

# **CRONULLA RSL SWIMMING CLUB**

## **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET**



### **THE NEXT TEN YEARS**

### **A RECORD OF THE YEARS 2000 TO 2010**

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### **Preface**

Our sincere thanks to Life Member Reg Nicholson for an outstanding job recording the history of our first fifty years and thanks also to our founding members.

The following will update the Club's history across the years 2000 – 2010.

Our forebears would be delighted that their legacy and the culture they created have continued through to our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Club has maintained an active membership of over 100 throughout the ten year period and is renowned for our hospitality and good fellowship.

Our Club in many ways reminds me of a successful Church, in that it brings together men and women of different ages and backgrounds, varied educational and working lives and with a diverse range of skills, and yet there is always a tremendous amount of cooperation and goodwill so that members are enriched by their experience in the Club.

The responsibilities placed on us by our forebears have been well and truly honoured.

*Researched and written by Don Saunders  
Compiled and printed by Jack Kirkland*

## Presidents 2000 – 2010



Allan Cameron (1995/6-2000/1) Jack Kirkland (2001/2-2002/3)  
Paul Cavanagh (2003/4-2005/6) Don Saunders (2006/7-2009/10)

## Club Captains 2000 – 2010



Paul Cavanagh (2000/01), Ross Murray (2002/3-2003/4)

## Club Captains 2000 – 2010



**Col Stanford (2001/02)**



**Geoff Armstrong (2008/09-2009/10)**



**Barry Whitney 2004/05**



**Tone Sheriff 2005/06-2007/08**

## Overview 2000 – 2010

### Foundation Members

Now into our 61<sup>st</sup> year, unfortunately time has taken its toll on our foundation members.

John Myers is our only surviving foundation member. I am pleased to report that John continues to enjoy good health and he and his wife Amy were the Club's special guests at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation Luncheon. Recently I had the pleasure of being seated next to John at the Sub Branch Anzac Day luncheon and John was in great form and entertained me with stories from the early days of our Club and big wave surfing along the Cronulla Beaches.



John and Amy Myers

## **Deceased Members**

During the past ten years our Club lost a number of stalwarts including Life Members: Len Minty, Col Wishart, Joe Dillon, Ron North (LM), Eric Hilzinger (LM), Keith Nichols (LM), Jack Allen, Gordon Hand, Bruce Green (LM), Bob Foster, Charles Knight, Barry Whitney, Jack Sykes, Jack Hannan (LM), Bill Brownjohn (Patron and LM), and Jack Hennessy.

Life Member Bill Brownjohn was a greatly admired and respected man, not only just within our Club but also within the entire swimming community. Bill served our Club in many capacities as Vice Captain in 1958 – 1967, President 1968 – 1972, Jnr Vice President 1980 – 1984 and Patron from 1998 until he passed away. Bill was a champion swimmer and a champion man.

Club members dressed in Club shirts formed guards of honour at the funerals of Bill Brownjohn and Jack Hennessy.

The Club was such an important part of Barry Whitney's life that it was his wish that his ashes be scattered at Gunnamatta Bay pool. As President at the time, I performed this duty on a Sunday morning swim with Barry's family and Club members present.

All past members are sadly missed but not forgotten.

## **Members Unable to Compete**

Some active members mentioned in the history of the first fifty years continue as members but are no longer competing. They include: Kevin Cox, Pat Rooney, Les Cavanagh, Ron Collins, Bill Maker, Don Tierney, Joan Nelson, Owen Coulter and Cid Lanser.

Marvellously, Allan Cameron, Les Nelson, Doug McPherson and Reg Nicholson continue to get on the blocks and race.

## **Continued Membership**

Members prior to 2000 and who have continued to participate and make a contribution to the Club during 2000 - 2010 are: Bruce Bagnall, Max Bond, Ian Bourke, Peter Brady, Jack Brownjohn, Allan and Shirley Cameron, Gordon Carr, Peter Catarinich, Paul Cavanagh, Les Cochran, Janice Cox, Terry Doepel, Denis Ford, Brian Franklin, Ray Ginger, Joan Harper, John Irvine, Sue Johnstone, Jack Kirkland, Paul Mason, Barbara Murphy, Ross Murray, Doug McPherson, Joan and Les Nelson, Reg Nicholson, Pat Rooney, Bruce Ryan, Kim and Tone Sherriff, Jim Silva, Brian Schuetrim, Ross Smith, John Suann, Tony Watson, Ken Webb, Gordon Williams, Jim Wilson, Eric Wood, Lesley Woodland and Bob Woods.

The numbers show what a really special Club this is.

## **Life Members 2000 – 2010**

Reg Nicholson (2000), Allan Cameron (2002), Paul Cavanagh, Shirley Cameron, Jack Kirkland and Jim Silva (2009) and Lesley Woodland (2010) were all deservedly awarded Life Membership. They have all made massive contributions over many years and have served the Club in numerous positions.

They continue to this day with Reg Nicholson as the Club's historian, Allan Cameron as Patron and President of the AOC, Paul Cavanagh as Handicapper, Shirley Cameron as Assistant Treasurer, Publicity Officer and AOC Delegate, Jack Kirkland as Secretary, Registrar and Starter, Jim Silva as Organiser, Registrar and Race Secretary for the Gunnamatta Greys, and Lesley Woodland as Race Secretary for a decade, Chairperson of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and now Relay Committee member.

Our sincere congratulations and thanks to our latest Life Members for your outstanding service and commitment to our Club.



**Life Members 2000 – 2010**

Reg Nicholson (2000), Allan Cameron (2002), Paul Cavanagh (2009), Shirley Cameron (2009), Jack Kirkland (2009), Jim Silva (2009), Lesley Woodland (2010)

## **The Pool**

For much of the decade 2000 – 2010 our swimming activities at the Gunnamatta Bay Pool were under stress due to the lack of preventative maintenance of the pontoons and ladders by Council. The Captain and Race Secretary had to be innovative in order to complete our swimming programs: sometimes by swimming two swimmers in a lane till such time as all the pontoons were out of action and then reverting to wire-to-wire races with coloured caps to assist timekeepers identifying swimmers.

The Club had appealed to Council many times early in the decade and the situation became unacceptable when we needed to cancel annual inter-club events such as the Coogee-Randwick and Diggers Shield carnivals.

Meetings were convened with Sutherland Shire Council General Manager Mr John Rayner, Parks and Waterways Manager Mr Gwyn Cleaves and with local Councillors Mr Kevin Shreiber and Ms Marie Simone. Assistance was also sought from the **Leader** to publicise the unacceptable condition of Gunnamatta Bay Pool. (See details later in this report.)

The results were very positive, with Council agreeing to replace all the old unstable poles with new, and to install the latest technology pontoon/floating marine equipment which would be idiot proof.

The new pool system was completed and operational in April 2008 and has proven to be an outstanding success. As a result of installing new poles the length of the pool has been shortened from 50 metres to 48.5 metres.

Council has also made good their commitment to us to repair and replace pathways along the front of the pool, to replace all the broken and missing bench seats, and to replace all missing ladders and signs.

The Club acknowledged our thanks and gratitude in a letter to the Council General Manager.

Due to falling attendance for winter Thursday night swims, in 2006 it was decided to discontinue this meeting and to replace it with a handicap surf race at Cronulla Beach on Sunday mornings.

This commenced during winter 2007 and has proven to be a huge success, with an average of 25 swimmers each Sunday. Carrol Daly is the organiser and is assisted by Lesley Woodland. Three new trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the winter surf pointscore are awarded at the end of season breakfast at Rydges, and the competition is fierce.

Swimming results including Club Champion, Swimmer of the Year, Ben Bryant Relay Champions, Inter-Club Events and Gunnamatta Greys are detailed in the following summary of individual years 2000 – 2010.



## Female Membership

The first female member of the Cub, Barbara Rose, was admitted twenty eight years ago and by the year 2000 female membership was a relatively modest 8.5%. By 2010 this membership has increased significantly to 20% of the total, and the women are making a strong contribution to the Club, both in the pool and as Office Bearers. In 2002 - 2003 Gabi Carolyn became the first female Club Champion and Lesley Woodland became the first female Swimmer of the Year.



**The Ladies 2006**

Back row. Adrienne Vassallo, Jan Rapp, Gabbe Carolyn, Kerrie Hammell, Jennie Falson, Sue Johnstone, Barbara Murphy, Lesley Woodland.

Front row. Joan Nelson, Pat Matthews, Carol Daly, Kim Sherriff, Sandy Curan, Lynne Bryan, Janice Cox.



**Some of our female members showing off their club costumes  
Recognise any?**

## **Trophies**

The trophies introduced during the “first fifty years” have continued the tradition of the Club and are competed for every season. These trophies include: Swimmer of the Year, Henry Hutchins, Frank Falson, Joe Dillon, Bob McKenna, Ron North, Charles Knight Ironperson, Ben Bryant Relay, Greys Summer and Winter Pointscore Shields, and the Diggers Shield.

During the past ten years our number of trophies competed for annually has increased, several as a mark of respect in memory of the following deceased members. Additional trophies are:

Barry Whitney Memorial (50 metres)  
Jack Hennessy Shirts Vs Skirts Shield (relay)  
Jock Davidson Memorial (wire-to-wire)  
Bob Foster Memorial Relay  
Clubman of the Year  
Winter Surf race Pointscore 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Woolooware High School Vs Gunnamatta Greys (10 aside relay)

## **Woolooware High School Student Representative Council**

In 2007 Club member and teacher at Woolooware High School Garry Schmalfeldt proposed a swimming day and BBQ with the Gunnamatta Greys. The purpose of this day was to assist in the development of these students who have been selected to make a strong contribution to the betterment of society at a local, national and international level. State and Federal representatives Malcolm Kerr and Scott Morrison attended the day which promoted a great deal of interaction between the students and the Greys.

Feedback indicated that the event was a great success, so much so that it has become an annual event and a trophy awarded for the winner of a 10 aside handicap relay event. The following letter from Woolooware High School shows their support for this event.



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To: Mr. Don Saunders & Members  
Cronulla R.S.L. Gunnamatta Greys Swimming Club

Dear Don and Members,

On behalf of the Woollooware High School Student Representative Council, I would like to thank you for your hospitality and for once again allowing our students to participate in your racing program. We would especially like to thank Bob and Warren for their work on the barbecue and catering. Both gentlemen gave up their swims to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

I thought the level of interaction between the two groups far exceeded what had occurred over the previous two years. Several of our senior students asked if they could return next year, despite having already completed their high school careers. They obviously got a lot out of the day.

Many students commented on what interesting career decisions several of the Greys had made. Two of our year 7 students were particularly intrigued and asked what changes the person they were speaking with would have made in hindsight and if he had any regrets with regard to the major decisions he had made during his life.

The feedback which I received from the Greys was very positive. John Suann commented that "the country was in good hands if these were the sorts of kids coming through". Other members commented on the much increased interaction from the previous year. Most of the students participated in the mixed races and really enjoyed that activity, although our submitted times were a long way out in most cases.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and conducted a very productive meeting at the conclusion of the barbecue, where our SRC members decided upon the types of activities they would be participating in over the next 11 months. Last year our SRC raised close to \$15000 for the Leukaemia Foundation, CanTeen, the Asbestos Diseases Research Foundation, Kids Breakfree Charity, the Bushfire Appeal and the Children's Medical Research Institute (Jeans for Genes Day), as well as financially supporting several students from our school who have life threatening illnesses. The SRC also undertakes projects that better the school environment, such as tree planting days and funding increased outdoor seating.

We are very keen to continue our association with the Gunnamatta Greys and would like to take up your invitation to participate again next year. Once again, thank you all very much for making our day so enjoyable and productive.

Sincerely yours,

*Gary Schmalfeldt*

Gary Schmalfeldt

On behalf of the Woollooware H.S. Student Representative Council

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## **Bowls Day**

Also in 2007, an invitation was received from the RSL Mens Bowling Club challenging the Swimming Club to a bowls match. The invitation was accepted, as a number of Swimming Club members were also very good bowlers e.g. Tony Watson, Graham Purches, Reg Nicholson, Gordon Carr and Geoff Armstrong. Geoff at the time was our Club Captain and Swimmer of the Year, and also the Mens Bowling Club Singles Champion. The majority of our eighteen participating swimmers had not bowled before and we received some much needed coaching before the event from the above mentioned multi-talented swimmers/bowlers. The swimmers turned out in our Club shirts and a very enjoyable day was had by all. This event is now held annually.

## **Social**

During the Club's first 50 years, a reputation was developed as being a very social and fun loving club. This reputation has been carried on throughout the next ten years of our history. Our Annual Presentation Day Luncheons are always a highlight, with some attendees inclined to stay too long at the Club after the event.

BBQs after Sunday summer swims, plus end of season and Christmas parties are always popular and very social. During the past ten years we have been fortunate to have some great BBQ cooks in Kevin Cox, Peter Catarinich, Pat Rooney, Jack Hennessy, Tony Watson, Bob Woods, Graham Purches, Billy Leighton and our current culinary expert Warren Rapp.

## **Clubhouse**

Billy Leighton was the driving force in the decision to upgrade the men's and women's clubrooms. What started out in 2006 as a move to tile the men's shower room turned into a big project which was not completed until 2009. Work was done during the winter off-seasons so as not to disrupt normal swimming activities.

On completion of one job Bill would lead his team into another job and, although it got very chilly during the winter, the workdays turned into social events.

Upon eventual completion in 2009 the men's shower room was retiled, then the floor in the men's clubroom was tiled and, thankfully, the old ridged rubber mats were disposed of. Then onto the ladies' clubroom – the shower room was lined and tiled and connected to the main drainage system. Then the floor in the ladies' clubroom was tiled, as were the floors in the toilets. Next was repositioning the sink, installing new taps and tiling the splash back. New flashing was installed on the roof to prevent leaks and whirly birds and fans installed to improve ventilation. New shelving was built and the giant fridge (courtesy of Bottle-O-Briens) installed, replacing the three old fridges. Finally came the building and installation of the new Club honour board in the ladies' clubroom. Both the men's and ladies' clubrooms were painted.

When the job was finally done Allan Cameron remarked that the Club now looked like a bordello! The commercial value of the work done was around \$20,000, however the actual cost was contained to around \$4,000 and was paid for by a donation from the RSL Memorial Club and through the Sunday \$2 raffles run by Vice President John Suann. Billy Leighton purchased the tiles and building materials cheaply online and the labour was free.

Whilst Billy Leighton was the team captain and John Suann the builder and Vice Captain, their team of workers included Bob Woods, Don Saunders, Rod Heidenreich, Geoff Armstrong, Warren Rapp, Ken Webb, Gordon Williams, Ian Bourke, Paul Cavanagh, Max de Groot, Brian Schuetrim, Denis Ford, Graham Purches, Jack Brownjohn, Lex McPherson and Max Bond. (Apologies if I missed anyone.)

Billy Leighton received the first “Clubman of the Year” award for his fine effort.

Whilst the clubrooms have been refurbished and changed, the photographs of legends Ken Millar, Henry Hutchins, and Bill Brownjohn remain in their familiar positions.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Lesley Woodland and her committee did a great job to ensure we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary appropriately, and what a great year 2010 was. Of the many special events and activities, the highlight was the Bling Night held in the RSL Sir Francis Drake Room. Photographs on following pages will attest to this.



**John Hennessy, Jack Kirkland, Don Saunders, John Suann**



**Les Belle Dames Sans Merci**  
**Barbara Murphy, Carol Daly, Pat Matthews, Jennie Falson, Cheryl Crossland, Janice Cox, Anne Wood, Joan Harper.**



**Cathie Davis**  
**You guessed it .....again!**



**Denis and Lesley Woodland**



**Jan and Warren Rapp**



**Allan and Shirley Cameron**



**Anne Wood, Sandy Curan, Cheryl Crossland**





**Cathie Davis, Denny Ford, Jennie Falson**

### **Cronulla RSL Memorial Club**

We acknowledge and greatly appreciate the continued generous financial support provided by the Cronulla RSL Memorial Club over the past ten years.

### **Club Photos**

A number of members have submitted photographs for inclusion in this history update.. A special thank you to John Hennessy and to our “Club Photographer” Kerrie Hammell. Without her photographs we would have been scratching.

Following is poem written by Lesley Woodland to mark our Club’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Don Saunders

## The Mob from Gunnamatta

Lesley Woodland, with apologies to Banjo

There was movement at the clubhouse, for the word had passed around  
That 60 years of swimming had come at last.  
The team became excited and a committee soon was found,  
And great ideas were flowing thick and fast.  
There was Cathy, who ran our races with super expertise,  
And Paul, our troubleshooter, set to go,  
And Geoff who quipped our “Sixty and Still Kicking” with such ease  
The team was now prepared to run the show.

Money proved a problem – we planned a raffle for December,  
Then the Board and its sub-clubs came up trumps.  
Soon hampers filled with goodies from one and every member.  
It was grand to see our cash flow hit the stumps.  
Our numbers were all solid the year that we turned sixty!  
The camaraderie great and the competition close.  
The weekly fines from Clouseau Mike were vicious. “What?” “Who me?”  
And foxing in the relays truly gross.

And one was there, a member with energy and pride  
He was Warren Rapp, a caterer, the best.  
He worked hard at all our functions, with Bob always by his side  
To feed the hoi-poloï and all the rest.  
And Jan, his trouble and strife, handled cossies with a flair,  
With Jack, the wheeler-dealer, in charge of caps.  
Don Juan and El Presidento bought grey shirts for us to wear –  
Our team had now surely hit its straps.  
All tried and noted swimmers from the Coogee-Randwick lands  
Had challenged us to win our relay races.  
We rose as one to answer this rival club’s demands  
And swam to take the smiles right off their faces.  
The girls soon won the challenge for Des Renford’s English rock,  
Our men were so fantastic in the race to prove the best.  
The rival team had lots of fun, although they were in shock,  
And twenty of our members had a medal on their breast.

Later on in Feb we went to conquer all at Wylies  
In the relay, nearest time, our A team swam to shine,  
But Coogee won Ken Millar’s prize and, oh boy! Were they all smileys!  
A fun day for us all – good swims, food and wine.  
In the merry month of March ‘twas to Nelsons Bay we went,  
With Sharkies and their partners all set to swim and play,  
Jim and Janice stole the show and placed in each event  
And many took home trophies to display.

We next had the chance to wear our bling – the shiny, wild and gaudy,  
On the dance floor the movements were sexy and grand.  
The best dressed prizes should go to Madam Daly and old soft shoe Fordy.  
Our thanks to our club, the caterers and the band.  
Now down at Gunnamatta where we meet all summer through,  
Where friendships grow and swims are fun and plenty,  
We'll break our times, pay our fines and challenge friends anew,  
And before we know it, we'll be planning twenty-twenty.

Dedicated to the memory of our very dear friend Jack Hennessy.



Jack Hennessy and Lesley Woodland with the 'Shirts and Skirts' trophy 2009

## **1999-2000**

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon was held on 23 January 2000 to give the present day swimmers an opportunity to meet some of the Foundation Members who started the swimming Club

Those present with their partners were, John Myers, Jack Purcell, John Vincent and Wally King who all appeared to be in good condition and relived many memories of swimming in the old rock pool, in the surf and the early days of Gunnamatta Bay

John Myers spoke on behalf of the foundation members, recalling the trials and tribulations in those days when the club was in its infancy

Now with a fifty year history behind us, let us look forward to the next 50 years and carry on the legacy that our foundation members started in 1949-50

Congratulations to

- Joint Club Champions: Col Stanford and Tony Sherriff
- Swimmer of the Year: Barry Whitney
- Ben Bryan Memorial Relay: Red Devils

The club had a very successful year on the competitive side of things. Winning the St George 'Water Dragon' Shield was a great effort considering we had many swimmers withdraw prior to the night. We were down to the bare 10 swimmers with Doug McPherson swimming against doctors orders and Allan Cameron with the flu but still won with a terrific time, only 0.97sec off our nominated time.

The Club traveled to Coogee-Randwick for the annual swim between the two clubs. On this occasion we were successful in both the Des Renford handicap and the Ken Millar championship relays. The Des Renford team consisted of five men and five women – terrific to see the women playing a big part in the clubs success. The Ken Millar team averaged 25.27sec per swimmer, which was excellent considering four of the swimmers were over 60.

In the big one – the AIF Championships we were again successful – winning seven individual aged trophies, the Regional Relay and coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the men's point score. Overall a great effort

The winning teams were:

### **St George 'Water Dragon' Shield**

Gordon Williams  
Kevin Cox  
Doug McPherson  
Tone Sherriff  
Ross Murray

Ray Barry  
Jack Hennessy  
Allan Cameron  
Jack Kirkland  
Col Stanford

## Coogee- Randwick Carnival

**Ken Millar**  
**Championship Trophy**  
Paul Cavanagh  
Mark Davidson  
Jim Wilson  
Jack Brownjohn  
Glen Russell  
Doug Bruce  
Denis Ford  
Col Stanford  
Brendan Russell  
Andy Longman

**Des Renford**  
**Dover Straits Shield**  
Les Nelson  
Owen Coulter  
Joan Nelson  
Bill Brownjohn  
Kim Sherriff  
Bob Woods  
Joan Harper  
Barbara Murphy  
Peter Catarinich  
Sue Johnstone

## AIF Championships

80-84 Years  
75-79 Years  
  
65-69 Years  
60-64 Years  
55-59 Years

Jack Allen 1<sup>st</sup>  
Bill Brownjohn 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cid Lanser 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jim Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>  
Col Stanford 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lesley Woodland 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ian Bourke 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Gunnamatta Greys

The 'Grey' had another successful year of competition with point scores and trophies hotly contested

Results for the year were:

### 1999 Winter Point Scores

Monthly pointscore winners

May	Brian Franklin	June	Tone Sherriff
July	Ross Murray	August	Ross Murray
Sept	Brian Schuetrim		

### 'Doc' Daly Shield – donated by Bob Woods

Combined point score Wednesday & Friday

Tone Sherriff	1 <sup>st</sup> – 86pts
Ross Murray & Paul Cavanagh	2 <sup>nd</sup> aeq – 79pts
Kevin Cox	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 75pts

### Shark Trophy – donated by Bob Woods

Friday Rock Pool point score

Ross Murray	1 <sup>st</sup> – 49pts
Paul Cavanagh	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 40pts
John Harlum	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## 1999-2000 Summer Point Score 400/800m

### Monthly point score winners

<b>October</b>	Owen Coulter	<b>November</b>	Don Tierney
<b>December</b>	Les Nelson	<b>January</b>	Tony Watson
<b>February</b>	Jack Brownjohn & Tony Watson		
<b>March</b>	Jim Silva	<b>April</b>	Brian Schuetrim

### Summer Season Point Score

Owen Coulter	1 <sup>st</sup> – 113pts
Jack Brownjohn	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 109pts
Tony Watson	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 105pts

## South Metropolitan Winter Championships

Sunday 9 July 2000 Bondi Pool

The 'Greys' team in the over 70 4 a-side relay of Don Tierney, Owen Coulter, Doug McPherson and Les Nelson were beaten by the 'Bears' team of Bill Brownjohn, Cid Lanser, Jim Silva and Bob Woods – daylight was 3<sup>rd</sup> – no money changed hands.

Don Tierney placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the over 70 sprint

'Greys' in 'Bears' suits did well on the day

75-79 years	Bill Brownjohn	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Cid Lanser	2 <sup>nd</sup>
70-74 years	Jim Silva	2 <sup>nd</sup>
65-69 years	Jack Brownjohn	1 <sup>st</sup> (record)
	Jim Wilson	2 <sup>nd</sup>
60-64 years	Col Stanford	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Denis Ford	3 <sup>rd</sup>
55-59 years	Ian Bourke	1 <sup>st</sup>

## 2000-2001

The season finished on a high note with the club being a force within the AIF Swimming Association. The team that went to Dubbo under the leadership of our Captain, Paul Cavanagh, performed exceedingly well considering that many of the members of other clubs were quite a few years younger than our members. Once again the management of the accommodation was left in the hands of Doug McPherson who again did his usual efficient job.

The baths at Gunnamatta Bay this season proved quite a headache with oyster growth, the blocks floating out of position, pool access ladders requiring repair and the netting showing signs of wear and tear with large holes appearing in it.

Constant phone calls to Sutherland Shire Council's Director of Parks and Waterways about the substandard work being carried out by contractors led to a face-to-face

meeting with him. This had little success other than a promise that 2001-02 season would see an improved starting block arrangement.

The season proved to be a very successful and enjoyable for our swimmers. The weather was kind to us and despite the ongoing problems with the starting blocks the races continued week after week. Club champion for the year was Mark Davidson with Jim Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tone Sherriff 3<sup>rd</sup> – congratulations to you all.

Swimmer of the year was won by Tone Sherriff with Kim Sherriff 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the first time in the club's history that a husband and wife have achieved this result. Old Jack Kirkland was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Ben Bryan relay competition was again hotly contested even though the reduction in number of swimmers necessitated reducing the number of teams to five. The Feisty Frogs were the standout team of the year jumping to an early lead in the second week and were never headed. Of the 24 relays contested they won 9 times, were 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 times and 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 times. The winners had a combination of youth and experience, Jack Kirkland winning his 4<sup>th</sup> relay trophy in 5 years, Bill Brownjohn his 4<sup>th</sup> in 15 years, Eric Wood and Joan Harper their 3<sup>rd</sup> in 6 years while Ian Bourke and Tone Sherriff recorded their 1<sup>st</sup> wins.

### **Gunnamatta Greys**

Achievements and points score results for the year were:

#### Australian Winter Swimming Championships

- 10 September 2000, Banoora Point NSW
- Team – We did field a team for the championships, a very select one of Brian Franklin, Harry Lawson and Owen Coulter. Style and good intentions however were not enough to overcome raw talent. We should mention those ‘Greys’ in ‘Bear’ suits who set a very high standard.
- Championships
  - o 80-84 years                      Jack Allen
  - o 75-79 years                      Bill Brownjohn                      1<sup>st</sup>
  - o    Cid Lanser                              2<sup>nd</sup>
  - o 70-75 years                      John Suann                              3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o    Jim Silva                                4<sup>th</sup>
  - o 65-69 years                      Jack Brownjohn                      2<sup>nd</sup>
  - o    Jim Wilson                               3<sup>rd</sup>

Congratulations to the Polar Bears WSC for their great effort in winning the overall championship point score.

## **Year 2000 Winter Point Score**

### **Monthly point score winners**

May	Don Tierney
June	Kevin Cox
July	Bob Woods
August	Kevin Cox
September	Tone Sherriff

**‘Doc’ Daly Shield** – donated by Bob Woods  
Combined point score Wednesday & Friday

Kevin Cox	1 <sup>st</sup> – 85pts
Bob Woods	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 75pts
Owen Coulter	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 69pts

**Shark Trophy** – donated by Bob Woods  
Friday Rock Pool point score

Harry Lawson	1 <sup>st</sup> – 42pts
Kevin Cox	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 39pts
Bob Woods	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 37pts

### **Best Clubman Trophy – donated by Bob Woods**

Won by Kevin Cox (year 2001)

### **South Metropolitan Championships**

8 July 2001 – Carrs Park Pool

Grey’s placings	
10 a-side handicap relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
Over 70 relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Carnival point score	4 <sup>th</sup>

The following ‘Greys’ swam as Polar Bears and placed

80-84 years	Jack Allen	2 <sup>nd</sup>
75-79 years	Cid Lanser	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Jack Hannan	3 <sup>rd</sup>
70-74 years	Jack Brownjohn	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Reg Nicholson	3 <sup>rd</sup>
65-69 years	Jim Wilson	1 <sup>st</sup>
60-64 years	Col Stanford	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Brian Franklin is to be commended for his usual high standard of refereeing.



## 2001-2002

The continuing deterioration of the pool infrastructure has been of particular concern during the year. On a number of occasions we were compelled to the long laps due to the blocks being out of action and on other occasions being restricted to only 3 lanes. Repeated appeals to the Council met with some success with an assurance being given by them to have at least 6 lanes operational. Further assurances were given for improved structural work to be carried out during winter to ensure all 9 lanes to be in use for the 2002/03 season.

Congratulations to

- Club Champion: John Moore
- Swimmer of the Year: Jack Kirkland
- Ben Bryan Memorial Relay: Purple Hearts

The winning Purple Hearts team comprised

Bill Brownjohn	Jack Brownjohn	Les Cavanagh
Peter Catarinich	Ross Eagleton	Sue Johnstone
Peter Reynolds	Ted Knight	Pat Rooney

The club had great success also in swimming carnivals. Of the five 10 a-side relays contested during the course of the season Cronulla RSL won four, a great effort considering as we know how hard it is to win a handicap event.

The club won:

- Cronulla Sharks Rugby League Shield
- St George 'Water Dragon' Shield
- Des Renford 'Dover Straits' Memorial Shield and
- Ken Millar championship trophy

Mention must also be made of that silent group of workers who keep the club premises in order and make their time available to carry out work that makes it pleasant for us all. Particular thanks to Kevin Cox, Barry Whitney, Brian Schuetrim, Peter Brady, Harry Lawson and Rod Heidenreich for the recent improvements to the flooring around the refrigerators.

## Gunnamatta Greys

A cold windy start to the summer programme but competition was keen. Jack Brownjohn dominated towards the middle of the season and finished with three firsts in monthly competition to win the overall summer point score.

Summer point score towel winners were

<b>October</b>	Les Nelson	<b>November</b>	Jack Brownjohn
<b>December</b>	Brian Franklin	<b>January</b>	Tony Watson
<b>February</b>	Rod Heidenreich,	Ross Murray	
<b>March</b>	Joan Harper	<b>April</b>	Owen Coulter

## **Bob Woods Trophy – Overall summer Point Score 2001/02**

Jack Brownjohn	1 <sup>st</sup> – 121pts
Tony Watson	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 102pts
Don Tierney	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 92pts

## **2002 – 2003**

Congratulations to the winners of our major events of the year

Club Champion	Gabe Carolan
Swimmer of the Year	Lesley Woodland
Ben Bryan Memorial Relay	Feisty Frogs

The Feisty Frogs relay team consisted of

John Moore	Gordon Williams	Jim Silva
Eric Wood	Les Nelson	Ray Ginger
Bob Foster	Peter Reynolds	Barry Whitney
Joan Harper	Steve Harper	

Another year of keen competition and a year that will go down as one of a number of firsts for the club and they all resolved around our lady members.

- First year in the club's history that a female member has won 'Swimmer of the Year'
- First year in the club's history that a female member has become 'Club Champion' and
- First year that female swimmers have swum as full competitors at the Southern Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships

Congratulations go to Lesley Woodland as 'Swimmer of the Year' and Gold Medallist in the O/60 Sprint at the Southern Metropolitan Championships, Gabbe Carolyn as 'Club Champion', Sandy Curan as Bronze Medallist in the O/50 Sprint at the Southern Metrops and Janice Cox for her Silver Medal with the men in the O/70 Relay at the Southern Metrops. The achievements of our 'other' swimmers at the AIF championships were:

- Bill Brownjohn      75-79yrs 30m      Silver medal
- Jack Brownjohn      70-74yrs 30m      Gold medal
- Phil Short            45-49yrs 50m      Gold medal

And finalists in their age groups for Les Cochran, Ian Bourke, Joan Harper and Rod Heidenreich plus placings in the Crows Nest Cup and Tobruk Shield relays. Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the events.

On the down side during the season was the continued targeting of our rooms by the midnight vandals resulting in breakins, damage to the refrigerators and loss of some stock. The losses weren't great but the inconvenience caused by the damage and the potential for greater damage is a continuing worry. Fortunately due to the continued pursuit by our Deputy President, Paul Cavanagh, we now have high security guards on all windows and doors. Hopefully the vandals will be deterred from their midnight forays on our rooms in the future.

## **Gunnamatta Greys**

Winter Point Score: May – September 2002

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ken Webb	41pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Woods	38pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ross Murray	37pts

Summer Point Score: October 2002 – April 2003

1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Tierney	111pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Williams	103pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Whitney	96pts

South Metropolitan Championships 2003

Host club; Bronte Splashers

Venue: Bondi Icebergs 50m pool

A first for the 'Southside' in that the host club, Bronte Splashers, opened the championships to female members of winter swimming clubs. The Gunnamatta Greys ladies responded well, '**class will tell**'.

Lesley Woodland	O/60yrs	Gold
Sandy Curan	O/50yrs	Bronze
Janice Cox, Bob Woods, Harry Lawson		
Don Tierney	O/70yrs relay	Silver (to the Bears top team)
Bill Brownjohn	O/75yrs	Gold
Jim Silva	O/75yrs	Silver
Jack Brownjohn	O/70yrs	Gold

Australian Winter Swimming Championships September 2002

Jack Brownjohn	O/70yrs	Gold
Jim Silva	O/75yrs	Gold
Bill Brownjohn	O/75yrs	Silver

## **2003 – 2004**

The 2003/04 season was a great one as far as we were concerned. We managed swims every week regardless of early hiccups with the blocks. The weather was almost perfect and attendances excellent.

The new security at our clubhouse has stopped the problems we had in previous years, the starting blocks have been repaired and we must thank Sutherland Shire Council for their assistance in these matters.

Our congratulations go to Gabbe Carolyn for becoming our club champion once again. Gabbe won the 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m. To John Moore and Jim Wilson congratulations and well done on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the club championship.

Our club performed very well this year in the AIF Championships:

Jack Brownjohn	70-74yrs	30m	Gold
Denis Ford	65-69yrs	50m	Gold
Barbara Murphy	70-74yrs	30m	Silver
Lesley Woodland	60-64yrs	50m	Silver
Gabbe Carolyn	35-39yrs	50m	Silver
Bill Maker	80-84yrs	25m	Bronze
4x50m Ray weeks Relay			Bronze

The club finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the overall championship point score and 5<sup>th</sup> in the ladies point score so well done to all who swam on the day. A special mention to Jack Hennessy who forfeited his annual swimming day at the AIF carnival to help a fellow club member back and forth to hospital.



Some of our competitors at the AIF Championships  
Tone Sherriff, Denny Ford, Rod Heidenreich, Barbara Murphy, Bob Woods, Lesley Woodland, Kim Sherriff

The Swimmer of the Year point score was not decided until the second last race of the year:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Cavanagh	239pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Murphy	234pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Daly	214.5pts

### **Ben Bryant Memorial Relay Trophy**

The 2003-04 relay competition was keenly contested once again.

With weather conditions near perfect every Sunday the Aquajets went to an early lead having seven firsts and seven seconds their strength took them through to the end. The Red Devils challenged early but the Water Rats consistently coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> beat them into second place overall.

Congratulations to the winning team of:

Ray Barry, Jack Brownjohn, Les Cavanagh, Kevin Cox, Dinny Ford, Tone Sherriff, Jim Wilson, Joan Harper, Jack Kirkland, Barbara Murphy, Bill Jury, Grant Conway, and John Suann.

## **Gunnamatta Greys**

The result of the Winter overall point score was:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Woods	90pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Williams	78pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan Harper	71pts

2003 Friday cold water point score winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harry Lawson	45pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Woods	44pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gordon Williams	35pts

Winter monthly point score winners were:

Brian Franklin, Bob Woods, Brian Schuetrim, Joan Harper, Gordon Williams.

The 2003-04 summer point score resulted in:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Watson	148pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Schuetrim	104pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Silva	101pts

Summer monthly point score winners were:

Tony Watson, Brian Schuetrim, John Suann, Don Tierney, Ken Webb, Jack Brownjohn, John Irvine.

The Greys compete in Winter Swimming Association Championships usually with limited success. At the 2003 South Metropolitan Championships held at Bondi in July 2003 ladies events were held for the first time. Congratulations go to Lesley Woodland as the inaugural winner in her age group. Janice Cox joined with Don Tierney, Bob Woods and Harry Lawson in the O/70 relay and were placed second behind the Polar Bears team that also contained some Greys swimmers.

The 2004 South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships were again held at Bondi on 11 July and the Greys with only a small representation of eleven swimmers won 2 gold, one silver and two bronze medals. In the O/70 relay we finished third and overall finished fourth in the female point score and seventh in the male point score.

Individual winners were:

Janice Cox and John Suann	Gold
Lesley Woodland	Silver
Barbara Murphy and Carol Daly	Bronze

Congratulations and thanks to all who competed.

## 2004 - 2005

The 2004/05 season was a mixed but satisfying one as the competition was invariably fiendish but friendly. The swimmers continued to participate and appreciate the facility in spite of the absence of starting blocks for much of the time. However the water temperature was mostly pleasant, and the water generally was clear and clean. It was a good season, with the weather for the most part being enjoyable. We are lucky to swim in such beautiful surroundings.

Our Club Championship was once again run this year from the following events, 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m with the Club Championship not being decided until the last event.

Results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Cavanagh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Brownjohn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Wilson

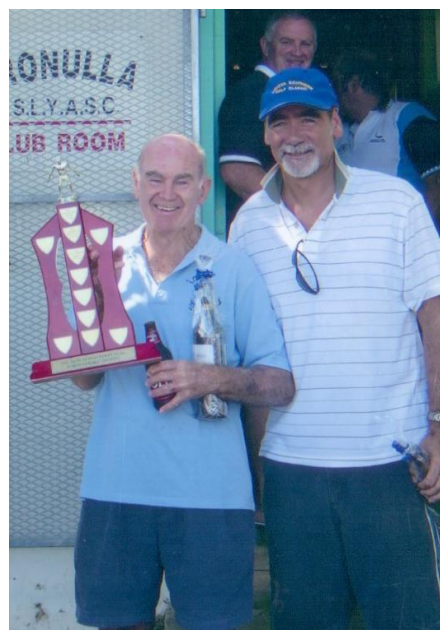
The Swimmer of the Year pointscore was again a hotly contested event with the ingredients of consistent attendance and the ability to swim consistent times in different events in all sorts of weather.

Congratulations to

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Woodland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Cavanagh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Kirkland

Our annual swim against Coogee-Randwick was this year swam at Gunnamatta Bay and we were very pleased to win the Ken Millar trophy for the 10 a side relay and the Des Renford 10 a side handicap relay

During the season our committee has seen to keep our costs to the lowest possible level for our members and visitors at \$2.00 a swim. From this we have \$5.00 draws, cheese and biscuits, monthly free BBQs and of course our first free annual prawn day.



Pat Rooney & Steve Harper  
Joint winners Ron North Memorial Trophy

## **Relay Report**

### **Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy**

The 2004-05 relay competition was, as in prior years, again very keenly contested. With perfect weather most Sundays, the four member teams began with very strong rivalry from the start and although the winning team was always in front, it was always possible for any team to win the competition. Consistently strong performances took the Aquajets to first place. Congratulations to the winning team members

Denis Ford, Paul Cavanagh, Bill Jury, Doug McPherson, Ian Bourke,  
Michael McInerney, Lesley Woodland, Peter Reynolds and Janice Cox.



Lesley Woodland, Janice Cox, Bill Jury, Peter Reynolds, Denis Ford, Paul Cavanagh

### **Gunnamatta Greys**

The Greys continue their twice weekly swims throughout the year with a solid contingent of swimmers. As with the senior club we run both summer (October to April) and winter (May to September) competitions. The summer events on both Wednesday and Friday mornings are held at Gunnamatta Bay and the winter, Wednesday at Caringbah pool and Friday (cold water) at Cronulla beach swimming in either the rock pool or around the buoy in the surf. We normally swim both 400m and 800m races (closest to nominated time) plus a relay although people can swim other distances as required.

Our competitions are always keenly contested and winners were

### **2004 Winter Combined (Wednesday and Friday) Pointscore**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Williams	87 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> aeq	Kerrie Hammell	84 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> aeq	Bob Woods	84 pts

### **2004 Winter Cold Water (Friday) Pointscore**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Williams	53 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Woods	36 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack Sykes	35 pts

### **Monthly Pointscore Winners**

May	Bob Woods
June	Ken Webb
July	Kerrie Hammell
August	Brian Franklin
September	Gordon Williams

### **2004-05 Summer (Wednesday and Friday) Pointscore**

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Suann	117 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Irvine	107 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Saunders	106 pts

### **Monthly Pointscore Winners**

<b>October</b>	John Irvine	<b>November</b>	Don Saunders
<b>December</b>	John Suann	<b>January</b>	Ray Ginger
<b>February</b>	Bill Leighton	<b>March</b>	Tony Watson
<b>April</b>	Rod Heidenreich		

Our thanks to the Swimming Club who generously donate the prizes for the monthly pointscores.

The Greys compete at the South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships at Bondi in July each year. While most of our male swimmers compete for the Cronulla Polar Bears there is a small male group and a larger female group representing us. At the 2004 carnival we had the following successes

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Suann	over 75
1 <sup>st</sup>	Janice Cox	over 65
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lesley Woodland	over 60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbara Murphy	over 55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Daly	over 50



## 2005 - 2006

The season 2005/2006 was once again an outstanding success and an enjoyable year for all our members.

Our Club Championship results for this year are as follows:

John Moore 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jack Kirkland 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tone Sherriff 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Swimmer of Year point score was again a hotly contested event with the ingredients of consistent attendance and the ability to swim consistent times in different events.

Congratulations to

Jack Kirkland 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lesley Woodland 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Paul Cavanagh 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our Annual swim against Coogee Randwick which was this year swam at Wiley Baths, Coogee. We were successful in the Des Renford 10 a side handicap relay and unfortunately we ran a very distant second in the Ken Millar relay but an enjoyable day was had by all in the water and at the function as well. I would like to thank all the people who attended the day.



Part of the successful Des Renford Trophy team  
Rod Heidenreich, Bill Jury, Bob Woods, Tone Sherriff, Brian Schuetrim, Mal Gillies



A fine body of men at Coogee

Don Saunders, Bob Woods, John Suann, Mal Gillies, Doug McPherson, Ian Bourke, Rod Heidenreich, Jack Kirkland, Eric Wood, Dinny Ford, Pat Rooney

Our other big event for the season was our newly named “Diggers Shield”.

During the winter months we have tried to complete the necessary repairs which have been required at our clubroom at Gunnamatta Bay. This work has included replacing the wall tiling in the men’s shower cubicle with all the old tiles removed from the walls and the new tiling has now been completed. Our master tiler Bill Leighton has led a very willing team of voluntary workers, Gordon Williams, Don Saunders, Bob Woods, Jack Brownjohn, Ian Bourke, Ken Webb & Max Bond. Thank you all for the effort & time you have given to our club. At the time of writing this report our swimming club has sent a letter to the Cronulla RSL Memorial Club via the AOC for \$1500.00 for the work to be completed in the ladies shower cubicle. We are anticipating a positive response to our request.

### **Relay Report Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy**

The 2005-06 relay competition was a one team event from the first week. The Purple Hearts lead was never overtaken, although the Feisty Frogs were a strong challenger to take second with the Water Rats making a late surge to snatch a tie for second.

Congratulations to the winning team consisting of:  
Tone Sherriff, Bill Jury, Paul Cavanagh, Bruce Ryan, Lesley Woodland, Jack Hennessy, Gordon Williams, Brian Schuetrim, Adrienne Vassallo.



The winning Purple Hearts team with a few ring ins

Bruce Ryan, Bill Jury, Adrienne Vassallo, Jack Hennessy, Lynne Bryan, Paul Cavanagh, Lesley Woodland, Jack Hannan, Jack Kirkland, Brian Schuetrim, Gordon Williams, Tone Sherriff

### **Gunnamatta Greys**

The 2005 winter season (May to September) resulted thus:

#### **Monthly point score winners**

Gordon Carr, Bob Woods, Kerrie Hammell, Joan Harper & Gordon Williams

#### **Season point scores**

Kerrie Hammell	1 <sup>st</sup> - 94 pts
Gordon Carr	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 79 pts
Joan Harper	3 <sup>rd</sup> aeq - 76 pts
Bob Woods	3 <sup>rd</sup> aeq - 76 pts

Cold water (Friday) point score                      Kerrie Hammell

The 2005-06 summer season (Oct –April) resulted thus:

#### **Monthly point score winners**

Kerrie Hammell, Jack Brownjohn, Gordon Williams  
Tony Watson, Brian Schuetrim, Jack Kirkland

#### **Season point score**

Tony Watson	1 <sup>st</sup> - 120 pts
Gordon Williams	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 107 pts
Bob Woods	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 106 pts
Brian Schuetrim	4 <sup>th</sup> - 103 pts

## **2006 – 2007**

Season 2006-07 was a very successful and eventful year for our club by any measure and many members have made comment on what an enjoyable year it was.

It was pleasing to see Captain Tone Sherriff win the Club Championship despite sleep deprivation due to his shift work commitments. Results of the Club Championships were,

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tone Sherriff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Moore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Kirkland

Congratulations to Tone, John and Jack and to all swimmers who competed in the championship events.

The Swimmer of the Year award is always fiercely contested and often goes down to the wire. This year however Rod Heidenreich was a clear popular winner. Results of the Swimmer of the Year were,

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rod Heidenreich
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Murphy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Kirkland (he's always close)

Congratulations to Rod, Barbara and Jack.

Other successes during the year were our 10 a-side relay teams winning the Diggers Shield at our inter-club carnival and the Hammerhead Shield at the Cronulla Leagues Inter-club.

### **Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy**

#### **The 2006-2007 Relay Competition**

In our club relays the winning team this year was the Red Devils, congratulations go to the winners. Maybe now Bob Woods will stop driving the rest of us mad about never being in a winning relay team and getting his name on the board. Congratulations Captain Bob.

The Red Devils team were:

Bill Brownjohn, Paul Crowe, Denis Ford, Mal Gillies, Joan Harper, Bill Jury, Kim Sherriff, Jim Silva, Gordon Williams and Bob Woods

## The Winning Red Devils team showing off their new jackets



Gordon Williams, Paul Crowe, Joan Harper, Kim Sherriff, Bill Jury, Bill Brownjohn, Jim Silva, Mal Gillies, Denis Ford, Bob Woods.

Throughout the year our dazzling Social Secretary Graeme Purches and his culinary crew provided splendid fare for us famished swimmers, occasions such as the Christmas Lunch, Diggers Shield, Coogee- Randwick , Bring-a-Friend,

Thursday night barbeques made the swimming even better with so much good food to enjoy afterwards. Thanks very much Graeme and your team!

The only disappointment of the last season was having to withdraw from the AIF Swimming Association of Aust Championships in Dubbo due to our inability to field a 10 A-side relay team. Hopefully we will compete next year.

Away from swimming, the major achievement for the year was the upgrade and tiling of the men's and ladies club Rooms and showers. Bill Leighton was the driving force behind this project buying tiles and other supplies cheaply on E-Bay. The work extended over several months during last winter resulting in stage 1 of a much needed upgrading of our club rooms. The commercial value of the work was in excess of \$12,000 but the actual cost was contained at under \$3,000. We are grateful to Terry Crowe and the Board of the Memorial Club for their contribution of \$1,500 to the project as well as the \$500 donated by club member Ray Barry. Deputy President John Suann ran a raffle every Sunday raising over \$2,000 which meant that stage 1 was fully paid for from other than club general funds. Thanks to John for running the raffles and all club members who willingly supported them.

Our second project was to have the blockage in the ladies shower room fixed and the drainage connected to the sewerage system. This is now completed and the ladies shower room retiled. At the time of writing this report Bill Leighton has reactivated

his merry band of volunteers and further tiling is being done in both the men's and ladies change rooms.

Stage 3 of the work program is to repaint both rooms, this will be completed prior to the commencement of our next summer season. A big thank you to Bill and his team Bob Woods, John Suann, Rod Heidenreich, Don Saunders, Geoff Armstrong, Ken Webb, Gordon Williams, Ian Bourke, Paul Cavanagh, Max De Groot, Warren Rapp, Jack Brownjohn, Max Bond, Graham Purches, Pat Rooney and Lex McPherson.



Views of the refurbished clubrooms

Our membership has increased this year and more importantly member participation has also increased. During the year, as part of a membership drive, a flyer was developed for display on notice boards at all local surf clubs, swimming pools, gymnasiums and fitness centres. Another innovation in the membership drive was the *Bring a Mate Day* which proved to be a success, creating interest for the Mates.

Jack Hennessy suggested and sponsored a new event, a men-V-women handicap relay with the men's team being picked at random using tag times to match the number of women present. Much interest was generated and the event proved a great success even though the women (Skirts) did win in a closely contested race. The men (Shirts) did have reason to protest due to the Skirts stacking their team with a hot , unregistered swimmer but sanity prevailed and the Skirts were left to bask in their glory. Next year will no doubt be hotly contested with the dominant sex prevailing.



The 'Skirts' winning relay team

Kim Sherriff, Carol Daly, Anne Wood, Janice Cox, Lynne Bryan, Jan Rapp, Barbara Murphy, Jennie Falson, Liz Matthews, Sandy Curan, Pat Matthews, Sue Johnstone, Joan Harper, Lesley Woodland, Kerrie Hammell.

During the last summer season members voted to discontinue the Thursday night swims during winter at Caringbah pool and replace it with a surf swim on Sunday mornings at Cronulla beach. The response to date has been fantastic and beyond all expectations even though on some occasions the water has been vvvvery cold.

We have had several meetings with Gwyn Cleaves, Parks and Waterways Manager with Sutherland Council in relation to Council assistance with further club house improvements and also replacement of the existing pontoons with current technology. All discussions have been positive and are progressing.

### **Gunnamatta Greys**

#### **2006 Winter May to September**

#### **Overall point score**

1 <sup>st</sup>	G Williams	97pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B Woods	94pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	K Hammell	92pts

**Friday (cold water) winter point score**

1<sup>st</sup> H Lawson 45pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> K Hammell 43pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> G Williams 41pts

**Monthly point score winners**

May K Hammell June G Williams  
July B Woods August J Rapp  
September J Harper



Winter winners

Joan Harper, Harry Lawson, Bob Woods, Kerrie Hammell, Jan Rapp, Gordon Williams

**2006-2007 Summer October to April**

**Overall point score**

1<sup>st</sup> G Armstrong 120pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> K Hammell 116pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> D Saunders 113pts

**Monthly point score winners**

**October** J Rapp **November** B Franklin **December** G Armstrong  
**January** K Hammell **February** G Carr **March** J Brownjohn  
**April** R Heidenreich



## **2007 – 2008**

Season 2007 2008 was another good year for the club, with increased membership and very good attendance for all our swims. Changing our winter swimming from Caringbah pool on Thursday evenings to a surf race at Cronulla Beach (or in the rock pool) on Sunday mornings was a great success and significantly increased the level of participation.

The main highlights of season 2007 – 2008 were:

### **Club Shirts**

New design club shirts were made available that look good and made a big impact wherever the club went in force, such as interclub meets, championships and particularly the RSL Club AGM.



### **Swimming**

We have a new Club Champion. Congratulations to Mike Kenny and to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-getters Steve Harper and John Hennessy.

Rod Heidenreich won the Swimmer of the Year Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year on a row. Congratulations to Rod and to Barbara Murphy and Jack Kirkland who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively

Congratulations also to the members of the Water Rats, the winners of a closely contested relay and to the male members of the winning Shirts and Skirts relay.



Proud members of the winning Shirts team

Gordon Williams, Peter Waterman, Ken Webb, Jack Kirkland, Dave Bryan (with trophy) Bill Jury, Jim Silva, Ray Barry, Eric Wood, Brian Schuetrim, Grant Conway, Tone Sherriff, Peter Catarinich

### **Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy The 2007-2008 Relay Competition**

The past season was different to the previous season. All teams got away to a good start before the eventual winner established a lead. However several teams closed in towards the end of the season and the result was up in the air until the second last swim.

An incident occurred during the season where there was no time keeper for one of the teams. We have decided that as well as the starter checking to see that there is a clocker for each team, it is also the responsibility of the swimmers starting from the southern end to see that there is a time keeper on their lane.

On occasions some teams did not submit a team for the relay competition on that day. We would like to remind members of the relay teams that it is up to ALL members to check that a team and handicap time has been submitted. Don't leave it up to a few to run your team.

The winning Water Rats showing off their new jackets



Peter Waterman, Steve Harper, Warren Scicluna, Shane Birdsall, Jenny Falson, Pat Matthews, Brian Schuetrum, Bruce Ryan, Peter Reynolds,  
Absent: Gordon Williams & Rod Garland, ,

Our Club had the largest representation at the Cronulla Leagues Swim Club Carnival and we fielded 2 x 10 a side relay teams and our swimmers performed very well in the heats.

Coogee Randwick was a terrific day as usual and 43 swimmers traveled across by bus. A great day was had by all particularly in winning back the Des Renford Dover Shield.

We were also winners of the Water Dragon Shield at the St George Leagues Swimming Club annual carnival and at the time of writing this report we are preparing to enter a Gunnamatta Greys' team at the Winter Swimming South Metro Championships at Bondi.

So all in all our 2007 – 2008 swimming season was a good one.

### **Club House**

A few minor jobs have done so far during the winter season with a few more to be done before we return to the Bay in October. As you are aware discussions have taken place with Sutherland Shire Council to build a verandah/deck outside our club house. After many emails, phone discussions and meetings, a design and plan for the deck has now been drawn and agreed by Council and ourselves. John Suann, Bill Leighton and Don Saunders recently met with Council and the next step is for a Development Application to be prepared and published.

### **Pool**

A meeting in January with Councillors' Kevin Schreiber and Marie Simone, Sutherland Shire Council General Manager John Rayner and Parks and Waterways Manager Gwyn Cleeves, with Don Saunders, John Suann and Paul Crowe resulted in agreement to our requests as follows:

1. to repair pathways around Gunnamatta Bay Pool
2. to replace existing pontoons with a new and modern system
3. to repair and replace missing and broken bench seats and
4. to replace missing ladder and signs

This was a very positive meeting and a great outcome for us. The status to date is:

1. all pathways have been renewed and repaired and look great
2. the Council has \$100,000 in this year's budget (commencing July 08) to completely replace existing pontoons with the latest technology system. This is currently being followed up.
3. all bench seating has been repaired and replaced.
4. ladder promised to be replaced prior to summer season

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## Troubled waters

### Gunnamatta Bay baths 'neglected'

By Murray Trembath

VANDALS have made Gunnamatta Bay baths dangerous for public use and the area is so run down that it is an embarrassment to Sutherland Shire, say regular users.

Floating pontoons are "bounced out" of their rails repeatedly by large groups of visitors jumping on one end, while an access ladder, handrails, seats and warning signs have been ripped out and thrown in the bay.

Paint flaking off the walls of the pavilion, poor lighting, broken footpaths and a clock that has not worked for years add to a picture of neglect.

Cronulla RSL Swimming Club, which uses the baths, wants Sutherland Shire Council to carry out a major upgrade.

The club also wants a return to the days when a lifeguard watched over the baths during summer and maintenance was carried out by council workers, not contractors.

While the council confirmed vandalism was a problem, it denied there was a risk of serious injury, and rejected the need for a lifeguard or a change to its maintenance approach.

Swimming club officials have organised a meeting with A Riding councillors this month, and individual members have fired off complaints, seeking action.

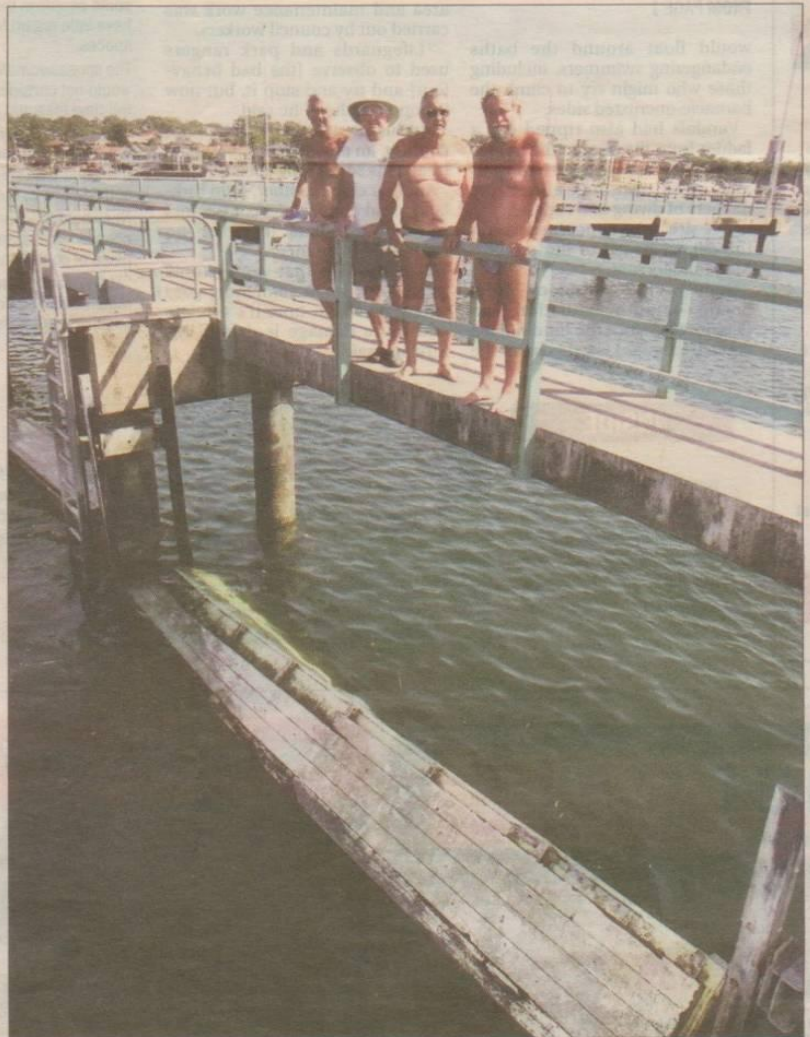
Club president Don Saunders said that through working bees the club had carried out improvements worth \$25,000 to its clubhouse, which is housed in the pavilion.

"We get a bit peeved when we are not getting support from the council," Mr Saunders said.

He said it had not been possible to operate nine swimming lanes for more than two years because at least two pontoons were always out of service.

Some visitors were "very destructive" and it was common for as many as 20 men, some very large in stature, to climb on to pontoon and "bounce it out".

Mr Saunders said half-submerged pontoons



**Beware of baths:** Swimming club members (from left) Ian Burke, John Suann, Don Saunders and Tone Sherriff observe a damaged pontoon at Gunnamatta Bay baths.  
Picture: Lisa McMahon

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# Council starts to fix baths

12.2.08

By Murray Trembath

## Pontoons will be replaced

ACTION has been promised to replace old, dilapidated pontoons at Gunnamatta Bay baths after complaints were made about the baths being neglected.

Sutherland Shire Council has also moved to address other maintenance problems, detailed in a report in the *Leader* last month.

Cronulla RSL Swimming Club is delighted with the council's response.

A meeting between club officials and councillors Kevin Schreiber and Marie Simone was also attended by council's general manager, John

Rayner, and parks and waterways manager Gwyn Cleaves.

President Don Saunders said the meeting was "very positive" and the club was extremely grateful for the support offered.

The group had inspected problem areas, including missing or damaged seats, signs, ladder, lighting, pontoons, paving and a sand build-up in the bay.

Mr Saunders said council officials had agreed to address all the matters and, since then, several had been fixed.

"Due to the fact that the pontoons, which provide a nine-lane, 50-metre pool, are quite old and technologically past their use-by date, the council will budget to replace them with the latest technology in 2008-09," he said.

"This is a major gain for us."

Mr Saunders said action had also been promised on the sand build-up at the southern end of the baths, which caused rubbish to collect along the pool netting and inhibited the natural tidal flushing.



**Big drop:** Missing handrails at the baths make it easy for a child to fall in.

## Gunnamatta Greys

### 2007 Winter Season

#### Overall point score

1 <sup>st</sup>	G Williams	90pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K Hammell	86pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	D Saunders	79pts

#### Friday (cold water) winter point score

1 <sup>st</sup>	B Woods	42pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K Hammell	38pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	G Williams	36pts

#### Monthly point score winners

May	J Harper	June	B Woods
July	G Williams	August	K Hammell
September	G Carr		

### 2007-2008 Summer Season

#### Overall point score

1 <sup>st</sup>	I Bourke	116pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	G Armstrong	114pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	D Saunders	113pts

#### Monthly point score winners

October	G Armstrong	November	T Watson
December	B Franklin	January	J Rapp
February	G Williams	March	J Irvine
April	J Harper		



Some of the happy winners

Gordon Williams, Joan Harper, Jan Rapp, Ian Bourke, Don Saunders, John Irvine, Brian Franklin

### **2008 - 2009**

A very enjoyable summer season of swimming was enjoyed by all despite disruptions to the usual program caused by the disrepair of the starting blocks. From November onwards, we were generally limited to just three racing lanes. Due to the uncertainty as to when the blocks would be repaired or replaced, an early decision was made to postpone until next season, the visit by Coogee/Randwick, Diggers Shield and the Bob Foster Memorial Relay.

The 50 metre races were initially contested with two swimmers per lane until the remaining block was also damaged. Innovation was needed for the longer races, with lots of wire to wire and “in the pool” starts for the 200, 100 and finally 50 metres. Coloured racing caps were introduced to assist the timekeepers identifying the swimmers. Some novelty type races were interspersed to maintain interest and make swimming to times a little more challenging.

Following a long period of negotiations, meetings and correspondence with Sutherland Shire Council we achieved our objective of replacing the old, worn out, damaged and unreliable pontoons. Old poles were removed, new support poles sunk and the latest technology continuous concrete topped pontoons installed by Clement Marine. Four new ladders were installed to allow access to the pontoons from the eastern and western sides. The pool was again available to us in time to run our age and club championships. All works we requested the Council to perform back in 2006 have now been completed. Our first use on 4 April featured on the front page of the Leader.



The new pool is approximately 1.5 metres shorter than the old – 48.5 metres in length. Everyone is delighted with the design and sturdy construction of the new continuous pontoon system and the important fact that we can now count on having nine lanes available for every swimming day. This will ensure the continuing viability of our club into the future.

Our membership and attendance levels have continued to grow and we finished the year with a membership growth of over 30 %.

### Swimming Activities

I would just like to make comment on the level of participation and how very competitive the season was. We have a new Club Champion. Dave Hill, with Peter Waterman 2<sup>nd</sup> and last years champion Mike Kenny 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations boys on a great season.

The prestigious Swimmer of the Year award was fiercely contested and was only decided on the last swim of the season. Congratulations to Captain Geoff Armstrong as Swimmer of the Year and to Mike Kenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jack (always there) Kirkland, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next season is certain to be just as close and competitive.



During the season our members performed very creditably at Interclub events. Large representations attended the Sharks Leagues and St George Leagues Carnivals. The retention of the Water Dragon Trophy and Rod Heidenreich's win in the 25 metres were the highlights at St George. After a few years absence, we also participated in the AIF Championships. The venue was Albury, over 7/8 March. Some 380 swimmers attended from 37 clubs from around Australia. Janice Cox and Jim Wilson were outright winners of their age groups with Allan Cameron, Jack Kirkland, Gordon Williams, Leslie Woodland, Mike Kenny and Cathie Davis all finalists in their ages. Leslie Woodland was also a finalist in the 100 metre nominated time event. A good time was had by all and already plans are underway to attend the 2010 Carnival to be held at Nelsons Bay.

Our winter Sunday morning swims at Cronulla beach have continued to be very popular and well attended. A special thanks to Carol Daly for organizing and running these swims.

Also a first was the visit by twenty swimmers to the Coalcliff Pool in May to compete against the Stanwell Park Sea Eels. Instrumental in arranging this fun day were Carol Daly and Peter Reynolds. Peter is a member of this winter swimming club. A possible rechallenge at Gunnamatta next year will be investigated.

### **Relay Report**

#### **Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy**

#### **The 2008-2009 Relay Competition**

The 2008 – 2009 relay competition has been swum and won, but not without the usual complaints of 'early starts', 'swimming with watches', 'inbuilt timing' and a heap of other excuses.

The winners this season were the 'Aqua Jets' with 88 points. The team didn't hit the front in the point-score until week 9 and stayed ahead until completion at week 24.

The winning 'Aqua Jets were:

Jack Kirkland	Gordon Williams	Geoff Armstrong	Allan Cameron
Jim Silva	Janice Cox	Peter Reynolds	Eric Wood
Arthur McKerron	Mal Green		



The winning Aquajets with Allan Cameron showing off his first relay jacket  
 Jack Kirkland, Allan Cameron, Jim Silva, Janice Cox, Eric Wood, Peter Reynolds, Geoff Armstrong

## **Gunnamatta Greys**

During the past two seasons we overcame the lack of pontoons at the bay by swimming long laps, either “single double” or “double double”. These approximated the 400m and 800m swims which were our stock distances when the blocks were available. We nominate our own times and are required to swim as close as possible to them

### **2008 Winter Season**

#### **Overall point score**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Saunders	83pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Williams	82pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kerrie Hammell	80pts

#### **Friday (cold water) winter point score**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Saunders	41pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gordon Williams	37pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Geoff Armstrong	36pts

### **Monthly point score winners**

May	Joan Harper	June	Don Saunders
July	John Harlum	August	Gordon Williams
September	Kerrie Hammell		

### **2008-2009 Summer Season**

#### **Overall point score**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Williams	105pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kerrie Hammell	101pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Irvine	96pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Rapp	93pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Harlum	93pts

### **Monthly point score winners**

October	Kerrie Hammell	November	Tony Watson
December	John Harlum	January	Lesley Woodland
February	Gordon Williams	March	Paul Rugg
April	Don Saunders		

Although affiliated with the WSAA Greys swimmers in the main swim at the Southern Metropolitan and National Titles for the Cronulla Polar Bears. Females in the club have competed regularly at the Metropolitan titles and for the first time the 2008 National titles saw females competing in their own events. The club was well represented at the 2008 Metropolitan titles winning 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medals and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall point score. The medal winners were

- Gold – Helen Evans and Pat Matthews
- Silver – Barbara Murphy, Lynne Bryan and Carol Daly
- Bronze – Sue Wyse

At the National titles in Newcastle the ladies did not have as much success however Kerrie Hammell, Sandy Curan, Lesley Woodland and Carol Daly combined for a silver medal in the 50yrs+ 4x50m relay. Well done ladies.

### **2009 - 2010**

A sixtieth anniversary year to remember with the special commemorative swimming events and celebrations fully supported and enjoyed by all members. Complimenting the successful season was the generally fine weather, good water and the availability of the nine swimming lanes. Attendances were of the high order with over 60 swimmers the norm for Sundays and 15/20 regulars for the Thursday night swim and chat.

Through the winter 2009 we competed in a number of Carnivals including the Sharks Leagues 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (50 metres won by Kerrie Hammell), South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Age Championships, Kurranulla Life Members Trophy and the Sharks Leagues Shield.

Our sixtieth year of celebrations kicked-off in earnest with the visit by the Coogee/Randwick RSL on 6 December, that being almost to the day that the two Clubs had their first swimming meet. We hosted thirty visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the racing with Warren Rapp providing a scrumptious roast dinner with trappings. Winners' medals and other trophies were on offer and Leslie Woodlands fund raising GIANT hamper raffle, with generous donations by members, keenly supported. The new 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary swimming costumes arranged by Jan Rapp were proudly worn, as were the "60 and still kicking" caps instigated by Jack Kirkland. The day was made even more enjoyable with Cronulla winning both the Ken Millar Open and the Des Renford Handicap 10 person relays.

Our two years of holding the St George Leagues Water Dragon Trophy ended with a gallant third in their 10 person handicap relay. But not all was lost on a very pleasant evening with Jim Wilson being successful in the 50 metres and Jack Kirkland the winner of the 25 metres.

With all the lanes available, the Diggers Shield was pleasingly back on the program. A large roll-up of some 80 swimmers enjoyed the Bay, under lights at night. Clubs represented included Kurranulla, Wanda Surf Club, St George Leagues, Sharks Leagues, Caringbah Masters and the Fire Brigade. The team of "Firies" (below) were worthy and popular winners of the 10 person relay for the Shield and Alan Cameron the winner of the keenly contested 50 metres event.



Another highlight of our very special season was the visit in February to the Wylie Baths for a rematch with Coogee/ Randwick, to highlight and recognise the history and importance of our 60 years of mateship and racing between the Clubs. This day was made all the more memorable with the presentation being made by Ken Millar Jnr who had initiated the Trophy in memory of his father's contribution to both Clubs. His and Allan Cameron's recollections of Ken Millar were of great interest and appreciated by all. Our hosts Coogee/ Randwick excelled with their hospitality, organisation and friendship and it will be a day to remember. Apart from many individual winners, we were also successful in retaining the Des Renford Trophy but Coogee/ Randwick were much too fast for us in the Open Ken Millar relay.



Don Saunders & Ken Millar with the 'Des Renford Dover Straits Shield



Paul Crowe, Jan Rapp, Lesley Woodland, Don Saunders, Bill Jury, Doug McPherson Arthur McKerron & John Suann part of the winning Des Renford Dover Straits Shield team

A successful visit to Nelson Bay in March to participate in the AIF Swimming Championships, with thirty three swimmers and all-up fifty attendees at the formal presentation dinner. Stand-out results in the age events were a first by Janice Cox, a second to Jim Wilson and thirds to Alan Cameron, John Suann, Denny Ford and Leslie Woodland a second place for the backstroke. In the nominated time events, Janice Cox was again successful with a Silver and Jack Kirkland and Gordon Williams “towed”. With our best attendance for some time, our Club was very competitive with thirteen other finalists in Age events resulting in a very creditable fourth in the Men’s Championship points score. Thirty nine clubs participated at the Carnival.



Gentlemen of leisure at Nelsons Bay  
Jim Silva, John Suann, Don Saunders & Bill Jury  
admiring the ladies as they show off their '60 & still kicking' costumes



Denis Woodland, Jon Jenkins, Steve Harper at Nelsons Bay

Congratulations to Dave Hill for winning the Club Championship for the second consecutive year. A very worthy champion. The last race over the 50 metres was the decider with Dave just edging out Steve Harper in the total point score. John Hennessy, Ross Smith and Mike Kenny also swam very well.



Club Champions showing off their blazers  
Mike Kenny (2008) Dave Hill (2009 & 2010) Tone Sherriff (2007)

The Swimmer of the Year went neck to neck until the final event. Congratulations to the winner Cathie Davis from Paul Cavanagh and Mike Kenny 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The reciprocal visit by the Stanwell Park Sea Eels to test our Bay water in May proved to be a competitive and fun-filled day. Ninety swimmers raced on the day with relays, as always, being the highlight. Warren Rapp again provided well appreciated nourishment for the combatants and the contentment of all attendees was very apparent. This was only the second time the two clubs have got together. Carol Daley and Peter Reynolds are congratulated for the organisation and hard work associated with the introduction of this very enjoyable day into our program.

The highlight of our 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations was the Dress-Up/ Bling night at the Francis drake Room organised by Leslie Woodlands and Carol Daley. What a fantastic night and the band were terrific.

It is pleasing to be able to report that over the past four years, we have been able to complete all tasks and objectives we set ourselves including:

- The Club Rooms were tiled, refurbished and repainted;
- The roof was leak proofed and repaired;
- Broken pool bench seats and ladders replaced;
- Damaged pathways in front of Pavilion and pool area replaced;
- New support poles and pontoon system installed;
- New Honour Board installed; and
- Sound financial position

### **Relay Report**

#### **Ben Bryant Memorial Trophy**

#### **The 2009-2010 Relay Competition**

The 2009/10 “Ben Bryan Trophy “ Relay Competition commenced on 11/10/09 and concluded on 18/4/10, after 24 swims.

The Relay Committee attempted to evenly distribute the swimmers over the 5 teams. For most of the season this worked, until near the end of the season when teams struggled to fill their numbers. A number of timekeeping issues caused a few minor problems throughout the season. It is hoped that this will improve next season.

After 5 swims the Feisty Frogs were in front, 10 swims Feisty Frogs were still in front with 33 points, 15 swims Water Rats hit the front with 50 points, 20 swims saw the Aqua Jets lead with 66 points. The next 4 swims saw the lead change several times with the Water Rats being the eventual winners. 11 points separated 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations must go to the Water Rats whose team consisted of

John Suann, Bill Jury, Paul Cavanagh, Jan Rapp  
Kerrie Hammell, Peter Waterman, Jon Jenkins,  
Bruce Ryan, Arthur McKerron





The winners showing off their jackets, with Pat Matthews standing in for John Suann  
 Bill Jury, Paul Cavanagh, Jan Rapp, Pat Matthews, Kerrie Hammell, Peter Waterman, Jon Jenkins.

### **Gunnamatta Greys**

Competition results were

#### **Winter 2009**

Monthly point score winners

May	J Irvine	June	J Harper
July	D Saunders	August	J Rapp
September	B Franklin		

#### **Season point score**

J Irvine	100	1 <sup>st</sup>
D Saunders	84	2 <sup>nd</sup>
J Harper	81	3 <sup>rd</sup>
J Rapp	76	4 <sup>th</sup>
K Hammell	74	5 <sup>th</sup>

#### **Cold Water (Friday) point score**

J Harper	40
G Williams	39
D Saunders	39
J Suann	38
K Hammell	33
J Rapp	33

#### **Summer 2009-10**

Monthly point score winners

<b>October</b>	J Irvine	<b>November</b>	T Watson	<b>December</b>	P Crowe
<b>January</b>	B Schuetrim	<b>February</b>	G Armstrong	<b>March</b>	J Kirkland
<b>April</b>	J Rapp				

#### **Season point score**

J Irvine	112	1 <sup>st</sup>
J Rapp	111	2 <sup>nd</sup>
J Jenkins	97	3 <sup>rd</sup>
J Kirkland	95	4 <sup>th</sup>
P Crowe	90	5 <sup>th</sup>

**National Winter Swimming Championships  
Banoora Point Queensland - September 2009**

We were represented by a number of competitors in both individual and relay races. The women's over 50 relay team comprising of Kerry Hammell, Sandy Curan, Cheryl Crossland and Anne Wood were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their event  
Thank you ladies and congratulations



**Cheryl Crossland, Anne Wood, Sandy Curan, Kerrie Hammell.  
Bronze medalists in the over 50 relay**

This concludes 'The Next Ten Years' history of the Cronulla RSL Swimming Club between 2000 and 2010. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to present this record of our history in conjunction with Jack Kirkland.

Don Saunders  
President  
2006/07 – 2009/10

### Championship Results 2000 – 2010

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club Champion</b>	<b>Swimmer of the Year</b>	<b>Ben Bryant Relay</b>
2000 - 2001	M Davidson	T Sherriff	Feisty Frogs
2001 – 2002	J Moore	J Kirkland	Purple Hearts
2002 – 2003	G Carolyn	L Woodland	Feisty Frogs
2003 – 2004	G Carolyn	P Cavanagh	Aqua Jets
2004 – 2005	P Cavanagh	L Woodland	Aqua Jets
2005 – 2006	J Moore	J Kirkland	Purple Hearts
2006 – 2007	T Sherriff	R Heidenreich	Red Devils
2007 – 2008	M Kenny	R Heidenreich	Water Rats
2008 – 2009	D Hill	G Armstrong	Aqua Jets
2009 - 2010	D Hill	C Davis	Water Rats

### Office Bearers 2000 – 2005

Position	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Patron	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn
President	A Cameron	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	P. Cavanagh	P. Cavanagh
Deputy President			P Cavanagh	P Catarinich	P Catarinich
Snr Vice-President	J Brownjohn	I Bourke	-	-	-
Jnr Vice-President	J Silva	G Williams	-	-	-
Secretary	L Woodland	R Eagleton	R Eagleton	J Kirkland	J Kirkland
Treasurer	S Cameron	B Whitney	B Whitney	B Whitney	B Whitney
Captain	P Cavanagh	C Stanford	R Murray	R Murray	B Whitney
Vice Captain	B Whitney	R Murray	D Ford	D Ford	B Ryan
Race Secretary	T Knight	T Sherriff	T Sherriff	L Woodland	R Heidenreich
Asst Race Secretary(ies)	T Sherriff	L Woodland	L Woodland	S Daley	T Sherriff
Handicapper	J Kirkland	P Cavanagh	P Cavanagh	B Ryan	B Ryan
Registrar(s)	J Kirkland P Cavanagh T Sherriff	P Cavanagh J Kirkland	P Cavanagh J Hannan	J Kirkland	J Kirkland
Social Secretary	P Catarinich	P Catarinich	P Catarinich	R Murray	P Catarinich
Publicity Officer	S Cameron	A Longman	L Woodland	S Cameron	S Cameron
Delegates-					
AOC	A Cameron	A Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron
AIF	P Cavanagh	D McPherson	D McPherson		D McPherson
Association	A Cameron	C Stanford	R Eagleton	R Eagleton	R Eagleton
WSAA	P Cavanagh	B Ryan	B Ryan	B Ryan	B Ryan
Welfare officer	O Coulter	O Coulter	O Coulter	O Coulter	J Suann
Auditor	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	
Relay Committee	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson
Social Committee	J Silva, S Johnstone, L Woodland	J Silva, J Cox, S Johnstone	J Wilson, J Cox, B Murphy	J Wilson, L Nelson, B Murphy	J Wilson, L Nelson, B Murphy
	B Whitney, R Ginger, P Rooney, B Woods, J Nelson, B Murphy	R Ginger, J Nelson, B Murphy, P Rooney, R Murray, R Barry	K Cox, R Ginger, P Rooney, M Bond, B Woods, K Webb, P Reynolds	P Reynolds, M Bond, R Ginger, B Woods, K Webb	P Reynolds, M Bond, R Ginger, B Woods, K Webb

### Office Bearers 2006 – 2010

Position	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Patron	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn	W Brownjohn
President	P. Cavanagh	D Saunders	D Saunders	D Saunders	D Saunders
Deputy President	L Woodland	J. Suann	J. Suann	J. Suann	J. Suann
Secretary	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland
Treasurer	B Whitney (Dec'd 5/11/05) A Vassallo (Appt 14/11/05)	K Sherriff	P Crowe	P Crowe	K Davidson
Asst Treasurers	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron, P Waterman	S Cameron, K Davidson	S Cameron, L Matthews, S Birdsall
Captain	T Sherriff	T Sherriff	T Sherriff	R Barry (Res 9/2/09) G Armstrong (Appt 9/2/09)	G Armstrong
Vice Captain	B Ryan	B Ryan	R Heidenreich	G Armstrong (Res 9/2/09), M Kenny (Appt 9/2/09)	M Kenny
Race Secretary	R Heidenreich	L Woodland	L Woodland	C Davis	C Davis
Asst Race Secretary(ies)	C Daly	C Daly, J Silva, S Johnstone, R Heidenreich	C Daly, J Silva, S Johnstone, R Heidenreich	C Daly, K Hammell, J Silva, S Johnstone	C Daly, K Hammell, J Silva, L Woodland
Handicapper	B Ryan	B Ryan	G Armstrong	G Armstrong	P Cavanagh
Registrar(s)	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland	J Kirkland
Social Secretary	P Catarinich	G Purches	G Purches	G Purches	W Rapp
Publicity Officer	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron, S Birdsall
Delegates- AOC	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron	S Cameron
AIF Association	D McPherson	D McPherson		J Suann	J Suann
WSAA	J Brownjohn	J Suann	J Suann	J Suann	J Suann
Welfare officer	J Suann	J Suann	J Suann	J Suann	J Suann
Auditor	J Brownjohn	J Brownjohn	J Brownjohn	J Brownjohn	J Brownjohn
Relay Committee			J Falson	J Rapp	J Rapp
	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson	D McPherson
	J Wilson, L Nelson, J Cox	J Wilson, L Nelson, J Cox, C Daly	G Williams, I Bourke, J Wilson, L Nelson, C Daly	I Bourke, J Wilson, K Hammell	I Bourke, J Wilson, L Woodland, J Cox, G Williams, J Silva
Social Committee	M Bond, R Ginger, K Webb, A Vassallo	B Woods, J Hennessy, P Catarinich, P Rooney, A Vassalo	B Woods, J hennessy, P Rooney, J Harper, D Ford, R Ginger, P Reynolds	J Hennessy, P Catarinich, W Rapp, B Woods	B Woods, J Cox, J Nelson, P Matthews, B Murphy, S Greenacre, L Cochran, J Rapp
Starters				D Ford, J Silva, D Saunders, T Sherriff, J Suann	D Ford, J Silva, D Saunders, J Suann, J Kirkland

### Membership 2009 – 2010

No.	Name	Phone No.	No.	Name	Phone No.
8762	ARMSTRONG Geoff	9527 9250	70	LANSER Sidney	9544 1707
2663	BAGNALL Bruce	9523 5571	71	LAWSON Harry	9544 3087
	BENNETT Peter	9523 9527	72	LEGGE Grant	9523 0907
1594	BIRDSALL Shane	9523 4347	73	LEIGHTON Bill	9524 5913
3162	BOND Max	9521 4655	74	LIVINGSTONE Brian	
1	BOURKE Ian	9531 5196	75	LIVINGSTONE Ray	
6935	BRADY Peter	9524 5048	76	LOOMES Brian	9525 7622
11B	BROWN John	9501 6999	77	LOVISA Diana	9750 2001
1894	BROWNJOHN Jack	9521 8714	78	MAKER Bill LM	9523 8669
10564	BRUCE Doug		79	MARSDEN Duncan	
8796	BRYAN David	9528 2391	80	MARSHALL Andrew	9526 2660
8798	BRYAN Lynette	9528 2391	81	MASON Paul	
5263	BUTTERFIELD John	-	82	MATTHEWS Liz	9544 5816
6642	CAMERON Shirley LM	9524 7624	83	MATTHEWS Patricia	9545 5118
361	CAMERON Allan LM	9524 7624	84	McDONALD Wayne	9527 0960
13823	CAPPER Glenn	0410 667 421	85	MCINERNEY Michael	9540 1132
11946	CARR Gordon	9522 8569	86	MCINERNEY Judith	9540 1132
5111	CATARINICH Peter	9521 3796	87	MCKEON Margaret	9527 3441
588	CAVANAGH Paul LM	9521 5168	88	MCKERRON Arthur	9521 1484
2171	CAVANAGH Les LM	9540 2771	89	McPHERSON Lex	9525 3856
4808	COCHRAN Les	9668 9361		Douglas	
576	COLLINS Ron LM	9525 4804	90	MCPHERSON LM	9527 1391
1955	CONWAY Grant	9540 4235	91	MORRIS Hal	
7249	COX Janice	9524 0430	92	MURPHY Barbara	9523 2862
11222	CROSSLAND Cheryl	0410 727 957	93	MYERS John	
11061	CROWE Paul	9542 3959	94	NELSON Joan	9524 9695
2520	CURAN Sandy	9527 9554	95	NELSON Les	9524 9695
6041	DALY Barry	9527 3769	96	NICHOLSON	9531 2571
5044	DALY Bernard	9668 8442	97	O'BRIEN John	
5046	DALY Carol	9668 8442	98	PHILLIPS Beverley	9531 5789
11113	DAVIDSON Ken	9525 0631	99	PURCHES Graham	9531 8549
11343	DAVIS Cathy	9523 9790	100	RAPP Jan	9520 7464
	De GROOT Max		101	RAPP Warren	9520 7464
12484	DOEPEL Terry	9525 2404	102	REYNOLDS Peter	0242 942 320
	EDWARDS Brenton		103	ROE Eric	9546 5483
2	ENGLISH Ken	9523 4653	104	ROONEY Pat	9523 2459
10623	ENGLISH Kim	9523 4653	105	RUGG Paul	
12416	FALSON Jenny	9527 1108	106	RYAN Bruce	9527 2769
			107	SAUNDERS Don	9525 4658

1089	<b>FARLIE</b>	Brian	9527 3563
4741	<b>FORD</b>	Denis	9525 7015
6550	<b>FRANKLIN</b>	Brian	9524 6527
7117	<b>GARLAND</b>	Dianne	
7120	<b>GARLAND</b>	Rod	
10431	<b>GAULT</b>	Tom	9521 1726
2270	<b>GINGER</b>	Ray	9523 7288
8692	<b>GOUGH</b>	Chris	9523 2330
9166	<b>GREEN</b>	Mal	9525 7996
1944	<b>GREENACRE</b>	Suzanne	9523-9527
5446	<b>HAMMELL</b>	Kerrie	9546 2431
6035	<b>HAMMELL</b>	Sidney	9543 2431
9904	<b>HARLUM</b>	John	9528 7977
2032	<b>HARPER</b>	Joan	9524 2374
4871	<b>HARPER</b>	Steve	9523 6016
2907	<b>HAVILAH</b>	Brian	9526 7539
1622	<b>HEATH</b>	Jim	9527 3416
3542	<b>HEIDENREICH</b>	Rod	9523 5725
6005	<b>HENNESSY</b>	John	9544 4141
11301	<b>HILL</b>	Dave	
1158	<b>HUMPHREY</b>	Roger	
	<b>HUMPHRIES</b>	Peter	
6007	<b>IRVINE</b>	John	415425172
	<b>JENKINS</b>	John	
	<b>JOHNSON</b>	Bob	9548 2175 0242 968
6417	<b>JOHNSTONE</b>	Sue	167
6858	<b>JURY</b>	Bill	9542 6478 075 534
3900	<b>KELLY</b>	Mick	3409
	<b>KENNY</b>	Michael	
	<b>KERR</b>	Malcom	
11845	<b>KIRKLAND</b>	Jack LM	9545 2683

108	9380	<b>SCHMALFELDT</b>	Gary	9523 9850
109	12960	<b>SCHUETRUM</b>	Brian	9527 3390
110	8164	<b>SCICLUNA</b>	Warren	9528 5099
111	8688	<b>SHERRIFF</b>	Kim	9544 4286
112	12770	<b>SHERRIFF</b>	Tone	9544 4286
113	3146	<b>SILVA</b>	Jim LM	9527 4803
114		<b>SLOUGH</b>	Mark	
115		<b>SMITH</b>	Roger	
116		<b>SMITH</b>	Ross	9525 4216
117	3473	<b>STEPHENS</b>	Solly	9527 6001
118	3850	<b>SUANN</b>	John	9523 5692
119	4321	<b>SUGARMAN</b>	Andrew	9545 1090
120	11372	<b>THOMPSON</b>	Warren	9584 2190
121	7179	<b>TIERNEY</b>	Don	9524 3806
122	5204	<b>WARD</b>	Peter	9523 0735
123	14415	<b>WATERMAN</b>	Peter	9526 7708
124	6916	<b>WATSON</b>	Tony	9527 0009
125	3696	<b>WEBB</b>	Ken	9523 6067
126	14015	<b>WELCH</b>	John	9525 9382
127	14016	<b>WELCH</b>	Arlette	9525 9382
128	3231	<b>WEST</b>	Arthur	9523 7829
129	105	<b>WILKINSON</b>	Ron LM	9523 5058
130	11	<b>WILLIAMS</b>	Gordon	9523 5626
131	3072	<b>WILMINGTON</b>	Bob	9545 5227
132	9270	<b>WILSON</b>	Jim	9524 0430
133	7808	<b>WOOD</b>	Anne	9521 2895
134	6606	<b>WOOD</b>	Eric	9521 2895
135	6677	<b>WOODLAND</b>	Denis	8521 7507
136	6677	<b>WOODLAND</b>	Lesley	8521 7507
137	5917	<b>WOODS</b>	Bob	9524 3558