



MANLY MEET SPECIAL



The Team: 40 swimmers

Stephanie Crossley, Tim Hollingsworth, Abigail Sweet, Carolyn Samojlowicz, Eric McNamara, Anton Kapel, Katherine Woodburn, Fiona Mulcahy, Helen Ludgate, Vince Squillace, Rebecca Bose, Peter Bel, Diana Watts, Katherine Ahern, Karen Battersby, Kay Winton, Lynette Coutts, Sharon Angove, Kevin Price, Greg Jewson, Greg Tye, Jan Bradshaw, Marie Taylor, Mary Woodward, Lindsay Brice, Dawn Gledhill, Susan Anderson, Abel Bornstein, Stephen Lamy, Virginia Macleod, Pamela Rawling, Barry Seymour, Ted Samojlowicz, Sue Johns, Peter Rawling, Ian Sharp, Agnete England, Kerry Ilsley, Ray Watson

**The Results,
by Gloria Oldfield,
Recorder**

TEAM

Overall 1st, Average 8th

INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUP PLACES:

1st Stephanie Crossley, Abigail Sweet, Helen Ludgate, Katherine A-Sharpe, Jan Bradshaw,
Vincent Squillace, Barry Seymour

2nd Virginia Macleod, Greg Jewson, Abel Bornstein, Ted Samojlowicz

3rd Carolyn Samojlowicz, Ray Watson

RELAYS

6 x 1sts

160+ Women Medley Fiona Mulcahy, Helen Ludgate, Stephanie Crossley, Abigail Sweet

200+ Women Medley Jan Bradshaw, Katherine A-Sharpe, Rebecca Bose, Diana Watts

240+ Women Medley Carolyn Samojlowicz, Sharon Angove, Dawn Gledhill, Sue Anderson

280+ Women Medley Virginia Macleod, Sue Johns, Marie Taylor, Agnete England

160+ Men Medley Vincent Squillace, Matthew Mortimer, Tim Hollingsworth, Peter Bell

280+ Men Medley Barry Seymour, Stephen Lamy, Abel Bornstein, Ian Sharp

2 Placed 3rd , 1 placed 4th Total 9 Relays

PERSONAL BESTS

3 x Helen Ludgate 50 FR, 200 BR, 100 IM

3 x Tim Hollingsworth 200 FR, 50 Fly, 100 IM

3 x Eric McNamara 50 FR, 50 Breast 100 BR

2 x Abigail Sweet 50 Free, 200 Free

2 x Rebecca Bose 50 Free, 50 Fly

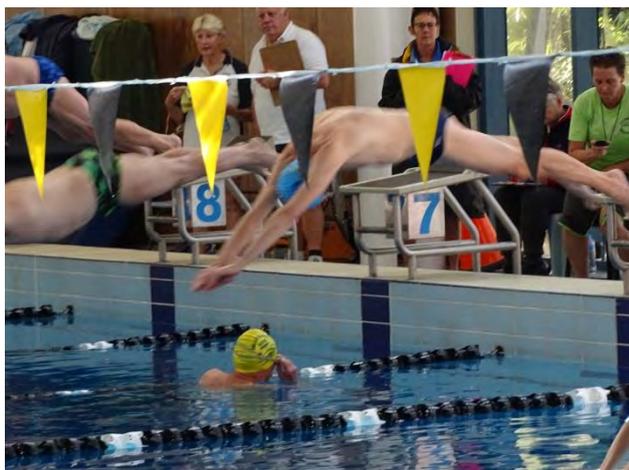
2 x Abel Bornstein 200 Free, 100 Breast

1 x Stephanie Crossly 200 Back

1 x Katherine Woodburn 100IM

1`x Kay Winton 200 Free

1 x Vince Squillace 100 IM



Thanks to Peter Rawling and Carolyn Samojlowicz for taking photos at the meet .

Meet Report
by Stephen Lamy,
Meet Director

'Australia is famous for the impeccable staging of major sporting events. They're not bad at minor sporting events, either.' Manly Pursuits by Richard Beard Yellow Jersey Press 2006
Renewal is a much heard term. In the context of a swimming program you might think its application would be narrow. We gave it a shot this year. We saw the need to respond to feedback and offer 4 rather than 3 events. That prompted suggestions about a revised program, and whether the allotted time would present a problem. In the result the major change was to offer the 4 x 200 and 2 x 100, with alternate 100s in the following year. The response of more than 200 swimmers was in line with previous meets and indicated the program did not dampen enthusiasm.

On the officials' front we have been fortunate to have a consistent core. Two notable absences this year were Heather Rouen dictating authority from the marshal desk and Marilyn Earp from the referee cohort. Heather had apologised profusely months before that an Alaskan trip would clash with the Wahroonga event. Valid excuse! Marilyn was a late withdrawal due to family circumstances interstate. We look forward to having them back next year.

We are grateful to the officials for ensuring a steady flow of swimmers from, and back to, the seating area, with all steps covered in between. It is somewhat akin to the notion in various businesses of 'stp' ('straight through processing'). In recent years the swim school has had a booking from what we guessed was 3pm so we have had to start promptly and hope no delays would prolong proceedings. Fortunately this time the swim school did not have a booking due to school holidays.

Mention should be made of the false start rope detail under the watchful eye of the FSR supremo, Barry Seymour. Less experienced operators could have pulled the rope, overcome by nervous excitement. It is a tribute to Barry that he identifies members who show restraint under pressure.

New faces are particularly welcome. Wett Ones topped visitor numbers and we were pleased to be able to navigate our way through some administrative hurdles to welcome Emmanuel Sandino, here on holiday from Costa Rica. Jenny Whitely is continuing her world beating form with National records in the 200 free, 50 back and 100 IM. Congratulations Jenny, and also Anita Saviane with a branch record in the 200 fly. On the topic of excellence, Tony Goodwin's superb 2017 was acknowledged at the Nationals in Perth, and it was perhaps more fitting that he could receive the Swimmer of the Year trophy from Jane Noake in the presence of friends and many who will benefit from his breaststroke clinics.

The Lost Property department prides itself on a high rate of reuniting swimmers with items. This year, after the water had barely had time to settle, we had the makings of a fetching ensemble. Fortunately the pink chamois (and its sleeve) and the track pants proved to be only temporary losses. At the time of writing a top, scarf and goggles were still in the department's custody. Not the scale necessary to contemplate an Op-shop opening.

Congratulations to Wett Ones for winning the aggregate point score with 958 points to Warringah's 734, thereby ending a long sequence of NWG victories. Unfortunately the average result would have been announced to no audience. Congratulations to Blacktown on 39.83 with 6 swimmers, ahead of Liverpool on 37.25 with 4 swimmers.

Thanks to Manly club members who in myriad ways before and on the day brought the rich mosaic of entries, swimming, results and après swim together. The raffle prizes included generous contributions from our coach Mark Bremer, Camera House, Budgy Smuggler and Carlile Swimming.

We are very grateful to those sponsors and also all other contributors to the prizes.

Thanks again to the officials, St John's (word must have got out about the Tim Tam supply, four were present) and of course the participants, including those who could not attend. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Richard Beard could have given a nod of approval.



From Ruth Fitzpatrick, President

“Thank you to our non-swimming team members and thank you to every one who contributed to the food and its presentation. The feast at the end swells the number of entrants to the carnival and adds to the success of the day. No doubt about it!