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Cadet R & R

The past season has, I believe, been a successful one for the Under 15 (Cadet) R & R team.

Although full training did not commence until after the Christmas school holidays the team of Kathryn Bignold, Lisa Diver-Tuck, Jacque Forshaw, Tanian Goode, Brett Grant and Elisha Milton achieved all of our minimum goals — first three at the Branch, first four at the State and finalists at the Australian.

It was indeed a pleasure to see our point deductions lowered at every carnival at which we competed. While conditions at most carnivals were unfavourable our efforts in the swimming were outstanding and I am sure that had the sour conditions at the Australian been a day earlier we would have collected a medal.

Analysis of points at major carnivals shows that we were one point behind the winners at the Branch, equal with second placed Coogee at the State and one point behind the winners and had there not been a bungle by the officials at these titles a three way tie for first place would have resulted. In the final at the Australian, competition was extremely close and the elimination of two uncharacteristic errors would have given us silver.

The past season has been one of learning and the valuable experience gained will place this team in good stead. Couple this with the fine performances of the Juniors and the resurgence of R & R within this Club is assured.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who assisted us and, in particular, to Ian Goode and Ted Larsen for their valuable knowledge and experience and Gail Bignold for donating jackets to the team. Finally, it should be noted that every member of this team was a product of the Crays and that efforts undertaken by the Crays will ensure a flow-on of R & R competitors in the foreseeable future.

Dick Bignold

Shark Island Swim

After many false starts our swim was successfully conducted on Sunday, 17th March, 1991.

Perfect conditions were provided for the field of almost 200 swimmers who enjoyed the 2.5km course in sparkling clean water off Cronulla Point.

Our swim was late this year after negotiations with our last sponsor broke down. However, Allan Hanson secured another sponsor and the race was rescheduled to enable entry forms and posters to be printed. In hindsight, the later date proved to be beneficial in that we held the race on the weekend between the State and Australian Surf Life Saving Championships and it was a great opportunity for our surf swimmers to have a good long training swim.

Our race is certainly growing in popularity and this type of long distance swimming event is expanding at many venues along the coast. They are all good events but we have the ideal position and layout for the event and I am sure that our race will continue to grow in stature and popularity as a recreational ocean swim.

Many thanks to my committee members and particularly John Hollingdale and John Wilson for

their efforts in planning for the race. Special thanks to Greg Hewett, Kevin Maughan, Allan Hanson, David Braine and all those who helped on the day.

Another big effort was provided by Bill Stafford, Ron Smith and Chris Stephenson with our start and finish area and our computer hardware and software on the day.

My thanks to these three people for their efforts and also to Kelly Hollingdale for her work on the computer.

The committee and our Club in general owe a big thank you to our major sponsor Hot Wok Chinese Restaurant from Westfield and to our other sponsors Spank Sportswear and Eyeline Swimwear. The sponsorship from Hot Wok was the first of its kind and we thank Dennis Wong for his support of Cronulla Surf Club.

Thank you to all the swimmers who took part this year and I look forward to your continued support in the future. Thanks again to Barry Ezzy and Ken English for their contribution on the public address system and to Ken Metcalf for being there whenever some help was required.

Bruce Breadner

Kurranulla Swimming Club

Once again it is my pleasure to report another successful year. Our membership has not greatly increased but the core membership, those who swim practically every week, has strengthened.

Once again we thank the Cronulla Surf Club for use of the Monro room for our after swim function and Doug and Wendi Murray for their assistance and the manner in which they run the Sports Complex in terms of the cleanliness and the good water clarity.

We wish the Surf Club all the best for the coming season and extend to all an invitation to come and join in our Wednesday evening swims. We guarantee not to switch off the lights if you are a slow swimmer.

Allan Metti — President

Long Service Awards

We extend our sincere congratulations to Life Members Jim Switzer and Ray Thompson and Veteran Member Bob Bridges who have achieved the landmark of 50 years membership of Cronulla Club. These three members joined the Club within four weeks of one another during September and October, 1940.

It was of great significance that the presentation of awards to Jim and Bob were made on 18th November, 1990, the day of the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the official opening of our Club house. Unfortunately Ray Thompson was unable to be with us on this auspicious occasion.

Members who achieve 25 years membership of Cronulla this year are Veteran members Phil Rayment (25.10.65), Barry Bucholtz (20.12.65), John Maguire (20.12.65), Mark Chapman (28.3.66) and Bob Bugden whose original joining date was 26th October, 1953 but who had a break in membership.

Our congratulations are extended to these five members.