rest of us.

During the off season we did plenty to keep ourselves amused. We had another river cruise which turned out a great day and we also decided to try a night cruise and it turned out to be a very successful night. There was plenty of food to go around and after dinner we danced and drank the night away. The next morning was a very painful experience for most of us because all the dancing we did the night before was led by Trish Bleakley and we all know what sort of an idiot she is when she gets on the dance floor.

Our New Years Eve Party this year was held at Bob's place and those who came had one hell of a time. The kids (Kelly, Robyn & Sharon) put up all the streamers and other decorations to make it a real colorful affair. The beer flowed all night and when it became time to yell and scream at midnight we were all too drunk to get up and run around so we had to get the kids to do all the yelling for us while we just sat on the ground talking to the empty beer cans lying beside us on the lawn.

The ladies again looked after the kids at the winter swimming while we spent a couple of well earned hours at the Bowling Club each Saturday afternoon. This year we had a couple of new recruits in Rafe and Ron and they told me they were both happy to get in a little extra training for the long season ahead.

We recently had our general meeting and were again blessed with a beautiful day. One very significant change this year is that Sandra Kay will no longer be with us. She decided she'd taken enough abuse and insults off you blokes and thought that she would stand down while she was still sane. Our new Mens handicapper is a very dear and respected friend of mine, Val Lynch and I hope she is treated with all the respect that goes with being such a high ranking official. Good Luck Val. Everything else is mostly as it was last year so we can look forward to another good season.

To make the club a more sociable and enjoyable one this year I have come up with an idea to help everyone get better acquainted with their fellow members. It will also give you some inside information on your opposition and how to beat them.

RAY STEVENS-nickname (PENSIONER)

Ray surprises a lot of people just by turning up each week as it is generally thought he is living on borrowed time. You can recognize Ray by his 17th century costumes he always wears. If you are ever unlucky enough to be drawn next to him in a race try to borrow a crash helmet because he will try to win at all costs and even resort to thuggery if necessary.

JIM YEOMANS-nickname (POLITICIAN)

Everytime Jim opens his mouth its like sitting on the toilet because he spills more crap than anyone I've ever met. Jim is another of the old brigade and is easy to recognise because he is always standing or sitting by himself. I suppose he would be good company if you and he were the only ones that turned up one day.

RON STEVENS-nickname (SNOOZER)

Ron is the one that looks like a pregnant woman without boobs. The only reason he does so well in the point score each year is that we have so many king tides as at low tide his belly keeps dragging along the bottom in the mud. After the races have finished be sure that Old Ron gets in the first shout because after one or two beers he tends to nod off quite a bit and its very difficult to keep him awake after that.

RAFE KOWRON-nickname (STICKS)

Rafe has the physique of a garden stake and swims accordingly. The only stroke he ever swims is backstroke because he doesn't have to exert himself. All he has to do is float on his back and let the breeze blow him along to the finish. Watch out if one day there is a strong wind blowing Rafe because who knows where you could end up.

BOB ILLINGWORTH-nickname (TWO BELLIES)

Bob wins a fair share of races because every time he dives in he washes the rest of us out of the pool. If you have never seen a tidal wave, come down and watch "two bellies" in action. As a party goer there is not a finer example than Bob. He will eat all your food, drink all your beer and chat up all your women for you.

ALAN SMITH-nickname (ANIMAL)

Alan is known as "The Animal" for the way he slops down his food at B-B-Q's and for having such a hairy face. He is very superstitious when it comes to swimming as he will only go in if the water temperature is around 80 degrees. To get the water to the required warmth Alan can be seen lingering around in the water before his race doing what is usually done behind a bush or tree.

GRAHAM WHITE-nickname (RUGBY)

Graham is a footballer through and through but its too bad he can't do anything else. You can always pick out Graham because he walks and talks as if he's been hit over the head once too often. If it wasn't for Union, Graham wouldn't have any life at all and therefore would be better off dead.

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HERB AKERMAN-nickname(BLOTO)

Herb is unique in the way he can iron himself out every Saturday and still back up for swimming on Sunday. I think his idea is to fool the handicappers into thinking he has caught some rare disease and is unable to swim his correct time. I'm afraid it doesn't wash anymore Herb, as everyone knows your the town drunk and just accept the way you look as being normal.

ROD MAYNELL-nickname (SWEETHEART)

According to the women, Rod is the ants pants and is therefore always treated better than anyone else when it comes to handicapping the races. He is always put into an easy heat and although he goes down the pool in 34 secs, is always off at go which makes him virtually impossible to beat. He also loves authority (something he doesn't get at home) and one day hopes to undermine Rays job as President.

KENNY ARNOLD-nickname (GLOWORM)

If you look closely at Kennys eyes when he arrives at swimming each week you will understand where he gets his nickname. Kenny is a bit of a nomad. He never knows where he's going and never knows where he's been the night before. He only comes down to swimming with one thing in mind and that is to win the point score. Although he tries hard he just can't manage to swim further than 20 yds, unless he's had his usual 4 schooners for breakfast so I think he would be better off racing against the juveniles because that way he would always be guaranteed of a prize because everyone receives a chocolate..

TERRY BLEAKLEY-nickname (RANDY)

Terry is a difficult person to write about because he leads a very dull life. His only claim to fame is his ability to produce babies. His swimming leaves a lot to be desired because if it wasn't for his ability to slipstream he wouldn't collect any points at all. Terry once managed to pee up seven bricks after excessive drinking at a party one afternoon but that was the only bright spot in an otherwise very dull life.

COL LYNCH-nickname (FALSE STARTER)

Col is our starter and every Sunday he can be seen down the end of the pool calling up the competitors for the races. One of these days he will get a race started on time or without a false start but until that day we will just have to put up with it because no-one else will take the job.

BARRY WHITCOMBE-nickname (TIGER)

Barry's nickname not only comes from following the Tigers but also for his fighting spirit and will to succeed in everything he does. He is very popular, gets on well with everyone and isn't afraid to shout a beer or give assistance to anyone who may need it. His greatest asset is his sportsmanship as it doesn't matter if he wins or loses as long as he enjoys himself.

Well there you have a rundown of all our main competitors so I hope you now have all the information needed to beat your opposition this season.

At the beginning of each season we have our award presentation for social achievements of the previous year. As always it was a very closely fought affair but I think you will agree the winners are worthy of their awards.

The socializing award went to Mrs Willis for her uncanny ability to join in and have fun at parties.



The Mr Physique of the year went to "Two Bellies" Bob for the second year running. He again has been unchallenged in the way he presents his huge frame.



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Our drunk of the year award went to your favourite and mine Herb for the natural way he can lean up against a bar for long periods at a time without falling over.



The best dancers this year were Bob and Carol for the great style and carisma they showed us on the dance floor.



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Our lucky stiff award went to Old Ron because of his ability to win raffles. He has the knack to pick up a prize in nearly every raffle he enters.



Our Pokie player award went to Margaret Willis for the way she pulls the handle with the right amount of venom to beat the system.



The beauty contest was shared jointly by Shirl and Marg and this is the pose that won them the award.



The most corrupt child award went to Kelly as seen in this photo.



The most unpopular person this year was Colleen because as you can see nobody gives a damn about her.



Well there you have the list of awards for last years achievements and I congratulate all the winners.

Another social part of the club is our tennis night which gives us the chance to work off all that booze from the weekend before. I was a bit afraid of joining at first because everyone else that attends had played tennis before at some time but after watching them in action I found I didn't have a worry in the world. They could all be compared with the show on T.V. called Foulups and Blunders.

Now for the news in brief

1. Colleen is still looking for a man.
2. Rod still has the thumbprint on his forehead.
3. Colin is considering swimming this year.
4. Terry hasn't been sighted since last summer. Could the rumours of another Bleakley be true?
5. Margaret Willis is turning into a fish.
6. Herb won the town drunk award for the fifth year running.
7. Alan has grown two more hairs on his chest.

News in brief cont'd

8. Ray Stevens is still alive.
9. Rons belly is fast overhauling Bobs.
10. Colleen Still hasn't got a man.
11. Shirley still falls in that same hole every week.
12. Graham's rugby days are numbered.
13. Mrs Willis believes we should drink more and swim less.
14. Val is odds on to win the ladies point score again so get on early.
15. Would someone please take Colleen out!

To all my catholic friends I would like to leave them with a little story.

THE NEW PRIEST

A new Priest at his first Mass was so scared he could hardly speak. After the service he asked the Monsignor how he had done. "Fine" he said, "but next week it might help you to put a little vodka or gin in your water to relax you." The next week the new Priest put vodka in his water and really kicked up a storm. After mass he asked the Monsignor how he had done this time. "Fine" he said, "but there are a few things you should get atraight!"

There a ten commandments not twelve.
There are twelve disciples not ten.
David slew Goliath, he did not kick the shit out of him.
We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C.
Next Saturday there will be a Taffy Pulling contest at St Peters not a Peter pulling contest at St Taffy's.
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook.
Moses parted water at the Red Sea, he didn't pass water.
We do not refer to Judas as El Finko.
The pope is consecrated not castrated and we do not refer to him as the Godfather.

Well as you can see by this report we tend to do a bit more socializing than we do swimming but according to Ray all that is going to change this season.

Yours in swimming,

BARRY

Annual General Meeting 20th July 1986

Over the past four years the names of those present at the AGM have been shown. The numbers are around 20 to 30 in most cases.

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary A Smith
Treasurer A Smith
Social Sec Barry Whitcombe
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Surplus \$435 Cash balance \$7321
Ropes and floats bought for lanes!

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1985 - 6

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure I give you a report on the operation of your Club during this year.

Our membership has remained steady and there was very keen competition amongst members in the point scores and some were not decided until the last race day.

The social activities have been well looked after, particularly the barbeques down at the Baths with Barry Whitcombe as the main organiser.

Our finances have been maintained by Alan Smith after a record payout with trophies.

Many thanks to all the handicappers and officials for their work during the year.

At the meeting we will have to discuss the holding of our 60th Anniversary in 1987, so your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

RAY STEVENS.
PRESIDENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY 20th JULY, 1986
TIME: 10 am
PLACE: CLUB ROOM AT THE BATHS

AGENDA

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
2. Adoption of Annual Report of President
3. Adoption of Financial Report
4. Election of Officials for 1986 - 7
5. Trophies
6. Presentation Night - where and when
7. Race Programme
8. 60th Anniversary
9. Any other matters that members may wish to bring up.

It would be appreciated if all members could attend. NOTE Light refreshments will be supplied.

Would those who are attending please notify Alan Smith, 53-7936 a.h. before 15th July for catering purposes.

If it is a nice day, bring B.B.Q. supplies.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1ST JULY 1985 TO 30TH JUNE 1986

<u>1984/85</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1985/86</u>	<u>1984/85</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1985/86</u>
\$1,172.20	Trophies & Race Prizes	\$1,232.75	\$ 447.00	Membership Fees	\$ 424.00
184.05	Affiliation Fees	284.40	14.47	BBQ & Parties	-
362.54	BBQ Parties Drinks	400.46	18.00	Raffle	-
18.00	Picnic	-	30.00	T-Shirts	30.00
-	Balmain Carnival	185.00	-	Balmain Carnival	31.00
-	Insurance	80.00	41.50	Interest	42.83
44.84	Club Maintenance	-	1,413.07	Loss on Club Activi-	1,967.43
128.00	Stamps Stationary	20.00		ties	
-	Florist	35.50			
45.00	Watch Repairs	142.95			
2.00	Council Rent	2.00			
-	First Aid	8.00			
-	Photos	94.70			
7.40	Bank Charges	9.50			
<u>\$1,964.04</u>		<u>\$2,495.26</u>	<u>\$1,964.04</u>		<u>\$2,495.26</u>

HALL ACCOUNT

\$ 378.78	Water Rates	\$ 393.75	2,670.00	Rent Received	2,712.00
963.47	Council Rates	1,041.57	751.50	Rate Refund	797.25
179.00	Insurance	179.00	410.90	Bottles	360.70
20.00	Extinguishers	-			
384.48	Hall Repairs	499.00			
1,906.67	Excess of Income Over Expenditure	1,756.63			
<u>\$3,832.40</u>		<u>\$3,869.95</u>	<u>\$3,832.40</u>		<u>\$3,869.95</u>

CASH ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1/7/85	\$2,028.56	Loss on Club Activi-	\$1,967.43
Profit on Hall	1,756.63	ties	
		Transfer to St Grge	1,000.00
		Balance 30/6/86	817.76
	<u>\$3,785.19</u>		<u>\$3,785.19</u>

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Loss of Club Activi-	\$1,967.43	Profit Hall	\$1,756.95
ties		Building Society	645.74
Surplus of Income Over	435.26	Interest	
Expenses	<u>\$2,402.69</u>		<u>\$2,402.69</u>

ASSETS

Commonwealth Bank	\$ 817.76
St George Building Society	6,504.43
Land (VG)	50,000.00
Building	20,000.00
Stock T Shirts	200.00
	<u>\$77,522.19</u>



M.Coleman M.Krelle D.Krelle M.DeMeur
P.Norton J.DeMeur K. Whitcombe T.Freestone J.Lakiss G.Coombs
J.Maynell M.Bleakley A.White T.Millbourne R.Millbourne R.Bleakley
E.Burg J.Yeomans D.Pomfret P.Freestone A.Bleakley V.Bleakley



Back Row M.Akerman, F.Lynch, V.Kowron, K/illingworth, S.Illingworth.
Third Row C.Coleman, J.Larkiss, S.Drinkwater, J.Coombs, M.Frape.
Second Row N.Freestone, R.Illingworth, L.Whitcombe, C.Bleakley, K.Larkiss.
Front Row S.Millbourne, R.Maynell, M.Pomfret, S.Pomfret, G.Norton.



Back Row	B.Wakefield, D.Larkiss, J.Frape, R.Robertson, J.Mitchell.
Third Row	A.White, C.Illingworth, K.Maynell, V.Lynch, M.Willis.
Second Row	S.Akerman, M.Whitcombe, M.Kowron, P.Bleakley, E.Willis.
Front Row	J.Burg, M.Pomfret, C.Bennett-Millbourne, D.Coombs



Back Row:	H.Akerman, G.White, P.Wakefield, R.McClaren, J.Stevens, J.Yeomans, Ray Stevens.
Third Row:	A.Larter, Ron Stevens, K.Bullivant, R.Kowron, L. Yeomans, J.Cloeman, R.Maynell.
Second Row	R.Illingworth, C.Burg, H.Siennicki, A.Smith, P.Pomfret.
Front Row	K.Arnold, P.Demur, B.Whitcombe, T.Bleakley, R.Coombs.

Annual General Meeting 19th July 1987

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Colleen Bennett
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Social Sec Val Lynch
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Fees up to \$6 adults Junior \$5 and family \$18 – 25 cents per point still.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

1986/7

The Club had another successful year and although there was a drop in membership the attendance of members was very good and there was some good competition amongst members.

During the year many barbecues and socials were held and we were very lucky with the weather which allowed members to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Due to the age of the Club Room, major painting was required, but it was decided that the building be clad with aluminium which was expensive in the first place at a cost of \$3,100 but over the years it will save us some heavy painting bills.

We must thank Hurstville Council for the upgrading of the baths during the year, particularly the supply of new shark-proof wire and many danger warning signs for the public.

In October the Club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary and it is hoped we will have a record attendance.

I would like to thank all the Club officials for their assistance during the year.

R. STEVENS
PRESIDENT:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY 19th July, 1987

TIME: 10.30 a.m.

PLACE: Club room at the Baths

A G E N D A

1. Reading of Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Adoption of Annual Report of President.
3. Adoption of Financial Report.
4. Election of Officials for 1987/8.
5. Trophies.
6. Presentation Night - where and when.
7. Race Programme.
8. 60th Anniversary.
9. Any other matters that Members may wish to bring up.

If it is a nice day, bring B.B.Q. supplies.

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1st JULY 1986 to 30th JUNE 1987

<u>1985/86</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1986/7</u>	<u>1985/6</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1986/7</u>
1,232.75	TROPHIES & RACE PRICES	1261-00	424	MEMBERSHIP FEES	267-00
284.40	AFFILIATION FEES	322-50	-	FIRST AID	55-32
400.46	BQ PARTIES, DRINKS	411-72	30	T-SHIRTS	40-00
185.00	BALMAIN CARNIVAL	30-00	31	BALMAIN CARNIVAL	-
80.00	INSURANCE	225-00	43	INTEREST	18-03
-	CLUB MAINTENANCE	12-23	1967	LOSS ON CLUB	-
20-00	STAMPS STATIONARY	5-00		ACTIVITIES	2074-80
35-50	FLORIST	-			
142-95	STOP WATCHES	38-80			
2-00	COUNCIL RENT	2-00			
8-00	FIRST AID	69-60			
94-70	PHOTOS	-			
9-50	BANK CHARGES	8-30			
-	LOUD HAILER	99-00			
<u>2,495-26</u>		<u>2485-15</u>	<u>2,495</u>		<u>2485-15</u>

HALL ACCOUNT

393-75	WATER RATES	407-25	2712-00	RENT RECEIVED	2782-00
1041-57	COUNCIL RATES	1114-09	707.25	RATE REFUND	840-75
179-00	INSURANCE	179-00	360-70	BOTTLES	307-50
-	EXTINGUISHERS	122-25	-	EXCESS OF EXPEND.	-
499-00	HALL REPAIRS	3276-00		OVER INCOME	1175-34
1756-63	EXCESS OF INCOME	-			
	OVER EXPENDITURE	-			
<u>3869-95</u>		<u>5098-59</u>	<u>3869-95</u>		<u>5098-59</u>

CASH ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK 1/7/86	817-76	LOSS ON HALL	1175-34
TRANSFER FROM ST. GEORGE BUILD SOC.	3478-00	LOSS ON CLUB	2074-80
		ACTIVITIES	-
		TRANSFER TO ST. GEORGE BUILD SOC	300-00
		BALANCE 30-6-87	815-62
	<u>4295-76</u>		<u>4295-76</u>

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

LOSS ON CLUB ACTIVITIES	2004-50	BUILDING SOCIETY	817-95
LOSS ON HALL	1175-34	INTEREST	-
		SURPLUS OF EXPEND.	2362-19
		OVER INCOME	-
	<u>3180-14</u>		<u>3180-14</u>

ASSETS

COMMONWEALTH BANK	815-62
ST. GEORGE BUILD SOC	4142-18
LAND	50000-00
BUILDING	30000-00
STOCK T. SHIRTS	160-00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 85117-80</u>

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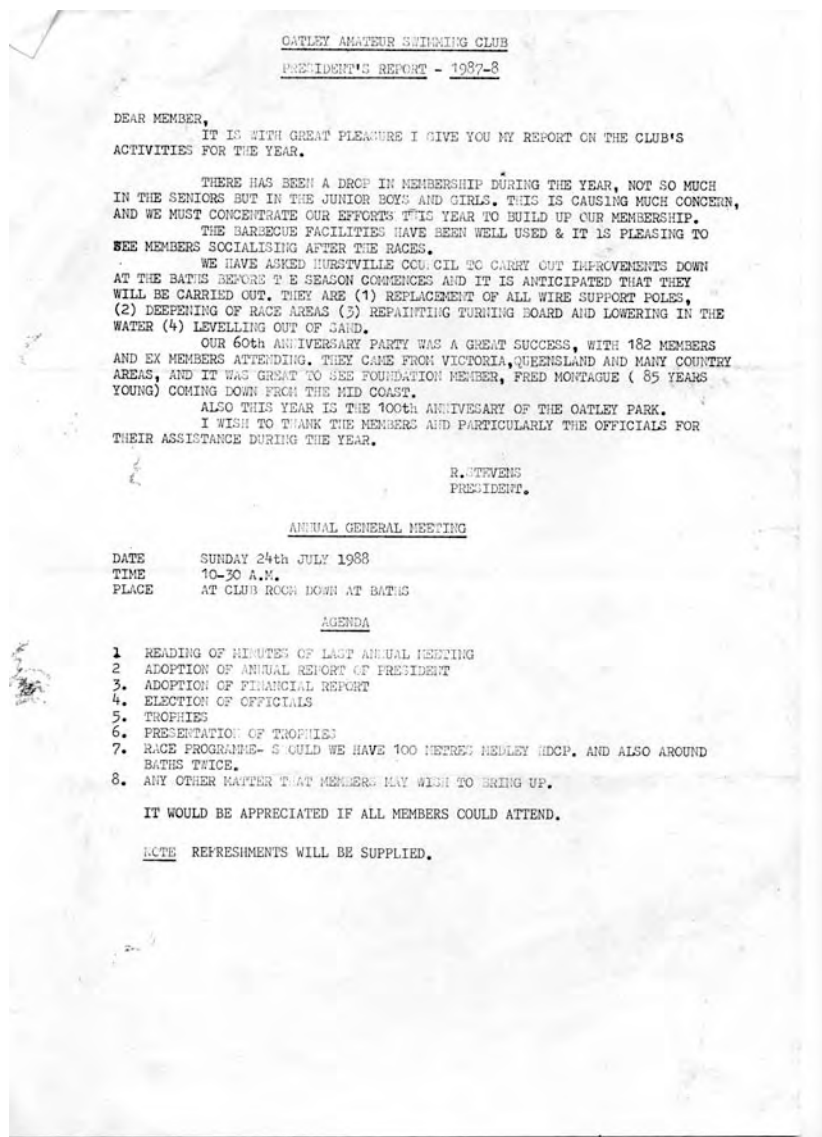
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H Akerman	S Akerman	G Arnold	M Akerman	
K Arnold	C Bennett	A Bleakley	L Arnold	
R Black	P Bleakley	M "	M Arnold	
T Bleakley	D Coombs	R "	J Boon	
M Boon	C Illingworth	V "	C Bleakley	
P Buckland	M Kowron	J Boon	K Buckland	
K Bullivant	D Lakiss	P "	G Carrard	
J Coleman	V Lynch	M Coleman	C Coleman	
R Coombs	K Maynell	G Coombs	J Coombs	
J De Meur	J Mitchell	M De Meur	K De Meur	
P "	M Pomfret	C Frape	T "	
T Gillespie	R Robertson	P Freestone	M Frape	
G Holt	R Sullivan	T "	L Graham	
B Illingworth	B Wakefield	D Grim	B Grim	
R Kowron	M Whitcombe	J Lakiss	E Holt	
C Lynch	M Willis	J Maynell	J "	
R Maynell		R Millbourne	K Illingworth	
R McLaren		T "	R "	
J Mitchell		D Pomfret	S "	
P Pomfret		L Sullivan	V Kowron	
J Reese		N Wakefield	J Lakiss	
A Smith		K Whitcombe	K "	
D "			F Lynch	
J Stevens			R Maynell	
Roy "			S Millbourne	
Ron "			M Pomfret	
M Sullivan			S "	
P Wakefield			A Sullivan	
B Whitcombe			L Whitcombe	
J Yeomans				
30	16	22	29	97



Annual General Meeting 24th July 1988

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Social Sec Val Lynch
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Fees adult \$10 Junior \$5 and family \$25.
Cash balance near \$5,000.
Presentation of trophies again an issue.



OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1st JULY 1987 to 30th JUNE 1988

<u>1986-7</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>1986-7</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
1261	TROPHIES	1624-75	367	MEMBERSHIP FEES	345-00
323	AFFILIATION FEES	252-10	55	FIRST AID	-
412	BBQ PARTIES ETC	361-23	40	TEE SHIRTS	-
99	LOUD HAILERS	-	18	INTEREST	19-19
30	BALMAIN CARNIVAL	-	-	REUNION	3095-00
-	REUNION	3340-00	2005	LOSS ON CLUB	-
225	INSURANCE	67-36		ACTIVITIES	2225-60
12	MAINTENANCE	-			
5	STAMPS/STATIONERY	25-00			
38	STOP WATCHES	-			
2	COUNCIL RENT	2-00			
70	FIRST AID	-			
8	BANK CHARGES	12-35			
<u>2485</u>		<u>5684-79</u>	<u>2485</u>		<u>5684-79</u>

HALL ACCOUNT

407	WATER RATES	1003-00	2782	RENT RECEIVED	2880-00
1114	COUNCIL RATES	606-02	846	RATE REFUND	665-25
179	INSURANCE	179-00	301	BOTTLES	255-40
122	EXTINGUISHER SERVICE	45-00	1175	EXCESS OF EXPEND.	-
3276	HALL REPAIRS	106-50		OVER INCOME	
	EXCESS OF INCOME				
	OVER EXPEND.	1861-13			
<u>5098</u>		<u>3800-65</u>	<u>5098</u>		<u>3800-65</u>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

LOSS CLUB ACTIVITIES	2225-60	BUILDING SOCIETY	365-52
SURPLUS	1-05	INTEREST	
		PROFIT HALL	1861-13
	<u>2226-65</u>		<u>2226-65</u>
BANK & BUILDING SOCIETY	1-7-87	4957-80	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		1-05	
		<u>4958-85</u>	

ASSETS

COMMONWEALTH BANK	901-35
ST. GEORGE BUILDING SOCIETY	4057-50
LAND	50000-00
BUILDING	30000-00
STOCK T. SHIRTS	160-00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>85118-85</u>

Annual General Meeting 6 August 1989

32 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Social Sec Val Lynch

30 cents per point.

Chook handicap introduced by Val Lynch.
Recruitment program discussed!

Annual General Meeting 29th July 1990

21 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Social Sec Val Lynch
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Recruitment for younger members discussed.

Beverley Hills restaurant



Annual General Meeting 28th July 1991

30 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens

Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch

Secretary Moyia Kowron

Treasurer Moyia Kowron

Social Sec position abandoned due no activity!

Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.



Back Row	R.Robertson, B. McAneny, V.Groves, V.Lynch, K.Maynell, M.Willis, L.Whitcombe, J.Sloan
Middle Row	K.Reece & Mitchell, Mrs Willis, M.Skowronski, J.Mitchell, E.Whitcombe.
Front Row	E.McAnaeny, K.Leone, Mystery, Mystery, C.Reece, Mystery, L.Reece, R.Maynell, Mystery



Back Row: J. Reece, K.McAneny, B.Whitcombe, R.Maynell, J.Mitchell, P.Demur, K.Bullivant, R.Coombs, G.Sloan, T.Martin, J. Lopez.
 Second Row: Ray Stevens, A.Smith, R.Skowronski, J.Stevens, J.Yeomans.
 Front Row J.Coleman, The Hat, B.McAneny, K.Whitcombe, C.Lynch.



OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB APRIL 1992

BACK ROW C.LYNCH J.COLEMAN R.COOPER RAY STEVENS B.WHITCOMBE
 2ND ROW G.SLOANE P.DEMUR V.LYNCH K.MCARENENY K.MAYNELL R.KOWRON R.ROBINSON E.WHITCOMBE
 3RD ROW J.MITCHELL K.SULLIVANT J.REECE H.LOUES B.MCARMANENY M.WILLIS
 4TH ROW A.SMITH T.MARTIN V.GROVES R.KOWRON K.LOUES L.WHITCOMBE J.YEOMANS
 FRONT G.STEWART J.MAYNELL B.HEDGECOCK P.TEASURA T.SMITH B.MAYNELL K.NEWTON
 L.REECE G.REECE

Annual General Meeting 2nd August 1992

28 members

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Ladies and mens races are combined.

Annual General Meeting 1st August 1993

35 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowron
Handicappers Starters Recorders and Judges appointed.

Financial reports are not summarised in the minutes for last few years.

Points now down to 25 cents as bottle collections now cease.

Allan Smith and Col Lynch made life members.

Trustees changed to Ray Stevens , Ron Stevens, V Lynch, A Smith, R. Kowran.

Annual General Meeting 31st July 1994

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch
Secretary Moyia Kowron
Treasurer Moyia Kowran
Social Sec Liz Whitcombe

The Handicappers have been a major appointment every year but there were usually several named for different classes of swimmer. Now it is Col Lynch for seniors and Margaret Willis for Juniors. John Coleman wins overall points.

Annual General Meeting 30th July 1995

For the next two years the minutes and reports are computer produced.

27 members present.

President Mr Ray Stevens

Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran

Secretary Moyia Kowron

Treasurer Moyia Kowron

Social Sec Val Lynch

Handicappers M. Willis

Financial loss of \$600 due maintenance costs at hall. But property now valued at \$150,000 and total assets at \$200,000.

Extraordinary Meeting 4th February 1996

To discuss clubs finances and possibility of selling the land. Present rent of Kindy is \$120 per week.

Extraordinary Meeting 18th February 1996

Motion to sell land approved by end of 1996.

New constitution agreed with three new trustees- Ken McAneny, John Coleman, and Betty Belcher.

Extraordinary Meeting 10th March 1996

Motion to sell land now rescinded in view of Kindergarten agreeing to paying rent of \$6000 per year and paying for maintenance. The costs of hall etc was produced.

Sunday 24th March 1996 the Club was informed that Mr Loughlin (Kindergarten proprietor) had fallen and was killed. The club was to concern itself if it was sued.

Annual General Meeting 4th August 1996

34 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens

Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowron

Secretary Moyia Kowron

Treasurer Moyia Kowron

Social Sec Rod Maynell

Handicappers M. Willis

Land now worth \$300,000 and total assets \$400,000.

Points now worth 40 cents.

The registering of the Club as incorporated was made with the President as Public Officer.

More fridges and umbrellas purchased.

Annual General Meeting 3rd August 1997

36 members

Club is now incorporated.

President Mr Ray Stevens

Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowron

Secretary Moyia Kowron

Treasurer Moyia Kowron

Social Sec Val Lynch

Handicappers C Lynch as freestyle and others in other strokes and classes.

Kindergarten pays \$500 per month plus maintenance expenses. Points now worth 50 cents and Col Lynch gets an award of 100 points for services as a non swimmer.

Round the baths and length to be divided into Womens and Mens sections.

Ron Coombs Perpetual Memorial Trophy is for all points on certain meeting including 1 Km. This motion was confusing so it was amended and passed on 14 December 1997 to be 50m swim only and that each member be reduced by \$1 worth of points for

donation to Cancer Research Council.





Back Row J Sheahan, A.Davison, L Vlassis, J.Braithwaite,, J Vlassis,
 N.Davison, N Rynsaardt, ?. Rynsaardt
 Front Row ?. Sheahan, ?. Sheahan, C.Reece, L.Reece, Mystery,
 M.Reece,Unknown, A.Davison



Back Row B.Belcher, M.Zahra, K.Maynell, R.Robertson, V.Lynch, E.Whitcombe
 Front Row M.Willis, V.Groves, J.Sloan, M.Skowronski, K.Reece, J.Mitchell

CLUB PHOTO 1997



Back Row: R.Rynsaardt, K.Maynell, M.Davison, H.Belcher, R.Skowronski, Ron Stevens, Ray Stevens, J.Yeomans, C.Lynch, A.Smith, V.Lynch, A.Wilson, G.Sloan, R.Clarsen, K.Bullivant, John Stevens, M.Willis, J.Reece, ,

Third Row: J.Vlassis, J.Watts, M.Zahra, C.Hurrell, B.Belcher, Joyce Stevens, J.Sloan, L.Yeomans, E.Clarsen, C.Reece.

Second Row: J.Vlassis, Rod Maynell, V.Wilson, K.McAneny, B.McAneny, R.Robertson, V.Groves, B.Whitcombe, E.Whitcombe, B.Clarsen, J.Mitchell

Front Row: L.Davison, L.Vlassis, J.Sheahan, M.Skowronski, K.Reece, L.Reece, N.Davison, R.Sheahan, R.Clarsen, S.Clarsen, M.Reece, N.Rynsaardt



Back Row: J.Reece, A.Smith, Ron Stevens, K.McAneny, R.Skowronski, M.Davison, J.Wa
K.Bullivant, R.Rynstardt, B.Whitcombe, J.Stevens, A.Wilson.
Middle Row: R.Clarsen, H.Belcher, J.Yeomans, J.Vlassis, G.Sloan, C.Hurrell, R.Maynell.
Front Row: C.Lynch Ray Stevens

Annual General Meeting 2nd August 1998

42 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran
Secretary Moyia Skowronski
Treasurer Moyia Skowronski
Social Sec B and E Whitcombe
Handicappers C Lynch K Reece, J Mitchell

More BBQs on race days proposed.
No flippers are to be worn during swim!

Annual General Meeting 8th August 1999

"Excellent attendance"

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran
Secretary Moyia Skowronski
Treasurer Moyia Skowronski
Social Sec B Belcher
Handicappers C Lynch, J Mitchell

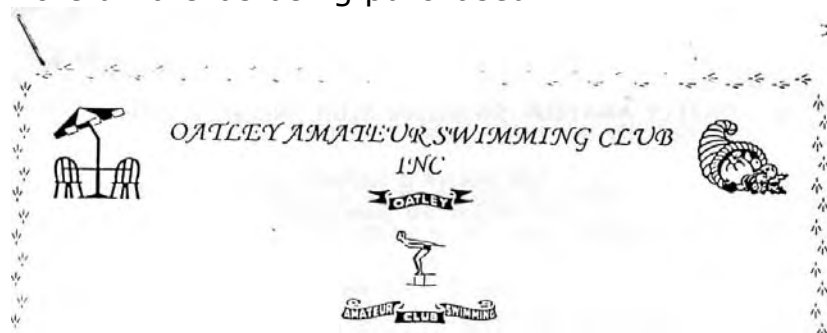
Moyia Skowronski is made life member.
Flippers and aids approved for long swims.

Annual General Meeting 6 August 2000

35 members present

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran
Secretary Moyia Skowronski
Treasurer Moyia Skowronski
Social Sec B Belcher
Handicappers C Lynch, J Mitchell

Fees now \$20 adults, \$10 juniors and no family fee.
More umbrellas being purchased.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 6th August 2000 at 11.00am

A G E N D A

1. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING
2. ADOPTION OF PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
3. ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2000/2001
5. TROPHY VALUES FOR THIS YEAR
6. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
7. MEMBERSHIP FEES
8. SOCIALS
9. RACE PROGRAMME FOR 2000
10. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR CLUB
11. RON COOMBS TROPHY
12. HALL HIRE
13. ANY MATTER THAT MEMBERS WISH TO DISCUSS

After the meeting there will be a Prawn Day at \$10.00 per plate. If you do not want prawns, then a sausage barbecue will be available. Normal liquid refreshments will be supplied.

To order the prawns and sausages, we must know by Tuesday 1st August.

PRESIDENT:	Ray Stevens	SECRETARY:	Moyia Skowronski
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Ron Stevens Val Lynch	HANDICAPPERS:	Colin Lynch Val Lynch Joyce Mitchell

SOCIAL SECRETARY: Betty Belcher

CATERING STAFF:

Chief Chef:	"Iron Man" Alex Wilson
Asst. Chefs:	Ronald Stevens, Arthur Larter
Seafood Chef:	Rafael Skowronski
Sweet Chefs:	Betty Belcher, Moyia Skowronski, Joyce Stevens

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Year ended 30 June 2000

Dear Members

It is with much pleasure I give you our 73rd Annual Report.

The competition amongst the members has been very keen. In the Senior Men, Alex Wilson has won the point score for the third time in a row. To my knowledge, never over the many years has a senior man ever won it three times in a row.

Val Lynch has again won the Ladies point score. I do not know how many times she has won it. The biggest win was by Joel Dawes in the Junior point score by 60 points.

I must congratulate the above three in their remarkable efforts. Persistence pays off.

In the Ladies Championships, Julie Rohl won 5 of them, with Sue Porter taking the other one. In the Men's, Darryn Lynch won 5 with Yens Sturman taking one. Their times were the fastest for many years.

I must congratulate Julie Rohl on showing the men how to swim the distance races.

In the Juniors, Danielle Rohl won all the Junior Girls and Joel Dawes all the Junior Boys.

Our membership has remained static but our Juniors again are a problem. Anyone have any ideas how to attract them?

Our new Social Secretary Betty Belcher has gone full steam ahead in her duties. The barbecue and prawn days have been well attended and members look forward to our parties during the year. She has been greatly helped by our Catering Staff, Chief Chef "Iron Man Wilson", Assistant Chefs Ron Stevens and Arthur Larter, plus the specialists Joyce Stevens and Moyia Skowronski, also the Prawn King, Rafael Skowronski.

The Monday Morning Tea club and the monthly trips have been well attended.

The keen competition amongst members would not be possible without our Mr. Handicapper, Col Lynch, and his assistants Val Lynch and Joyce Mitchell. Many thanks.

The Ron Coombs trophy was won, to her surprise, by Maureen Nasari, who was coached by Jose.

Our surplus in the finance was down by \$689, due to repairs to the door, refrigerator and new shelving, plus a heavy increase in affiliation and insurance.

Also, congratulations to Bruce Dutton, who had problems swimming 50 metres at the start of the season, improving to swim all distances at the end, chopping seconds off his time and coming 5th in the point score. He is even beating his coach John Klinker.

Many thanks to Moyia as our Secretary

RAY STEVENS
PRESIDENT

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1st July 1999 to 30 June 2000

<u>1998/99</u>		<u>1999/2000</u>	<u>1998/99</u>		<u>1999/2000</u>
2493	Trophies	2574.00	595	Membership Fees	634.50
875	Affiliation/Insurance	1398.45	6099	Hall Rent	6212.00
2121	Socials	2117.61	339	Interest	351.40
239	Repairs & M/tce	438.95	12	Sundry	-
77	Postage/Stationery	41.55			
6	Bank Charges	23.00			
	Donations	50.00			
	Rent	10.00			
<u>1234</u>	Surplus	<u>544.79</u>			
7045		7197.90	7045		7197.80
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th June 2000

<u>1998/99</u>		<u>1999/2000</u>
5638	Commonwealth Bank	6182.77
8435	St. George Bank	8435.00
300000	Land	300000.00
30000	Building	30000.00
<u>344073</u>		<u>344617.77</u>
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OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999/2000

Mens

Ladies

Juniors

Boys

Girls

100 METRES FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. D. Lynch
2. G. Rohl

1. J. Rohl
2. V. Lynch

1. J. Dawes
2. J. Davison

1. D. Rohl
2. N. Davison

50 METRES FREESTYLE

1. D. Lynch
2. G. Rohl

1. J. Rohl

1. J. Dawes
2. B. Klinker

1. D. Rohl

50 METRES BACKSTROKE

1. J. Sturinann
2. G. Rohl
3. Ray Stevens

1. S. Porter
2. J. Klinker
3. M. Willis

1. J. Dawes

1. D. Rohl

50 METRES BUTTERFLY

1. D. Lynch
2. G. Rohl
3. Ray Stevens

1. J. Rohl
2. V. Lynch
3. K. Stubbs

1. J. Dawes

1. D. Rohl

50 METRES BREASTSTROKE

1. D. Lynch
2. P. Demur
3. J. Watts

1. J. Rohl
2. K. Stubbs
3. R. Robertson

1. J. Dawes

1. D. Rohl

200 METRES MEDLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. D. Lynch
2. G. Rohl

1. J. Rohl
2. S. Porter
3. K. Stubbs

OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

POINT SCORE 1999/2000

<u>Senior Men</u>		<u>Senior Ladies</u>		<u>Juniors</u>	
Alex Wilson	155	Val Lynch	132	Joel Dawes	122
Ken McAneny	127	Margaret Willis	131	Daniele Rohl	62
Rafe Skowronski	125	Julie Rohl	117	Brent Klinker	58
Ray Stevens	124	Moyia Skowronski	106	Jonathan Davison	42
Bruce Dutton	116	Kate Stubbs	103	Nicole Davison	31
Arthur Larter	113	Betty Belcher	98	Jason Sturmman	15
Kevin Bullivant	101	Joanne Klinker	92	Daniel Connell	11
Jim Yeomans	101	Jan Sloan	72	Lauren Reece	8
Gerrard Rohl	99	Joyce Mitchell	64	Cara Reece	6
Ron Stevens	96	Tanya Boatwright	56	Patrick Rohl	5
Peter Demur	82	Elizabeth Whitcombe	50	Patrick Connell	4
Jeff Watts	81	Robin Robertson	49	Sam McNamara	3
Jose Lopez	81	Val Groves	45	Jason Nightingale	3
Darren Lynch	79	Maureen Nasari	38		
Alan Smith	77	Jo-Anne Milne	32		
Geoff McNamara	71	Sue Porter	30		
Barry Whitcombe	66	Kerry Maynell	4		
Harold Belcher	58				
John Klinker	54				
Mark Connell	53				
George Sloan	53				
Kevin Day	45				
Jeff Reece	38				
Jens Sturmman	35				
Jason Sturmman	32				
Adam Davison	28				
Michael Davison	16				
Damon Bourke	8				
Scott Belcher	7				
Jonathon Sheahan	5				

Annual General Meeting 5th August 2001

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran
Secretary Moyia Skowronski
Treasurer Moyia Skowronski
Social Sec B Belcher
Handicappers C Lynch, J Mitchell

Betty Belcher made life member.

A committee was formed to look at selling the land and to investigate the way to invest the proceeds and the tax issues. The Committee then created a special finance committee of Ken McAneny (chair) Moyia Skowronski, Ray Stevens with Gerard Rohl as legal advisor.

On 16th February 2002 the land was sold for \$906,000 against our reserve of \$650,000! The sale of the land and moneys therefrom created special pressures on the club. This is covered elsewhere. However special arrangements in the Clubs constitution were made for the membership of the financial committee.



Alex Wilson, George Sloan, Robin Robertson, G Lopez, Ray Stevens



Ray Stevens is 80.



Harold Belcher

Annual General Meeting 11th August 2002

41 members present.

President Mr Ray Stevens
Vp, Ron Stevens, Val Lynch, Ken McAneny, R Kowran
Secretary Moyia Skowronski
Treasurer Moyia Skowronski
Social Sec B Belcher
Handicappers C Lynch, J Mitchell

Special conditions protecting the clubs finances were approved.
From this point on the committee meetings are not recorded or perhaps they were much more informal.
So events and issues from this point need to be collected form verbal records!



29 Oct 2002 Leade!

Swim club laps up life

OATLEY Amateur Swimming Club is looking for former members to join in 75th anniversary celebrations on November 9. Formed by World War I veterans in 1927, the social organisation is the oldest swimming club in St George and Sutherland Shire.

At 81, Ray Stevens is the club's most senior member. The youngest is just 5.

Mr Stevens remembers joining the club in 1932, aged 11.

"There was simply nothing else around at the time; no picture shows or pubs," he said.

"So a few of the ex-

servicemen from the first war got together and started a swimming and social club at Oatley Park.

"It was a very pleasant setting and they would hold races every Sunday and barbecues every month.

"Everyone would have a great time and the club has survived for all these years."

He encouraged all past members to attend the anniversary function at St George Masonic Club, Roberts Avenue, Mortdale, on Saturday, November 9. Call 9579 5848 for details.



THE YOUNG AND OLD . . . Brent Klinker, 13, and Ken McAneny with other Oatley Amateur Swimming Club members.

ADAMS, KEITH
AULD, JOY (McMillan)
AULD, DAPHNE (Hancock)

BENNETT, COLLEEN
BRYDEN, PHYL (Lawler)
BULLIVANT, KEVIN
BURKE, JACK
BURKE, MARGARET
BURKE, NORMAN
BELCHER, BETTY
BELCHER, HAROLD
BELCHER, SCOTT

CASERLEY, JOAN (Belcher)
CHAPMAN, DON
CHAPMAN, MRS
CLARSEN, ROB
CLARSEN, SUE
COMPTON, CHRIS

DE MEUR PETER
DE MEUR, BEVERLEY
DERRETT, ROY
DUCKWORTH, GEORGE

FALCONER, RON
FALCONER, NEIL

GODFREY, KEITH
GRIM, JOHN
GRIM, JENNIFER (Holt)

HADRICK, DAWN (Mallard)
HADRICK, MR
HAMMOND, NOEL
HANCOCK, KEN
HANIMEN, DENISE
HOLT, ESME
HUMPHRIES, DOROTHY + AIA
~~HUMPHRISE, DENISE~~
HANIMEN

JORDAN, ENID (Hammond)

KEFFORD, MIKE
KEFFORD, BRIAN
KEFFORD, MARGARET
KEFFORD, LEE
KNIGHT, BARRY
KNIGHT, MRS

LOPEZ, JOSE
LYNCH, COLIN
LYNCH, VAL

LYNCH, DARREN
LYNCH, KAREN

McANENY, KEN
McANENY, BARBARA
McINERNEY, GEORGE
McINTOSH, DOROTHY

MARTIN, TONY,
MARTIN, STEPHANE (with husband Chris)
MITCHELL, JOYCE
MORGAN, BILL
MORGAN, CHERYL
MURPHY, TIM

NASARI, MAUREEN

PAPWORTH, KEITH
PAPWORTH, RAYMA
PATERSON, PETER
PATERSON, ROSE (Churchill)
POMFRET, ROBIN
POMFRET, ANN
POMFRET, JASON
POMFRET, PHILLIP
POMFRET, MARIA
PORTER, SUE (Belcher)
PORTER, DOUG

ROHLE, GERARD
ROHLE, JULIE

SELLENS, PETER
SELLENS, ALSON (Findlay)
SINAPRIUS, WIN (Belcher)
SKOWRONSKI, RAFAEL
SKOWRONSKI, MOYIA
SMITH, ALAN
SMITH, WENDY (Derrett)
STEVENS, RON
STEVENS, GLEN
STEVENS, RAY
STEVENS, JOYCE

SHARP RON

THOMAS, NEVILLE

WALKER, DOROTHY (Mallard)
WALKER, JACK
WALKER, JOAN (McIlhone)
WELLINGTON FAMILY (Including Taylor sisters)
WHITCOMBE, BARRY
WHITCOMBE, ELIZABETH
WILSON, ALEC
WOODS, KEN
WRIGHT, AILSA
WRIGHT, JOHN
WILLIS MARGARET

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OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB (INC.)

RE-UNION - 9 NOVEMBER, 2002

Welcome to members, ex members and friends of Oatley Amateur Swimming Club.

Back in 1926 when a group of people decided to do something about the social life of West Oatley citizens, I wonder if those same people would have realised that 75 years later, the club would still be operating.

I would like to take you all back to 1926 to show you what Oatley was like. The population was scattered over a large area, with many paddocks and houses interspersed amongst them. Oatley was then split into many areas, with East Oatley, West Oatley, Neverfail Bay, Gungah Bay, ewfish Point, etcetera, but Oatley Weest was isolated from the other areas by bad roads. Electric light was introduced in the 1925 period. The electric light poles were pulled into position by bullock teams and a large number of houses still had gas lights.

Entertainment was nil. No hotels (one was built in the early thirties), no picture theatres, no dance halls and radio stations were only just being thought of. The ABC did not commence operating until 1932. Foundation members within the community decided that they would form a club, which would cater for social and sporting activities.

The baths were completed in 1917 - much smaller than what we have now - and the surrounding area was in its natural state; no stone wall or footpath in existence. The dressing sheds were shocking. There was just enough room to take, say, ten people, and they were halfway up the hill from the present site; the shower was a tap! Later two larger ones were built and, in 1959, the present sheds were erected; now we have hot showers, toilets and tiling!

Racing facilities were primitive and photos show lanes tied to the wire fence, and back to the Shoreline. In the 1930's the promenade was built, and this has not changed much, except for the Cement path, part way.

The pontoon that we have today is much better - there are those swimmers who will remember the first one was like a wharf, and then we had a telegraph pole held together by two pieces of railway line.

One of the original aims was to have good social activity and it makes interesting reading to go through the Minute Book down through the years. The hall was built around 1928-30 on land bought and was used for all sorts of activities, such as birthday parties, weddings, life saving classes, table tennis, physical fitness classes, card nights, fetes, meetings twice a month. And remember Flix for Nix nights were held monthly for many years.

The club was always short of cash. Records show that a profitable night might have been eighty cents, two dollars or three dollars, and ten dollars was a record. In 1970, the hall was leased out as a kindergarten, and our financial problems eased.

With our bottle drives, we have provided excellent trophies, the enjoyment of barbeques, plus Tea and coffee making facilities.

Over the years the club has been involved with various sports. In 1938 a soccer club was formed called the All Saints Oatley West – which is now a thriving club; a basketball club for both male and female; water polo teams, physical training teams, learn to swim, etcetera. The swimming club has always been a strong senior club. Earlier there were many juniors, but with the building of olympic pools, they have tended to drift away. However, it is still a strong family club.

Many good swimmers have passed through our ranks over the years and I have been asked many times to name the best swimmers. It is very hard to do this as swimming times have decreased substantially. I do find it strange that our club never won many district championships, and the only names that can be brought to mind would be my brother Frank Stevens, who won district, State and Australian junior and senior backstroke championships, and competed in the Empire Games in 1950. Pre-war I would say that Cheshire Fulmini would have been our best swimmer. After the war we had many "fast" club swimmers, but the most outstanding ones I would say, would be Bob Boufler (any stroke), my brother John in breaststroke and butterfly, and with John Coleman over all strokes and distances. The ladies who have shone over the years have been Carol Stanners and, of course, Val Lynch. We now have the best lady swimmer, she is certainly giving the men some problems, and her name is Julie Rohl.

The activities of the club now centre around the club room, down at the baths. There are monthly barbeques, daily swims, competitive racing, and regular outings for what we call the "retirement club."

Praise must be given to the many officials who, over the years, have carried out their work with efficiency and enthusiasm. The club would not be in the strong financial position it holds today if it was not for the foresight in the past in buying land, erecting a hall and never getting into debt. They were foresighted men such as Bill Stevens, Hedley Mallard, Jack Maples, Fred Myers, Dudley Shaw, J. Postill, S. Auld and Fred Walker.

When the lady who owned the kindergarten decided to retire, we were left with a serious financial problem because, over the years, she had paid all our expenses, i.e. council rates, water rates, insurance, plus running the club. As the club did not require this facility once the kindergarten closed, and there was no income, the financial committee decided that we would have to sell the land and use the income from investments to finance the club. The money received from the sale of the land was far greater than we had expected.

As we are an incorporated company, we are restricted with what we can do with the money. Fortunately we are exempt from tax and, therefore, all moneys can only be spent on the promotion of swimming, and club members make any decisions as to what they would like done.

If any of our old members live locally, what about joining us down at the baths on a Sunday?

Annual General Meeting 17th August 2003

47 members

President Mr Ken McAneny

Vp, Alan Smith, Val Lynch, John Klinker

Secretary Mark Connell

Finance Committee Ken McAneny, Gerald Rohl, Ray Stevens, Betty Belcher, Rafe Skowronski. Alan Smith, Mark Connell

Social Sec B Belcher

Handicappers C Lynch, J Mitchell

Points now worth \$1.

Special thanks to Moiya Skowronski and Ray Stevens for their long roles in their official capacities.



OATLEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2003

Just a few notes from our Annual General Meeting, held 17th August 2003.

Election of office bearers for 2003-04 season

President	Ken McAneny
Vice Presidents	Val Lynch, Alan Smith, John Klinker
Secretary	Mark Connell
Social Secretary	Betty Belcher
Social Committee	Moyia Kowron, Carmel Day, Alan Smith, Ken McAneny, Alan Smith.

Trophy values

The value of trophy points for the past 2002 – 2003 will be increased by \$0.50, and the upcoming season 2003 – 2004 will remain at the same value. Championship point values will remain the same. Chook or chocolate races will again be held.

Membership Fees

Fees for the 2003 – 2004 will remain the same, Adult swimmer \$20.00, Junior swimmer \$10.00 and social member \$10.00

Sponsorship of local school swimming

Our club will be looking to sponsor trophies for swimming to our local primary schools.

Club costumes

New costumes for all swimming members are being investigated for the club supply to this year.

Clubroom renovations

We have submitted a plan to Hurstville council for a new storage area next to ladies shower block and to refit out the clubroom.

Retiring President & Secretary

The members have unanimously agreed as a token of our clubs appreciation to our longest President Ray Stevens and Secretary Moyia Skownski, that we shout Ray, Moyia and partners to a weekend away for their efforts put into the club over the years.

Revised race day times

Look out for revised times on as amended at our AGM.

Annual General Meeting 1st August 2004

41 members

President Mr Ken McAneny
Vp, Alan Smith, Val Lynch, John Klinker
Secretary Mark Connell
Finance Committee same as previous
Social Sec B Belcher

A swimming encouragement award to Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley west schools was commenced.





SWIMMING mates Ron and Ray Stevens have braved the waters of Oatley Baths every day for 60 years

60 years on, Ron and Ray still in the swim

SENIOR swimmers Ron and Ray Stevens should be all washed up — or at least a little waterlogged.

Between the two of them, they have swum about 80,000km over the past 60 years as members of Oatley Swimming Club, the oldest club of its kind in St George and Sutherland Shire.

But the aquatic pair claim there's many a lap left in them with Ron, 65, and Ray, 71, each clocking up at least one kilometre a day in the Oatley Park baths.

Ron and Ray, who are not related, joined Oatley Swimming Club in the early 1930s, after its formation in 1927 by a group of World War I veterans eager to provide locals with a sporting and social outlet.

They were among 130 past and present members who attended the club's 65th anniversary reunion dinner at the Masonic Club, Mortdale.

The club's strength has always been family membership — encouraging par-

ents, children and even grandparents to swim together.

In fact, with more than 60 per cent of its members tagged as "seniors", the club awards handicaps far more often than it does prizes for shattered records.

"We're a social group as much as we are a swimming club," said Ron, still in his trunks after a brisk morning dip.

After all, this is a club where the number two item on its list of "rules" states: "A chocolate is given each race meeting to the entrants of juvenile races."

About 60 members regularly swim competitively and socially in the club's saltwater pool tucked away in a serene corner of Oatley Park on Jewfish Bay. Two of the club's members are physically handicapped.

While no Olympians have sprung from the club's waters, former member Frank Stevens was a finalist in the 1950 Auckland Commonwealth Games, missing out on the Olympic squad by one stroke.

Father of two honoured

By Joel Christie

PUBLIC servant Kim Wagstaff has received a Department of Education's Director General's award even though he is not a teacher.

The award, which he received for his role as Parents and Citizens Association president for St George Girls High School, highlights the significant contributions Mr Wagstaff has made to a variety of schools in the St George region over 15 years.

Most of the 36 awards given out for excellent service to public education and training went to teachers and TAFE



Kim Wagstaff

workers, which makes Mr Wagstaff's efforts even more remarkable because they were voluntary.

St George Girls High principal, Carol Knot,

said Mr Wagstaff was extraordinary and had introduced many new initiatives to raise funds and bring the community together.

Mr Wagstaff said he was surprised to win the award.

He said he became involved because he was interested in the education of his two daughters.

"To get the best out of education there has to be a partnership between parents and teachers, a line of communication," Mr Wagstaff said.

"It isn't just about sending your children off to school, it's about getting in there yourself."

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Best of the show: Wendy Smith and her quilting prize.

Exquisite art of needlework

THE first Australasian Quilting Convention, held recently at the Melbourne convention Centre, brought quilters from around the country along with some exquisite work.

When it came to the major prizes, the judges could not go past Wendy Smith's amazing *Dream Garden*

Garden, the result of five years of painstaking but pleasurable stitching, which won the Best in Australia award.

Mrs Smith, from Peakhurst, has been a passionate quilter for 20 years.

The quilt incorporates her other passion, applique, which means that each of the hundreds of flowers has been individually hand applied on the backing piece. The entire surface area was then hand quilted.

Dream Garden also won the Best of Show at the 2004 Sydney Quilt Show at Darling Harbour.



Heirloom: The prizewinning Dream Garden quilt.

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Wartime history is on parade

By Jim Gainsford

FOR World War II veterans, lifelong friends and Oatley residents Jim Nicholson and Jim Keating, an important anniversary in wartime history is in danger of slipping by unnoticed this month.

June 8 is the 60th anniversary of the victory parade where 21,000 allied troops marched through the streets of London to celebrate the end of World War II.

It was hailed by *The Times* of London as the greatest victory parade in history, watched by nearly nine million people from every corner of Britain.

It was watched by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, King George VI and the then Princess Elizabeth.

Mr Keating, 83, and Mr Nicholson, 84, were part of the 250 strong Australian contingent in the parade.

During the war, Mr Keating fought in Palestine, Tobruk, Lebanon, Syria and at the battle of El Alamein before coming back to Australia to fight at Milne Bay and in North Borneo.

Mr Nicholson served in the navy in the Indian and Pacific oceans as operating ASDIC (sonar) submarine detecting equipment.

While they don't forget their wartime experiences, the memory of the victory parade has left a lasting impression.

The Australian contingent left Australia for the march on April 23, 1946, on a former British war



March of history: Jim Nicholson (right) and Jim Keating. **Picture:** Jane Dyson

cruiser called the *Shropshire* for the 25,000 mile round trip, sailing via Fremantle and Cape Town.

Legend has it that the Australians spent more than 10,000 pounds sterling while ashore in Cape Town.

Mr Keating made one of those purchases: a wedding ring for his fiancée Marjorie.

Both men described the atmosphere in London during the parade as unforgettable.

Mr Nicholson even had his own close encounter with Winston Churchill.

"Churchill was there when the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth arrived. I was trying to get a closer look at Princess Elizabeth, but Churchill kept getting in the way," Mr Nicholson said.

On a personal note, Mr Nicholson met his future wife Joan during his visit and they were engaged within a month.

He bought an engagement ring in Colombo on the way home.

Mr Keating arrived in Australia on September 14 and was discharged officially from the victory parade contingent in the morning.

He married Marjorie in the afternoon.

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Stroke for stroke

Swimming to amazing recovery

By HEATHER SMITH

LAST May, before 81-year-old Jim Yeomans suffered a stroke that led to one month in hospital and paralysis down his right side, he was swimming 50m in just less than 60 seconds.

Now, well on the road to recovery, Mr Yeomans is doing the distance in 68 seconds, a time that recently earned him the Oatley Amateur Swimming Club's Ron Coombs Memorial Trophy.

The club holds regular weekend competitions at the Sandy Beach Baths in Oatley Park and the swimmer who betters his or her handicap by the largest margin takes home the trophy.

Mr Yeoman's handicap was increased after the stroke when he was swimming 50m in 86 seconds.

"I think I've plateaued now," he said.

Mr Yeomans swims two or three times a week at the baths and credits his return to health to regular water therapy.

"If I haven't got it, I get it," said the determined octogenarian.

He has been swimming "every time I get the chance" at the baths for the past 50 years.

Previously, when his family lived in Bondi and Randwick, he was a surf life saver with the Bronte Surf Club where he is a life member.



ELIXIR . . . Jim Yeomans credits swimming with his rapid recovery.

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