

At the State titles we drilled eight points in the heat and a slightly disappointing ten points in the final but this was still good enough to take the bronze medal.

After the State however a certain slackness crept into our training routine and we paid for this in the heats of the Australian when we drilled a disappointing 11 points and failed to make the final. Even the old Hawthorn jumper was folded up and packed away in disgust. We certainly discovered that January form means nothing in March and we will not be making the same mistakes next year.

I would like to thank Ian Goode and Ted Larsen for their assistance and the parents of the team members for their support.

I would also like to thank the team who managed to put up with this cranky coach throughout the season, Mick Maughan, Kellie Gough, Kim Tunnell, Jason Ezzy and our tower of strength, Matt "Stormboy" Payne. Unfortunately next year we lose Jason and Matt to the Senior ranks.

Matt has been in the team for three years now and we will definitely miss his strength and experience, although we will not miss his famous rain-making abilities nor his regular forecasts of gloom and doom and, now that he has gone, we can look forward to fine weather for Junior R & R training.

Shark Island Swim Report

Our inaugural Shark Island Swim was held on Sunday, 11th December, 1988. The most difficult aspect of a race of this type is to go past the talking stage and do something positive. After some years of talking and thinking about the concept the starter's gun finally fired and sent approximately 100 swimmers on their way in the first swim around the Island.

The course was triangular with the first leg starting from our beach and taking the swimmers 600 metres out to sea in a south-easterly direction. The second leg continued to a marker buoy a further 500 metres south to a point beyond the front of Shark Island. The swimmers then turned and swam a further 300 metres in a westerly direction which brought the field in towards the shoreline between Shelly Beach and Cronulla Point. The fourth leg saw the swimmers continue in a north-easterly direction for 500 metres to reach the first turning buoy for a second time. The final leg was a 600 metres return trip to the beach.

Whilst we had some shortcomings with our first attempt, we had a great deal of positive feedback on the 2.5km race and all competitors enjoyed the challenge.

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We believe our race is unique in that the spectators are able to watch the entire race from Cronulla Point and next year will be bigger and better for all.

The race was organised and conducted by our Veteran members and we are hopeful that in future years they will continue to support this event.

My thanks to the Club Management Committee for giving me the opportunity to 'GO' with this inaugural race and my thanks to all the Veteran members who gave of their time and effort to make the race successful.

Thanks are also extended to the Commonwealth Bank for their sponsorship of this new idea, our friends at Glenwood Audio for their support and John Cassidy and Reg Gibson for their donation of annual and perpetual trophies.

Cronulla members figured prominently among the placegetters. David O'Brien was the overall winner in 27 minutes six seconds, three seconds ahead of second placed Richard Ford. Age group winners were David O'Brien, Jason McCarthy, Allan Metti, Kevin Neilson and Helen Evans.

I look forward to an exciting future for Cronulla Surf Club's 'Shark Island Swim'.

Bruce Breadner, Organiser

The formation meeting and election of officers took place at Cronulla Surf Club on Wednesday, 19th March, 1975. Present were:

Peter Banister, Don Buchan, Glen Carter, John Challis, Merv Costello, Owen Coulter, Paul Day, Nick Dixon, Kevin Frost, Abe Gallatty, Les Holt, Anthony Jones, Lindsay McLean, Lex Macpherson, Allan Metti, Doug Murray, Phillip Neave, Max Read, Craig Simmons, Ron Simmons, Jim Taylor, Dave Woodruff, Michael Woodruff.

The meeting elected the following office bearers for the first year and decided that the club be known as the Kurranulla Swimming Club:

Patron: Don Lucas
President: Owen Coulter
Vice President: John Suann
Secretary: Les Holt
Treasurer: Ron Simmons
Captain: Allan Metti
Vice Captain: Lindsay McLean
Publicity Officer: Bruce Cook
Handicapper: Paul Day
Starter: David Woodruff

Kurranulla Swimming Club

The 1988/89 season was yet again successful with membership over 100. The very pleasing factor was the increase in numbers of our "core membership" — those who attended at least 90% of the time.

We would like to thank the Surf Club management for tiling the pools and also Doug and Wendi Murray for the excellent condition of the water; hardly a week goes by without someone commenting about either the tiling or water clarity.

We also congratulate the Surf Club on its results at the State and Australian championships both held under very trying surfing conditions and wish the Surf Club the very best for the coming season.

Allan Metti, President

We offer our sincere congratulations to Allan Metti

Carnival Report

Who said "Cronulla Beach is too small to hold a surf carnival?" Certainly not the competitors who took part in a full programme of events on Saturday, 10th December, 1988. Certainly not the carnival referee or his board members who worked so hard to make the day successful. Certainly not the spectators who watched the events throughout the day and certainly not the carnival sponsors. Who then? — Who cares?

I will admit to some anxious moments in the months leading up to the carnival. The big seas and storms during the winter and spring had eroded our beach to the stage where we had little sand left on which to locate our patrols let alone hold a carnival. However, the old timers were confident that the sand would return and fill in the holes and they were right again.

The weather was kind, the sea conditions were good and we had the required area to conduct all of