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JUDGE HITS AT SWIM COACHES  
Sydney

"Some Australian swimmers are spending far too much time away from their schooling," Mr Justice Heron said last night.

Mr Justice Heron is President of the N.S.W. Swimming Association.

He also criticised some aspects of British Empire Games swimmers Townsville training programme. He declared, "I say to some of you professional coaches you might search your conduct and see if you find everything satisfactory. While our professionals are some of the most valuable men in the game, and we acknowledge a debt to them, I think we must operate in the framework of amateurism."

Mr Justice Heron commented on the International Olympic Committee's decision that training periods should not be more than two weeks. Mr Justice Heron added, "The Amateur Swimming Union settled the period of training in Townsville to commence on May 25. However, some of the swimmers arrived in Townsville on May 1."

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C.M. Tuesday 9 September 1958

AMONG THE AMATEURS  
By Frank O'Callaghan  
SWIM COMEBACK

"Rosemary Lassig will swim again," says her coach Tom McIntyre.

Rosemary, national backstroke and medley champion from the Empire Games Team, suffered a serious road accident at her Bundaberg home two weeks ago. She is still in hospital with several broken fingers and recovering from severe concussion. Rosemary will miss her early season training, but will be around to defend her State and National title.

Here's something local swim coaches can be resigned to - "Guineas to Gooseberries," there will be no lease of the Langlands Park Pool. City Hall "drum" is that the pool will have a manager.

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C.M. Friday 12 September 1958

"FOR SWIM CHIEF"

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Chairman, Dr D.Dowling, is a likely President of the Association. The post became vacant with the death of Mr Norm Burn.

The Valley Club last night nominated Dr Dowling, 63 year old Commonwealth Director of Health for Queensland. He is the only candidate for the position for which nominations close tomorrow.

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C.M. Wednesday 24 September 1958

QUEENSLAND'S BID FOR SWIM TOPS

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association will attempt to organise another barn-storming tour for Australia's world champions.

Association Secretary, Bill Holland, said last night that an attempt to stage a tour of Warwick, Dalby, and Brisbane, will be made after the National Titles next February. "The tour by the Empire Games team last March was a great success," said Mr Holland. "They enjoyed it and we made a lot of money for the Empire Games Fund."

C.M. Thursday 29 September 1958

AMONG THE SPORTS GIRLS  
By Ruby Robinson

The Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association is to have a new Secretary and Treasurer this season.

Mrs T.Fairlie, Association Secretary for six years, and Miss Flo Glanville, Treasurer for nine years, have retired.

The Association meets on October 10 to elect new office bearers.

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C.M. Thursday 2 October 1958

ANNE TO "TOP OFF" IN DOWNS POOL

Maryborough's Empire Games backstroke swimmer, Anne Nelson, will complete her State and National preparation in Warwick.

Anne's coach, Arthur Cusack, has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Warwick Olympic Pool, and she will move to Warwick after Christmas. She started training on Tuesday in the Maryborough Pool and, under her father's supervision, will follow schedules prepared by Cusack.

MORE CONFIDENT

Anne, fourteen years, returned from the Cardiff Empire Games as Australia's No 1 backstroker. She has greatly improved her previously faulty turn and is now taller and broader and much more confident of her ability. She temporarily held the Empire Games 110 yards record when she won her heat in 73.6 seconds. She finished fifth in the final in 75.5 seconds.

TOP THREE BACK IN SWIM

Three key Queensland Amateur Association officials will retain their positions for the 58-59 Season. Association Secretary, Mr W Holland, Treasurer, Mr B.Lyons, and Council Chairman, Dr D Dowling, will be re-elected unopposed at the first Council meeting on October 13. Mr Holland will begin his twelfth successive year as Secretary, Mr Lyons his eighth as Treasurer. Dr Dowling, Association President, has been Chairman for the past two years.

Association's Vice Presidents are - Dr E.Theile, Messrs T.Eriksen, W.McLeod, H.Weld, and E.Barnacle. Sixth nominee for one of the five positions was Mr E.Grosman M.L.A.

Maryborough Swimming Association President, Mr R.Kerr, has been made a Life Member of the Queensland Association.

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C.M. Friday 3 October 1958

LEN STANTON WILL JOIN NATIONAL COACHING SQUAD

Brisbane swim coach and leading authority, Len Stanton, has accepted an invitation to become a foundation member of a National Council of swim coaches.

The Council, the brain child of one of the world's leading coaches, Frank Guthrie, is designed to keep Australia one of the world's top swim nations. Stanton, who coaches at Sandgate, has long been recognised as one of Australia's best swim brains. He is co-author with Davies Park coach, Bill Fleming, of the highly ranked coaching book "Swimming is Easy" which Olympic coach Forbes Carlisle considers one of the best of its kind.

## LECTURE SERIES

Guthrie recently returned from a tour of Japan convinced that Japan is a big threat to Australia's swimming supremacy. He, and other similar swim coaches Carlisle, Don Talbot, and Sam Herford, have joined forces with a view o developing swimmers and coaches on a national scale. They plan to start a series of monthly lectures in Sydney on October 24, and they intend to invite leading Australian Swimming Union officials to join the Council. The Council intends to circulate the latest knowledge on techniques and conditioning, and even ideas for better administration.

## JAP MISTAKE

In a letter to Stanton, Guthrie says the Japanese coaches and officials have impressed him with their "profound all-round knowledge of the sport". He said Japan lost its place as world champion because it became complacent and forgot the lessons it once taught the world.

Australia is now in danger of making the same mistake.

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C.M. Tuesday 7 October 1958

## FOUR NAMES IN FOR SWIM PANEL

Four names have been received for the three State Selectors positions and further names are expected before closing time next Monday night.

Two of last year's Selectors, Bill Holland and Garney Nankaville, are seeking re-election. The third Selector was the President, the late Norm Burn. Other nominees are George Marr of Wests Club and Association Registrar Jack Davis. Toowoomba President and former State backstroke representative, Jack Purtell, may also nominate. Purtell is a leading Bulimba Cup referee.

The Selectors and an Executive Committee of five will be chosen at Monday night's Association delegates meeting.

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C.M. Tuesday 14 October 1958

## HOLLAND QUILTS SWIMMING JOB

Bill Holland, a State swim selector for the past thirteen years, resigned immediately he was elected last night. Holland said he resigned for personal reasons

The other two selectors elected from six nominations were Messrs J.Emerson and G.Marr. Holland, Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary, will be replaced at a QASA Council meeting on December 8.

The Executive chosen last night was Dr E.Theile, Messrs A.Corish, G.Marr, M.Munro, and C.Arnold. Association Starter is Mr W.Morrall.

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C.M. Wednesday 12 November 1958

## AMATEURS FACE BAN FOR SURFING

Australia's still water swimmers risk suspension if they compete against professional sportsmen in certain surf events. Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Bill Holland) said this last night.

This follows a Surf Lifesaving Association ruling which permits professionals such as Rugby League players and boxers to compete in all surf carnival events. Previously they were restricted to those in which surf equipment was used.

SEEK RULING

Mr Holland said, "My Association is awaiting a directive from the Australian Swimming Union, based on the amateur regulations of the world governing body, F.I.N.A."

He said that the directive would apply only to those events previously denied the professional, surf and surf teams races, beach relay, beach sprints, and musical flags.

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C.M. Thursday 13 November 1958

ASKS 13 WEEKS FOR SWIM TEAM

Sydney - Australian swimming selector Bill Holland has recommended that the 1960 Olympic Games swimming team have a minimum of 13 weeks training in Townsville.

Mr Holland, who was in charge of the six weeks preparation for the Australian team in Townsville before the Empire Games, made this recommendation in his report to the Australian Swimming Union.

Other points that Holland made in his report were - Final selection trials for the 1960 Olympic Games team be held shortly before the team is due to leave; a minimum team to be selected for the Games; a manager and two amateur coaches be appointed to accompany the team.

MEET CRITICISM.

Mr Holland's suggestion regarding the amount of training prior to the Games will meet with a lot of criticism.

Several months ago the International Olympic Committee stated it believed an athlete or swimmer should have a time of two weeks training before the Olympic or Empire Games.

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C.M. Friday 21 November 1958

Queensland swimmers Rosemary Lassig, Anne Nelson, and Lyn Kingston, have been invited to compete at the New South Wales championships on January 3, 6 and 8.

Rosemary, 17, of Bundaberg, is national 110 yards breaststroke and 220 yards individual champion.

Anne, 14, of Maryborough, was Queensland's only Empire Games swim representative. She is national junior backstroke champion and recognised as Australia's best backstroker, ahead of senior champion Gergaynia Beckett.

Lyn, 16, of Brisbane, is national junior butterfly champion.

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C.M. Tuesday 2 December 1958

(Photo of John Rigby swimming - Headed "Rigby swam the fastest time without a shark in sight," Lifesaver, John Rigby, swam his fastest 400 metres time, 4m 46s, at the Valley pool last night. At Kirra on Sunday, Rigby won the junior surf race. Near the finish a shark cruised 15 yards ahead of him.)

JUNIOR CHAMPION'S TREBLE AT CLUB SWIM

State junior and senior breaststroke champion, Alan Humphreys, 16, won three events for Valleys at the combined amateur swimming clubs meet at the Valley pool last night.

His open 100 metres freestyle winning time of 70.6sec was only 0.1sec outside his best. Later he clinched the junior 100 metres breaststroke (1m 21.8s) and the junior 50 metres butterfly (33.8sec).

(With full results)

C.M. Friday 5 December 1958

#### AMATEURS WARNED ON SURF CARNIVALS

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) last night issued a warning to amateur swimmers. He said, "Any Q.A.S.A swimmer who competes in surf carnivals in which professionals take part, will cease to compete as an amateur."

His ultimatum followed an order from the Australian Swimming Association.

The Surf Life-saving Association of Australia recently ruled that any member of the defence forces would be eligible to compete in surf carnivals. Surf officials said that they would not check to see if any of them were amateurs or professionals.

Holland said that this surf body decision would mean that amateur swimmers would have to make their own investigations to make sure they did not compete against professionals.

"This would become a very hard task for our members," he said. "For that reason we want to put all amateurs in the picture early. Our direction not to compete against professionals goes to all Q.A.S.A bodies and members," he added. Holland said there was no chance of this ruling being changed, as it was a law of the international governing body.

C.M. Saturday 3 January 1959

#### TWO SWIM GIRLS QUALIFY

Sydney - Queenslanders Yvonne Payne and Helen Agnew last night qualified for their events at the opening of the New South Wales women's swimming carnival at North Sydney pool.

Miss Payne won her heat of the 220 yards open freestyle in 2m 35.4s.

Miss Agnew won her heat of the 110 yards Under 14 freestyle in 1m 10.2s.

C.M. Wednesday 7 January 1959

#### ANNE NELSON SETS 110 SWIM RECORD

Sydney - Queensland's Anne Nelson last night set a New South Wales open 110 yards backstroke record. She was swimming at the N.S.W. women's swimming championships at North Sydney pool.

Fourteen-year-old Anne, and Empire Games representative, swam the 100 yards in 1m 14.7s. This was 0.6sec inside Pat Huntingford's State record.

Miss Nelson gave an effortless display to beat Victorian, Marilyn Wilson, by 2 yards with Ann Beardsmore, Sydney, third. Title holder, Gergaynia Beckett, who also represented Australia at the Empire Games, shocked by finishing fourth.

In the report of Friday 9 January 1959, Anne Nelson is recorded as having broken the State 220 yards open backstroke record by three seconds in 2m 43.5s, a record previously held by Miss Huntingford and Miss Beckett. She took the lead practically from the start and swam easily to finish well in front of Victorian Marion Wilson, with Miss Huntingford third.

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C.M. Thursday 22 January 1959

#### FAST 220 SWIM BY BUNDABERG GIRL

Bundaberg's dual national swim champion Rosemary Lassig recently swam the fastest 220 yards breaststroke by an Australian girl. In a time trial in the Bundaberg 55 yard pool, Rosemary, national 110 yd breaststroke and 4 x 55yd medley champion, clocked 2m 58s. This is 4.4sec faster than Sydney Olympic hope, Jan Hogan's New South Wales title-winning time this season.

World record held by Holland's A. den Haan is 2m 52s.

TITLE AIM

Rosemary, 17, aims to win both national breaststroke titles this season, and has done little training for the defence of her medley title.

She is now in Brisbane for the State swimming championships which start with heats at the Valley pool tonight. She will compete in the 100 metres breaststroke tonight. Her best time for this season is 84sec which is 1.9sec faster than Barbara Evans Queensland record.

(Picture of Jon and Bob Rigby in the water at Davies Park Baths)

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.C.M. Friday 23 January 1959

CLIPS 1.5 SEC OFF OWN 100 MET. SWIM TIME  
ROSEMARY LASSIG SETS AUSTRALIAN RECORD

National 110 yards breaststroke champion, Rosemary Lassig clipped 1.5sec off her State and Australian 100 metres record at the Valley pool last night. She easily won her State championship heat, and her time of 1m 22.1s suggests that in tonight's final she will shake German girl, K.Beyer's world time of 1m 20.3s.

Rosemary, 13-year-old Bundaberg redhead, is also national 4 x 55 yards medley champion.

Her time last night was 4.1sec faster than the time her national title rival, Jan Hogan, clocked to win the New South Wales title.

Three other records toppled last night - Peter Eriksen lowered Cyrus Weld's State resident 100 metres freestyle time to 57.7sec, 0.4 sec faster than the standard Weld set two years ago - Maryborough's Graham tait set a new 200 metres junior freestyle time of 2m 12s, and Priscilla McLennan lowered the women's 50 metres junior freestyle time to 30.9sec.

Danny Mahoney, Maryborough freestyler, robbed himself of the State 100 metres freestyle record when he failed to touch at the 50 metre mark. Mahoney clocked an amazing 57.4sec. He said he misjudged the distance to the wall, knew he would be out, and slowed up on the homeward run.

Mahoney will get his chance to crack Eriksen's new time in the country 100 metres title next Friday night.

Eriksen, 18, a remarkable athlete, has done virtually no training this season, but bettered the time of one of the best freestylers the State has produced.

Maryborough's Empire Games backstroker, Anne Nelson, swimming for the women's junior freestyle title, clocked 31.3sec, only 0.2sec outside Beryl Mason's race record.

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C.M. Saturday 24 January 1959

ROSEMARY AGAIN BREAKS AUST. RECORD IN TITLE WIN

Bundaberg's 17-year-old Rosemary Lassig at the Valley pool last night slashed the Australian 100 metres breaststroke swim record for the second time in 24 hours as she won the Queensland title.

Rosemary touched in 1m 22s, 0.1sec outside East Germany's K.Beyer's world time.

Rosemary said later she would attack the German's time at the National titles in Hobart next month. "I didn't feel happy tonight," she said, "too tensed."

This may have been so because Ipswich youngster Jill Ruhle shadowed her. Jill, 16 and self-trained, was having only her second swim in a 50 metre pool this season. She trains over the Ipswich 33 1/3 yards course, yet clocked 1m 23 1/2s, or 0.1sec inside Miss Lassig's record set last season.

Mt Isa's Warwick Webster threshed over 100 metres freestyle to take the title and break Peter Eriksen's 24-hour-old record by 1.1sec. Webster downed a hot field and held off the fast finishing Eriksen ni 56.6sec. Eriksen came in 0.6sec later and 0.5sec inside his time of last night. Webster and Eriksen

forced third place-getter, Ken Gudenswager, in his fastest 1100 metres yet, 58.9sec.

Webster, 17 years and 13½ stone, swam only 0.6 sec outside world record holder, John Devitt's, New South Wales 110 yards title-winning time.

"that gives us three world class sprinters," commented Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland), "Webster, Eriksen, and Danny Mahoney, who though disqualified swam 57.4 sec in Thursday night's heat.

#### ANNE TAKES DOUBLE.

Empire Games backstroker, Anne Nelson, one and a half stone heavier than last year, sauntered to the 100metres backstroke title in a new race record of 1m 15.8s. This was 1.8sec outside Anne's Australian record time of 1m 15.8s. This was 1.8sec outside her Australian record but it was explained by her 50 metres junior freestyle title win half an hour earlier, in the race record time 30.7s.

Wilston junior, Alan Humphreys, 15, retained his 100 metres breaststroke crown after a tight finish with Nambour's David Brandon. Humphreys, runner-up for the national junior title last year, equalled his race record of 1m 19.5s.

Mt Isa girl, Beryl Mason, fought off exhaustion to take the open 100 metres freestyle title. Beryl reached half way in 31sec but took 38sec for the final leg. She held off Lyn Kingston, but had to be helped to the victory block to receive her gold medal.

Maryborough 15-year-old, Graham Tait, beat 100metres open backstroke champion, Tony Fingleton, in the lead-off section of the 4 x 100 metres medley relay, and in a time 0.6sec faster than it took Fingleton to win the open title. Fingleton took David Theile's title in 1m 10.6s.

C.M. Tuesday 27 January 1959

#### MT ISA SWIM STAR NOW LOOMS AS NEW WORLD SPRINTER

By Frank O'Callaghan

Warwick Webster, sensational young swim sprinter from Mt Isa, last night posted the fourth new State record in four races to win the 200 metres freestyle title at the Valley pool. Webster, 16, whittled 0.6sec off John Rigby's time of last Saturday and clocked an amazing 2m 8.4s.

This effort, plus his 100 metre title winning time of 56.6sec last Friday, might stamp him as a coming world sprint champion.

Webster's win last night was one of the most thrilling of the championships. He nosed off Maryborough's Danny Mahoney and Brisbane's Johnny Rigby who clung like limpets for the distance. In cooler water Webster would probably have come in under 2m 6s.

#### LIKE SOUP

"It was so hot I found it hard to breathe," he said.

"It was like soup," said Mahoney.

Webster was the first to leave the blocks and Mahoney last. They turned together at the 50 metres and at the "100" Webster was timed at 61sec, Mahoney at 61.7sec, and Rigby 0.1sec behind him.

#### HELD LEAD

Webster pulled away over the third lap and held his lead down the straight. Mahoney touched in 2m 8.5s, and Rigby in 2m 9.8s.

Webster has been training under Sydney coach Frank Guthrie for four months, and Guthrie flew up yesterday to see his wonder boy. "This fellow is the find of the season," he said. "He is the one to watch in Olympic year 1960." Webster will return to Sydney to continue to prepare for the national titles at Hobart next month.

## JUNIOR'S FIFTH TITLE

Maryborough's ace junior, Graham Tait, snatched his fifth title last night when he flashed off with the junior 100 metres freestyle in 60sec. Independent watches put Tait at 58 and 59sec.

Earlier he took the 100 metres junior butterfly in 70.1sec and he finished the night by clinching for Maryborough the 200 metres junior squadron event in record time.

A protest by Warwick's David McMonagle for not touching at the 50 metre mark in the 100 metres junior freestyle event was dismissed. McMonagle claimed he had hurt his hand as he hit the concrete.

Five time Victorian medley champion, Chris Bell, took the 200 metres butterfly title at his first attempt. Bell, of Townsville, won the North Coast Branch surf title on Sunday.

Fifteen-year-old Ayr girl, Yvonne Paine, took a freestyle double by outstaying Lyn Kingston and Eileen Lindholdt for the 400 metres freestyle title. Yvonne, who spent five weeks preparation in Melbourne, won the 800 metres event on Saturday.

## HIS JOB

The 200 metres backstroke title went to Ipswich junior Glenn Whybird who starts his first job today. Whybird downed title holder John McLeod and Tony Fingleton in 2m 35.4s. he starts work today in the Ipswich Railway Workshop.

(Results given)

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C.M. Wednesday 28 January 1959

## WEBSTER BEAT WELD RECORD

New swim sensation, Warwick Webster, last night clipped 0.1sec off Cyrus Weld's Queensland record for 50 metres freestyle. Webster, 17, of Mt Isa, won his heat of the 50 metres freestyle in 25.7sec at the State titles at the Valley pool. Webster on Monday night swam an amazing 2m 8.4s to win the 200 metres freestyle title in record time.

Title-holder, Peter Eriksen, won his 50 metre heat in 26.6sec.

The final tonight should be close as Webster, Eriksen, and Danny Mahoney all held something in reserve.

Crack junior surfer, John Rigby, swam the fastest ever by a Queenslander in winning his heat of the 800 metres. His 10m 4.4s beat by 8.5sec the record set by Bob Burns (Leander Club) two years ago. Earlier State senior surf champion Hayden Kenny had swum 10m 5.2s in winning his heat. Rigby seemed far the superior.

## GIRL, 13, EQUALS TIME

Thirteen-year-old junior girl, Helen Agnew, swam brilliantly to equal the race record in the women's 50 metres (13 and under 14) 50 metres. Helen won her heat in 31.4sec. Earlier she won her heat in the 100 metres junior freestyle in 1m 10.8s to lead the qualifiers.

Former Victorian medley champion, Chris Bell, now swimming for Townsville, easily won his heat of the men's 100 metres butterfly in 1m 13.4s. Bell won the State 200 metres title on Monday night. Bell's main opponent tonight should be John Bennett (Toowong) who swam a 1m 11.6 heat.

(results given)  
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C.M. Thursday 29 January 1959

#### RIGBY CUTS ROSE'S RECORD; WINS TITLE

West End 16-year-old John Rigby last night chopped 1.8sec off Olympian Murray Rose's State 800 metres freestyle record. Rigby's rhythmic stroking through the hot Valley pool won him the State title and lowered the record to 9m 46s. After the first 100 metres in 64.6sec Rigby reeled off his laps with a maximum variance of only 2.2sec. He suffered a stitch in his side after the first 400 metres, but stuck to his schedule and covered the last 100 metres in 1m 14.4s.

Rigby, and second place-getter, Hayden Kenny (9m 58.6s), became the first Queenslanders to break 10 minutes for the distance.

#### FIRST SEASON

John Bennett, 16-year-old junior, won the open butterfly in his first competitive season. Sickness forced Bennett to lay off training, and he has had only two weeks hard preparation for the title. His coach, Len Hancock of Toowong, hails him as the best butterfly prospect since Peter Andersen.

Maryborough junior Graham Tait collected two more gold medals and brought his tally for the titles to eight - seven individual events and a squadron. Individual performances equal Cyrus Weld's record of 1953. Last night Tait, a pupil of backstroke mentor, Arthur Cusack, took the 100 metres junior backstroke title in a new race record time of 70sec, and 20 minutes later burnt off the 400 metres junior freestyle field in 4m 51.8s.

Empire Games backstroker, Anne Nelson, also Cusack-trained, coasted to the open 200 metres title and a new race record - 2m 44.8s.

Frances Bliss, who at 12 is three years under the junior limit, took the junior 100 metres breaststroke in a tight finish. Frances clocked a fast 1m 32s.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 30 January 1959

#### "FOR NOT TOUCHING"; DISQUALIFY SWIM STAR

Freestyle sprint champion, Warwick Webster (Mt Isa), was last night disqualified for not touching at the shallow end of the pool in the 100 metres men's country freestyle championships at the Valley pool. Webster swam easily throughout the race to finish second to Dennis Mahoney (Bundaberg) who won the heat in 58.7sec. Immediately after his disqualification Webster scratched from the 400 metres freestyle championship. Webster is an automatic choice for the State team.

Junior, Graham Tait (Maryborough), was the only other swimmer in the heats to break 60sec. He swam brilliantly in the first heat to equal the record of 59.9sec which was held by Webster before Mahoney broke it. Tonight's final should prove an interesting tussle, but Mahoney seems to be the more experienced swimmer.

#### TOOK DOUBLE

Mahoney completed the double when he coasted home to win the first heat of the 400 metres freestyle in 4m 50.2s. His time was 5.8sec faster than Johnny Rigby's 4m 56s second heat win.

Rigby, Hayden Kenny (Maryborough 4m 55.8s), and Ken Fredericks (Valley 4m 57.3s), provided the most thrilling race of the night.

## A THRILLER

All four broke the five minutes, and tonight's final should be a thriller.

State 200 metres breaststroke champion, Alan Humphreys (Valley), broke his own record of 2m 55.2s when he just touched off Dennis Brandon (Maroochydore) to win in 2m 54.8s.

(Results given) (Picture of Mahoney)

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C.M. Saturday 31 January 1959

### BUNDABERG GIRL ADDS 200 M. BREASTSTROKE ROSEMARY CLOCKS 4th NATIONAL RECORD IN QUEENSLAND TITLES

Bundaberg breaststroker, Rosemary Lassig, last night smashed her fourth Australian swim record in the current State championships at the Valley pool. In taking the 200 metre title in 2m 57.1s she broke the maximum time for a national record (2m 58s), which has been standing for 18 months.

The time was set with the rule restricting breaststrokers to one stroke under water.

Last week Rosemary three times lowered the national 100 metres breaststroke record, finishing on Saturday in 1m 21.4s.

Next to her all night was her shadow throughout all her record-breaking performances, 16-year-old Ipswich girl Jill Ruhle. Jill touched in 2m 58.4s and made Australian swim history. She and Rosemary are the only two Australian girls to swim under 3 minutes for 200metres in the same event. She has now proved conclusively that she is true Olympic material.

The 200 metres - the women's breaststroke event - was won in 1956 by Germany's Ursula Happe in 2m 53.1s.

### IS DOUBLE FOR DAWN

Miss Ruhle looks like Dawn Fraser, and has the natural ability to make an impression on the swim world.

Johnny Rigby took his second freestyle title by downing Dan Maloney and Ken Fredericks over 400 metres in the new State resident record of 4m 38.9s. Rigby's time indicates he will finish second to John Konrads at the national titles in Hobart next month.

Mahoney, weakened by a gruelling 100 metres country freestyle title win 20 minutes earlier, could not pace it with the West End champion. A bad turn nearly cost Mahoney the country 100 metres title. He lost at least a second and surfaced to find Maryborough swim machine, Graham Tait, two yards ahead.

(Full results)

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C.M. Monday 2 February 1959

### SWIM SHOCK ANDERSEN MUST PAY HIS OWN WAY TO AUST. TITLES

Shock of the Queensland swim team of twenty six for the Australian titles at Hobart starting on February 14 was the naming of Peter Andersen as a pay-your-own-way selection. Andersen, the States top butterfly stroke swimmer, is in New Zealand with the Australian Universities team. He did not compete in the State championships which finished on Saturday.

However, Andersen has been swimming exceptionally well as his wins in New Zealand show.

With the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association's decision to pay the expenses of only nine of the 26 competitors, already one - Yvonne Paine of Ayr - has withdrawn. Others are doubtful of making the trip unless they can get financial support from their respective swim clubs.

The team comprises 14 men and 12 women.

The nine whose fares will be paid are - John Rigby (Brisbane), Dan Mahoney (Bundaberg), Graham Tait (Maryborough), David Theile (Brisbane), Warwick

Webster (Mt Isa), Alan Humphreys (Brisbane), Rosemary Lassif (Bundaberg), Anne Nelson (Maryborough), and Jill Ruhle (Ipswich).

The others are - Peter Andersen (Brisbane), David Brandon Nambour), John Bennett(Brisbane), Hayden Kenny (Maryborough), Peter Eriksen (Brisbane), John Wainwright (Bundaberg), Ken Gudenswager (Brisbane), Glenn Whybird (Ipswich), Helen Agnew (Atherton), Frances Ross (Brisbane), Lorraine Jay (Brisbane), Patricia Stanton (Brisbane), Beryl Mason (Mt Isa), Robin Johnson (Brisbane), Yvonne Paine (Ayr), Lynette Kingston (Brisbane), and Aileen Landholdt (Bundaberg).

#### WANTS ASSISTANCE

State 1500 metres champion, Hayden Kenny, will not be available unless he receives some financial assistance from his Maryborough swimming Club.

Warwick swim coach, Arthur Cusack, has guaranteed State 200 metres breaststroke champion, David Brandon, his expenses. Cusack has five charges - Theile, Brandon, Tait, Nelson, and Kenny, in the team.

#### £700 FOR NINE

Bill Holland, Q.A.S.A Secretary, said last night that the total cost of sending the nine swimmers would be about £700. Air fares to Hobart are £72/10/- for seniors and £42/10/- for juniors, Holland added. Holland said this year's team of 26 is the largest to represent the State. Some years ago 21 were selected he said.

David Theile who is away in New Zealand will get to Sydney with Andersen on the morning of February 14 and fly straight to Hobart.

Manager of the team is Mr R.B.Lyons, and the Chaperone Mrs A.Freeman.

C.M. Tuesday 3 February 1959

#### ONLY TWO NOW OUT OF TITLES

Only two have withdrawn from the 26-strong Queensland swim team for the national titles at Hobart from February 14-21. They are Brisbane butterfly stylist Peter Andersen and Ayr freestyler Yvonne Paine. Six others, who must pay their own expenses - Hayden Kenny, Peter Eriksen, Glenn Whybird, Ken Gudenswager, Aileen Lindholdt, and Beryl Mason - are uncertain.

#### FUND FOR KENNY

Maryborough Swim Club has started a fund for freestyler Kenny and he seems sure to make the trip.

Queensland seems assured of at least 20 swimmers and seven Gold Medals. It is the largest Queensland representation for years and the standard is the highest. Strong prospects for next year's Rome Olympic Games are freestylers Johnny Rigby Dan Mahoney Warwick Webster, backstrokers David Theile and Anne Nelson, and breaststrokers Rosemary Lassig and Jill Ruhle.

#### AMONG THE AMATEURS

With Frank O'Callaghan

Peter Andersen, last year's Empire Games swim hope, is now considered not worthy of subsidy for the national titles.

Andersen, Queensland's best and Australia's second best butterfly exponent, has been told he can go to the national titles if he pays his own way. Tough on a lad who might yet rate Olympic selection.

A fairer selection method would have been to split Jill Ruhle's expenses with Andersen.

Neither is likely to win a title but seem sure of second placings. Andersen would be a key man in our medley relay team. Rosemary Lassig is the breaststroke choice ahead of Jill for the women's medley relay.

#### ATTEMPT AT RECORD BY SWIM STAR

Australia's 14-year-old swim marvel, Ilsa Konrads, will attack the world's 400 metres freestyle standard at the Valley pool on Thursday night. Ilsa will be chasing a time of 4m 48.6s when she clashes with United States Olympian Sylvia Ruuska.

Ilsa clocked 4m 54.8s to win the New South Wales title last month, and she set a new world's 880 yards figure less than two weeks later.

Sylvia, 16, holds the world's 400 metres medley record of 5m 46.9s. When 14, she finished third to Lorraine Crapp and Dawn Fraser in the 1956 Olympic 400 metres title.

#### TO MEET ANNE

Miss Ruuska's compatriot, Chris von Saltza, who holds the world's 200 metres backstroke records (2m 37.4s) will swim against Maryborough's Empire Games backstroke representative Anne Nelson over this distance. The winner could easily set a new world's standard.

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C.M. Thursday 5 February 1959

#### 23 WILL GO TO HOBART

Twenty three of the chosen 26 will represent Queensland at the national swim titles at Hobart this month. The titles start with heats tomorrow week.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association, Bill Holland, said last night that Mt Isa freestyler, Beryl Mason was the only selection who had not indicated her intentions. Butterfly stylist, Peter Andersen, and freestyler, Yvonne Paine, withdrew from the team early in the week.

The team, with three officials - manager Mr Bren Lyons, chaperone Mrs A. Freeman and Mr Holland as Australian Swimming Union Conference delegate - will leave Brisbane by plane at 3.20pm next Wednesday.

#### GUEST SWIMMERS

State junior all-round champion, Graham Tait, and women's sub-junior freestyle champion, Helen Agnew, will leave on Tuesday to be guest swimmers at the international meet at the Melbourne Olympic pool that night.

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C.M. Friday 6 February 1959

#### CHRIS BEAT ANNE IN NEAR WORLD SWIM TIME

Chris von Saltza, 15-year-old Californian backstroker, clocked within 2.3sec of her world 200 metres record at the Valley pool last night. Chris slipped away early from ex-Empire Games record holder, Anne Nelson, and flailed through the distance in 2m 39.7s, a new State and Australian record. The old Australian 200 metres record was 2m 42.1s. She "legged" Anne to a new state and national resident time of 2m 42.1s.

Chris bungled her first tumble turn and then lacked the confidence to try it again. This, plus the journey from America, could have cost her a new world time. She was having her first 200 metres competitive outing since last August.

#### HAD SPELL

Anne had the capacity (1600) house yelling encouragement as she cut Chris' lead down over the last 50 metres. Chris tired and came in about two yards clear. "I'm mighty tired," she said, "my legs just wouldn't go."

Anne said she feels she could top her time by two seconds.

Maryborough's Graham Tait skipped over 200 metres of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, to clip 10.3sec off Peter Andersen's State junior medley record. Tait clocked 2m 31.5s. Later he tied with State backstroke champion Glenn Whybird over 100 metres and took a 100 metres freestyle event.

Rosemary Lassig, without her "shadow", Jill Ruhle, breaststroked 100 metres in 1m 21.6s, or 0.2 sec outside her national record.

(Full details given)

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C.M. Tuesday 17 February 1959

FOUR QUEENSLAND GIRLS IN SWIM FINAL  
LASSIG FASTEST IN BREASTSTROKE

Hobart - Bundaberg's Rosemary Lassig swam the fastest time in the heats of the women's 110 yards breaststroke at the Australian swimming championships yesterday. Rosemary won her heat in 1m 24.2s, with 13-year-old Jan Hogan (NSW) second in 1m 28s.

Jill Ruhle and Pat Stanton, both of Queensland, won the other two heats, and with Robin Johnson and Rosemary Lassig there will be four Queenslanders in the final.

Lassig, the Australian and Queensland champion, should win the final, although Sylvia Ruuska (USA) has decoded to swim against her.

Anne Nelson, 15-year-old Maryborough girl, swam the fastest time in the 110 yards open backstroke heats - 1m 16.8s.

(Copious details of other heats given)

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C.M. Wednesday 18 February 1959

ROSEMARY'S TITLE CLOSE TO RECORD

Hobart - Red-headed Rosemary Lassig, 17, of Queensland, had a good victory in the 110 yards breaststroke title last night, finishing ahead of Jill Ruhle, Queensland, and Sylvia Ruuska (USA)

Rosemary's time of 1m 23.3s was only 7/10 sec outside the Australian record.

"I was going for the record, but found the weather a bit cold," she said.

Queensland won three titles last night, the girls taking the medley and Alan Humphreys the junior 110 yards breaststroke.

John Konrads, 16, (N.S.W), had a cruising victory in the 440 yards freestyle to beat John Rigby (Queensland), and John Kissane (NSW).

Graham Tait was a close third to Warren Barr (NSW) and Kim Aunger (NSW) in the junior 110 yards freestyle.

ALAN MADE IT TWO

Queensland junior champion Alan Humphreys almost lifted himself out of the water with strong stroking to win the junior 110 yards breaststroke title narrowly in 1m 21s from Peter Christie (NSW) With Ian Ingram (NSW) third.

World backstroke record holder Chris von Saltza had to struggle to beat off a fast finish by Maryborough's Anne Nelson (15) in the 100 yards backstroke title. Anne swam 1m 15.8s.

MEDLEY HERE

Queensland girls won the medley team title from title-holders N.S.W. with South Australia third. The Queensland team was Anne Nelson, Rosemary Lassig, Lynn Kingston, and Helen Agnew.

(Full results given)

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C.M. Monday 23 February 1959

#### SWIM SIDE GLAD TO LEAVE COLD

Happy to be home to a warmer climate, Queensland's triumphant swimming team returned to Brisbane yesterday after competing in the Australian titles in Hobart.

However, the actual stars of the team, Rosemary Lassig and Anne Nelson, will not reach Brisbane until Wednesday afternoon. Both girls and sprinter Warwick Webster will compete in an international swim carnival in Melbourne's Olympic pool tomorrow night.

Queensland Amateur swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland), who returned with the team said, "Our team was worried by Tasmania's cold weather. However we won every event we expected to with the exception of the women's medley. I don't think anyone expected Dawn Fraser to swim in that event, and naturally Rosemary Lassig was favourite without Dawn in the field. Miss Lassig was runner-up to Miss Fraser."

#### RIGBY GREAT

"I think, personally, that John Rigby's performance in the 1650yards freestyle was the best effort by a Queenslander. His second to John Konrads was world class.. Johnny's swim must now stamp him as the third string to Konrads and Murray Rose for the Rome Olympics," he said.

On Friday top swimmers will arrive in Brisbane to compete in night carnivals at Dalby (Friday), Warwick (Saturday), and Brisbane Valley pool (Saturday).

It will be the best collection of swimmers ever to compete in a carnival, outside Australian championships.

Among the group will be world record-beaters John and Ilsa Konrads, Lorraine Crapp, and Alva Colquhoun, and Geoff Shipton.

The Konrads will swim only at the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association's carnival at the Valley pool on Monday night. All other swimmers, including the State team, will compete at the three carnivals.

(Good picture of Dan Mahoney and Hayden Kenny with Tasmanian school caps)

C.M. Tuesday 24 February 1959

#### TWO MORE SWIM STARS COMING

Two more Sydney swim stars will make the Darling Downs tour this week-end and swim in Brisbane next Monday night. They are 14-year-old Olympic butterfly prospect Neville Hayes, and freestyle sprinter Charlie Staples.

They have been added to the band of 11 other southerners and a so-far-unnamed Queensland squad who will swim in night carnivals at Dalby on Friday and Warwick on Saturday. The team will be joined by John and Ilsa Konrads for the Monday night's carnival at the Valley pool

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association President, Dr A.Dowling, is Queensland's nominee as Manager of the Australian swim tour to South Africa.

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C.M. Wednesday 25 February 1959

#### INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL IN MELBOURNE

Queensland swimmers won three events at the carnival. Warwick Webster, formerly of Mt Isa, surprised by defeating Geoff Shipton (NSW) who is regarded as the third best sprinter in Australia. Webster won the 110 yards freestyle in 57.4sec from Shipton and Bill Hunter (Vic) who both recorded 58.4sec.

Anne Nelson, of Maryborough, won the 110 yards backstroke in 1m 16.3s from Yvonne Capper and Christine Noble (Vic).

Rosemary Lassig, of Bundaberg, won the 220 yards breaststroke in 3m 1s. Rosemary swam within 1.2sec of her Australian record and won by 14 yards from Gloria Hardy and Alwyn Mitchell of Victoria.

C.M. Tuesday 3 March 1959

KINGSTON NOW OLYMPIC HOPE  
TOPPLES TWO STARS

Lyn Kingston, 17, of Bowen Hills, swam into butterfly calculations at the Valley pool last night.

Lyn toppled national champion Jan Andrew and Olympic and Empire Games representative Beverley Bainbridge over 100 metres.

She clocked her personal best and a State resident record time of 1m 15.4s and got "the shock of her life." "I just hit the water and went like mad," she said. "I touched twice, more under the water, and thought it might have cost me the race."

Jan and Beverley were obviously effected by an arduous weekend of swimming. Jan had clocked 1m 14s, and Beverley 1m 13.5s for 110 yards and must still be Olympic prospects. But Lyn should be favoured for the third butterfly berth.

Bundaberg breaststroke swimmer, Rosemary Lassig, and Brisbane freestyler John Rigby, rivalled Lyn's effort.

Rosemary, the first Australian since Nancy Lyons to break 3 minutes for 200 metres breaststroke, did it for the third time last night. She beat her main Olympic rival, Jan Hogan, by three yards in 2m 59.5s.

Nancy, Rosemary, and Jill Ruhle are the only Australians to break three minutes.

RIGBY'S SURPRISE BID

The packed house roared Rigby home as he strained to catch 40 metres winner John Konrads. Konrads carried a bow wave as he pulled away in the last 25 yards to touch in 4m 32.3s.

Rigby sliced 4.6sec off his State resident record by clocking 4m 34.6s. "He surprised me," panted Konrads after the race. "He certainly is Olympic material."

Konrads also took the 100 metres sprint in his best time of 56.9sec. He touched at the 50 metre mark behind Warwick Webster, Geoff Shipton, and Charlie Staples, but cut them down with a withering finish.

Staples, 17, loomed as another Olympic sprint prospect in the 50 metre leg of the brace relay. He thrashed home in the fastest 50 metres yet recorded at the Valley pool, 24.4sec.

Courier Mail Tuesday 15 September 1959

#### LIFESAVING COURSE FOR ONLY ONE SHILLING

For one shilling each, the Ithaca Lifesaving Club will teach children how to save people from drowning. Adults can learn for five shillings a year.

The Club started its series last night at the Ithaca Baths where thirty children, from nine year old Barry Newcombe of Torwood to fifteen year old Denise Venning daughter of the pool lessee Joe Venning, attended. Some like Denise will go on the Bronze Award which means, among other things, performing three different types of rescue when fully clothed, 110 yards swim (in swim suits) in freestyle, sidestroke, and breaststroke, plus 110 yards backstroke kicking.

#### NOT OPTIMISTIC ON SWIM HOPES

Olympic swim coach Frank Guthrie thinks Australian men's world swim dominance is in jeopardy.

Guthrie said in Brisbane last night that even with world record holders Jon Konrads and John Devitt we could not count on winning any men's events at next year's Olympic Games. He cites freestylers Yamanaka (Japan), Jeff Farrell and Joe Alkire (United States), and the U.S backstroker Frank McKinney as the major threat, but our women will be more dominant than at the Melbourne Olympics, Guthrie said. He said that Lorraine Crapp had benefited by her spell last season and would do better than ever.

#### POOL OPENING

Guthrie is in Brisbane for the opening of bookmaker, Bill Mcleod's Olympic swim pool and squash courts at Aspley on Friday. He said there no new threats in Sydney to Queensland's national champions Rosemary Lassig (breaststroke) and Anne Nelson (backstroke). He tips Brisbane freestyler, Johnny Rigby, to win Olympic selection, and former Queenslander Warwick Webster, to be a strong challenger for the 100 metres freestyle title. Webster has done one of the toughest winter preparations of any swimmer, Guthrie said. He is now fourteen stone seven pounds and will swim at about fourteen stone.

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C.M. Friday 18 September 1959

#### DEVITT MAY SEEK NEW SWIM TIME

World sprint champion, John Devitt, is anxious to lower the world 100 metres record at the Valley Pool in January. Devitt's coach, Sam Herford, said this when visiting the south coast this week. John loves the Valley Pool said Herford. This will be his last competitive season and he would like to get down to 54 seconds in the pool where he set his present world record of 54.6 seconds. I think he would do it immediately after the New South Wales titles next mid January, Herford added.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association has tentative plans for featuring Australia's future world swim champions at the Valley Pool on December 14 and March 7 next year. The Association expects to have the Rome Olympic team here for the March carnival. The QASA is negotiating their appearance in Rockhampton on December 11.

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C.M. Tuesday 29 September 1959

(Picture of John Rigby swimming - "Rigby is a City Pastime Club member and uses a large mirror which he suspends at the end of the pool to watch and correct his arm action. Here he is swimming strongly to the end of a lap and at the same time keeping "an eye" on himself. Rigby, who holds the State 400 metres freestyle record, is considered one of Queensland's top chances for Olympic and Australian honours next year.") The Australian Olympic Games team

will be announced on April 30. All sports must nominate their teams with the Australian Olympic Federation by March 31. The Games will be held in Rome in August and September next year.

C.M. Thursday 5 October 1959

#### MONCKTON TO SWIM AGAIN

Empire Games backstroke champion and 100 metres world record holder, John Monckton, will make a come-back having retired after the Empire Games in Cardiff last year. He married and settled in Armidale.

Speaking from Armidale by telephone last night, he said he aimed to represent Australia at next year's Rome Olympics. He will take a job in Sydney immediately he sells his Armidale home.

#### STONE OVERWEIGHT

Alterations to the Armidale pool have prevented him from training. He now weighs 13½ stone, one stone overweight. His preparations will continue for another 6 weeks.

Monckton set his world 100 metres mark of 61.5 seconds at the national titles in February 1958. His world 200 metres record of 2:18.4 was lowered to 2:17.8 by American Frank McKinney last July.

Queensland record backstroke champion D.Theile is also back in training, but is uncertain of any Olympic aspirations.

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C.M. Thursday 15 October 1959

#### DON TALBOT TO COACH TOP SWIMMER

Queensland Olympic butterfly swim hope, Lyn Kingston, will go to Sydney to coach Don Talbot for her State and National title preparations. The seventeen year old Clayfield College girl will leave Brisbane in November at the end of her school year. She will stay with Talbot until the Queensland titles next January.

Talbot is coach of Jon and Ilsa Konrads, and coaches Australia's most promising butterfly swimmer, Neville Hayes.

Lyn's main threat to selection is fifteen year old Sydney blonde, Jan Andrew. Jan took the national title off the Empire Games Beverley Bainbridge last season, and has clocked 74 seconds for the distance. Lyn beat Beverley and Jan in Brisbane last March in her best time yet of 75.4 seconds.

The Olympic team will be chosen after the national titles in Sydney at the end of February.

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C.M. Thursday 22 October 1959

#### RIGBY'S FAST SWIM

State freestyle champion, John Rigby, swam 100 yards in 58.5 seconds at the re-opening carnival at the Toowong Baths last night Rigby beat Ross Venning and Peter Eriksen to win a special trophy presented by local businessman, Mr J.Patterson.

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C.M. Wednesday 28 October 1959

#### TRUNKS DON'T SUIT THE POOL CAFE

The Centenary swimming pool restaurant should not be used by people dressed like blacks, stripped practically naked and exuding perspiration, and dripping water on the carpets, the Vice-Mayor (Alderman Crawford) said yesterday.

He told the City Council meeting, "If we are to go to the bodgie and widgie level, the Centenary pool will never become the attraction we want it to be."

Alderman Crawford and the Australian Municipal Labor Party leader (Alderman Bennett) spoke under privilege on a Sunday Mail report last Sunday that the pool restaurant would be outside the swimming enclosure, and that wearing of coats and ties would be required in the restaurant.

Alderman Bennett said he did not favour swimmers being allowed in the restaurant in swimming costumes.

#### "NOT LENNONS"

"But surely casual sports clothes instead of a coat and tie would be enough." Alderman Bennett said that the restaurant had been constructed as a facility for swimmers who used the pool, not for members of high society who wanted to wine and dine. The standard that was to be set for the restaurant should not exclude the average person.

"Not for one moment should swimmers be treated as if they were going top dinner at Lennon's."

He said swimmers should not, after leaving the pool to eat in the restaurant, have to pay to re-enter the pool.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS DRESS

Alderman Crawford said he objected to the headline on the Sunday Mail article and the caption on the accompanying photograph which said, "Shocks are in store, togs are out."

He said, "In the press and in certain sections of this community, there is an atmosphere that has never progressed beyond the gunyah attitude." He said the pool would be the finest in Australia, and the suggestion that people should use the restaurant looking like almost naked blacks, was not his idea of what was right for a Centenary restaurant. The Council wanted to make the pool a first-class pool with first-class standards of dress and conduct.

"You don't have to patronise the restaurant - you can use the kiosk," he said. "It was only reasonable that people who had used the pool and then went for a meal should pay to re-enter the pool."

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C.M. Saturday 31 October 1959

#### OLYMPIC JOB TO HOLLAND

Mr Bill Holland was appointed Secretary of the Queensland Olympic Council last night.

The Council's constitution was amended to allow Mr Holland, the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary to take up the position.

Mr T.Moessenger (Secretary of the Queensland Hockey Association) was appointed Honorary Treasurer, replacing Mr B.Lyons who had resigned due to ill health.

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C.M. Friday 6 November 1959

#### NO EARLY QLD VISIT BY TOP SWIMMERS

Queensland will see none of Australia's world swim champions until after the national titles in Sydney next February. All the champions, excepting Dawn Fraser, have rejected an invitation to swim in Brisbane on December 14.

Invitations issued through the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association included offers to world record-holders John Devitt, John and Ilsa Konrads, John Monckton, Terry Gathercole, and State champions Jan Andrew and Jan Hogan.

Miss Fraser is training with Coach Harry Gallagher in Adelaide.

CANCELLED

The carnival which was to have been held at the Valley pool in conjunction with the Australian Universities title has now been cancelled.

The Brisbane offer was rejected because of the intense rivalry for positions on the Australian Olympic team. They fear the break would seriously interrupt their training schedules.

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) said last night, "We must now wait until March for a world standard carnival when we hope to have the Olympians training here."

RIGBY'S WIN

Brisbane's sole freestyle Olympic swim prospect, John Rigby, last night clocked 4m 48.9s for his first 400 metres swim for the season. Rigby, of City Pastime Club, was a guest competitor at the Leander Club's weekly meet at the Valley pool.

First Leander swimmer home was surfer, Ken Gudenswager, in 5m 6s.

Rigby's best time for 400 metres is 4m 34.3s.

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C.M. Tuesday 15 December 1959

SHATTERED HIS RECORD FOR "100"  
THEILE AIM FOR ROME

Queensland backstroke champion, David Theile, shattered his Australian Universities 100 metres record last night in a time which he said will influence him to strive for the Rome Olympics. Theile retained his title at the Valley pool in 65.4sec - 0.8sec inside his old record. His eligibility for Rome depends on his form and progress in his medical studies.

Theile admitted he was "flat out" but he lacked the competition to make him stretch.

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C.M. Tuesday 29 December 1959

SWIMMERS ALL READY

Queensland swimmers will attack 10 State open and resident records at the Warwick Olympic pool on Saturday night. Leading contenders are Olympic backstroke champion, David Theile, and Empire Games backstroker, Anne Nelson. Theile aims to lower John Hayres 110 yards open standard of 64.1sec. Miss Nelson will chase her open records of 1m 14.5s for 110 yds and 2m 43s for 220 yds.

Other records (bracketed), all of them resident, will be attempted by the following - John Bennett, men's 110 yds butterfly (70.9sec held by Noel Craig; Ben Burton and Alan Neill, men's 110 yds breaststroke (1m 23.5s maximum time); Howard Mullins, men's 110 yds junior breaststroke (1m 25.6s maximum time); Priscilla McLellan, women's 110 yds open and junior freestyle (70sec); Frances Banks and Fay Hodgkinson, women's 110 yds open and junior women's breaststroke (1m 3.4s maximum time).

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C.M. Friday 8 January 1960

CUT 0.3 OFF 110 YARD TIME  
ROSEMARY SET BREASTSTROKE RECORD

Bundaberg's Rosemary Lassig set a world 110 yards breaststroke record of 1m 21.3s at the Bundaberg 55 yard pool last night. This was 0.3sec inside the standard set by Federation Internationale Natation Amateur, the world governing swim body.

Rosemary, 18, made the time when making an official solo attempt on the State standard of 1m 26.3s. She also lopped 2sec off her national 110 yards time set at the national titles at Hobart last February. She now holds every Australian and State senior breaststroke record.

#### FAST FIRST LAP

Rosemary, to whom a record is invariably a surprise, said after the race, "I didn't feel I clocked that well, and yet I feel I could have done better if I had not gone so fast in the first lap." She covered the first 55 yards in 37.4sec.

Queensland's most promising 13-year-old freestyle swimmer, David Milburn, will be unable to compete in the State titles. Milburn has severe sinus trouble.

The State titles start on Thursday at the Valley pool.

#### WANT SWIMMERS AT ROCKHAMPTON

Mayor of Rockhampton (Ald R.J.Pilbeam) has requested a visit to Rockhampton by the Australian Olympic swim team. He wants the visit to coincide with the opening of Rockhampton's Olympic pool in March.

Ald Pilbeam has requested one of the three carnivals to be held by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association and featuring the Olympic team and leading Queensland swimmers.

One of the carnivals will be held in Brisbane and the others probably in country centres.

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C.M. Tuesday 12 January 1960

#### NO FREESTYLE BID BY ANNE

A pinched shoulder tendon has forced Empire Games backstroker, Anne Nelson, out of all freestyle events at the State titles.

Anne aimed to defend her 50 metres junior freestyle title and contest the open 50 metres and the junior 100 metres at the championships, which start at the Valley pool on Thursday night.

#### DOCTOR'S WARNING

She will now restrict her State title commitments to the defence of the junior 100 metres and the open 100 metres and 200 metres backstroke titles.

Anne's Warwick coach (Arthur Cusack) said last night that a local doctor had warned her that early freestyle swimming would end her career.

#### SEEK GAMES SWIM POSTS

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) is Queensland's nominee for the position of manager of the Australian Olympic swim team. Mrs J.Ross is the nominee for chaperone. These selections were made at the Q.A.S.A. council meeting last night.

The Games will be held in Rome from August 25 to September 11 this year.

Warwick Swimming Association President (Mr John McNamara) will manage the Queensland team to the Australian swim titles in Sydney from February 20 to 27. Mrs Earl Lever will be team chaperone.

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C.M. Saturday 16 January 1960

#### THEILE'S TURN COST HIM RACE

Olympic gold medallist, David Theile, was disqualified after winning the Queensland 100 metres backstroke title at the Valley pool last night. Officials disqualified Theile for failing to touch in his fantastic tumble turn at the 50 metre mark.

Arthur Cusack, who coached Theile in his Olympic win and is guiding him in his comeback, said last night that he did not dispute the call. "I could not tell - you have to be on the spot. But I can say the David has been near perfect in his practice turns and well up to the standard which was passed by all Olympic officials."

Theile, whose medical studies have kept him out of State titles in recent seasons, was first home by 13 feet in 64.1sec.

#### WON BY TOUCH

Former Empire Games representative, Cyrus Weld, made good his comeback bid with a split second win in the Stater open 100 metres final. Weld, who was out of the sport for three years, fought out a stroke for stroke battle with Dan Mahoney (Bundaberg) over the last 20 yards to touch in 58 seconds.

Mt Isa 18-year-old Bill Burton cruised in for an easy win in the open 100 metres breaststroke. He was untroubled to win by 8 feet and equal the race record, 1m 15.2s he set on Thursday night.

#### EQUALLED THE RECORD

Atherton 14-year-old schoolgirl, Helen Agnew, equalled the State open 100 metres freestyle record covering the distance in 68.9sec. Earlier Helen had finished second to Brisbane girl, Priscilla McLellan, who broke the State women's junior 50 metres freestyle with a time of 29.9sec. The time also equalled the Queensland open State and race record.

Empire games representative, Anne Nelson, set a race record in the women's 100 metres backstroke her time of 1m 15.7s was well ahead of the field.

Bundaberg's Rosemary Lassig had little trouble in winning the women's open 100 metres breaststroke final in 1m 22.2s.

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C.M. Tuesday 19 January 1960

#### TEENAGERS IN SWIM DUEL RECORDS TO 2 IN 400 met.

Teenage girls, Townsville's Jan Paine and Wilston's Marion Long thrilled a near-capacity Valley pool crowd in a double record 400 metre State freestyle title duel last night.

Jan, 16, touched off Marion, 14, in 5m 10.9s and sliced 3.9sec off Jan Munro's State resident record. Marion's time of 5m 11s set a new Queensland junior record. The wispy seven stone Marion dogged Jan throughout the entire course to restage their classic 800 metres clash of last Saturday.

They touched together at the 50 metres and within half a second of one another at the remaining seven turns. Marion, flailing down the last lap on Jan's blind side, crept closer but not close enough

"I couldn't have done better even if I had known Marion was so close," Jan said.

#### THEILE, TOO

Olympic backstroke champion David Theile surprised himself and coach Arthur Cusack with a record-shattering 200metres title win in 2m 24.5s. He lopped 3.5sec off his State resident record and 1.5sec off his previous best.

Olympic freestyle hope, Johnny Rigby, was not happy with his 200 metres title-winning time of 2m 8.9s. "I think I will take a spell," Rigby said after the race.

## WELD'S PLANS

Real race hero was Townsville schoolteacher Cyrus Weld, who, on a skimpy three week preparation recorded a personal best of 2m 10.5s. Weld will now seek leave to train for the national titles and Olympic trials scheduled for Sydney next month.

Former State butterfly champion, Peter Andersen, lacked the condition to match 17-year-old schoolboy John Bennett. Andersen floundered as Bennett swept home 12 yards ahead in a slick 2m 33s - 2.9sec outside Andersen's record.

A hot Leander sub-junior quartet, Lyn West, Frances Bliss, Sue Faine, and Ruby McIntyre, set a new sub-junior and junior standard for the 200 metres medley relay. Their time of 2m 25.9s bettered the old race record by 4.7sec, and the junior record by 2.7sec.

(Results given in full)

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C.M. Wednesday 20 January 1960

## FINGLETON SWAM 2 NEW TIMES

John Fingleton, 16 (Valley), turned on a sizzling performance to set two new records in the men's 100 metres junior backstroke at the Queensland swimming championships last night. He won his heat at the Valley pool in 1m 7.8s - a Queensland resident, a race record, and 1.8sec outside Julian Carroll's Australian record. He finished well ahead of his competitors, and was 2.2sec better than David Theile's best junior time.

(Full heats results given - picture of John Bennett swimming)

C.M. Thursday 21 January 1960

## RIGBY BREAKS HIS OWN STATE SWIM RECORD IN 800 METRES.

Seventeen-year-old John Rigby edged back into Olympic team calculations by slashing 10.7sec off his 800 metres freestyle swim record at the Valley pool last night. Rigby, swimming virtually solo, retained his State 800 metres title in a time of 9m 35.3s.

"I felt great," said Rigby after the swim. "If I had been pushed I would probably have done better."

After two slick laps Rigby ploughed through the remaining fourteen at a near 37sec average, and not more than 1 second variation. Maryborough's Hayden Kenny plugged manfully into second place in 9m 50s, 13 sec ahead of State surf champion John Gibson.

Priscilla McLellan, carrying a sinus complaint and with a temperature of 100 degrees, clinched the women's junior 100 metres freestyle in dual record time. Priscilla, 15, clocked 66.9sec to equal the State resident junior and senior standards. She later finished second to Townsville's Jan Paine in the 200 metres freestyle title, then helped Leander take the women's junior 200 metres squadron title in a record 2m 8.1s.

Junior backstroker John Fingleton swam into national title class by lopping 1.2sec off his day-old 100 metres record and edging to within 0.6sec of Julian Carroll's national junior record. Fingleton, 16, brother of State open 100 metres champion, Tony, clocked 66.6sec, only 0.4sec behind Tony's best.

## NEW BUTTERFLY TIME

John Bennett, 16, improved his Olympic team prospects with a record-breaking 65.2sec for the 100 metres butterfly title. Bennett, a strong Olympic medley relay hope, cut 0.4 sec off Peter Andersen's record but was not satisfied. "I wanted to come in under 65sec," he said.

Andersen, much overweight, was delighted with his 68.6sec swim which has encouraged him to try for Olympic selection. Third was Maryborough's Graham Tait in 72.2sec.

Frances Bliss, 13, swimming two years above her age group, took out the junior 100 metres breaststroke, but was disappointed with her time of 1m 30.1s. She had hoped to approach Rosemary Lassig's record of 1m 28.9s.

National champion Anne Nelson's 200 metres backstroke winning time of 2m 44.4s did not improve her Olympic team prospects. "I guess I tried too hard," said Anne.

#### JAN'S THIRD

Jan Paine proved herself undisputed State freestyle champion by taking her third gold medal with the 200 metres event.

(Full results given)

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C.M. Friday 22 January 1960

#### MT. ISA MECHANIC CRACKS SWIM TIME

Mt Isa motor mechanic, Bill Burton, cut 7.3sec off the 200 metres breaststroke race record in State title heats at the Valley pool last night. Burton swam with an ease that prompted much praise from swim officials.

Australian swim selector (Mr Bill Holland) said after the swim, "This boy is in world class. I think he will beat Terry Gathercole next month in the national titles." (Gathercole is world record holder)

Burton, an 18-year-old who did not qualify for finals last year, also set the best time by a Queenslanders with his swim of 2m 45.8s.

Brisbane girls Frances Bliss set a new race record for the 50 metres sub-junior breaststroke. Her time of 40.7sec lowered the existing record by 0.2sec

Another Brisbane girl, Marion Lang, clipped the junior 200 metres freestyle race record with a time of 2m 31.8s.

Ipswich junior boy, Harry Orth, equalled the 50 metres junior freestyle race time of 26.7sec.

C.M. Saturday 23 January 1960

#### LASSIG BEATS OWN BREASTSTROKE TIME

Bundaberg's Rosemary Lassig cruised to a new national 200 metres breaststroke swim record at the Valley pool last night. The 18-year-old redhead Olympic team certainty retained her State title in 2m 58.6s, lopping 0.7sec off her own record.

World record is held by England's Angela Longsborough at 2m 50.3s.

Rosemary smashed the three minute barrier for the third time. Only two other Australians, Jill Ruhle and Olympian Nancy Lyons, both Queenslanders, have broken three minutes.

#### NEVER TESTED

She said after the race, "I felt great and I would have done better if pushed." Rosemary glided to the 100 metre mark in 1m 25.2s, and was completely unruffled over the last leg.

Beth Kernke followed her in in 3m 5.3s, only 1.8sed ahead of Frances Bliss whose 3m 7.4s was a sensational reading for a 13-year-old.

John Rigby bolted from the open 400 metres freestyle field to set a new State record of 4m 31.7s - 2.7sec better than the old standard. Rigby's coach Bill Fleming predicted a sub 4m 26s by national title time next month. This would make Rigby a hot Olympic team prospect.

Mt Isa Find, Bill Burton, gulped water at his first turn then battled to hold off Alan Humphreys to take the men's 200 metres breaststroke title in 2m 46.8s, one second slower than his record on Thursday night.

Priscilla McLellan, 15, and still with a temperature reading of 100 degrees, collected her fourth gold medal in the open 50 metres freestyle. Priscilla, who has been ill with sinus trouble since Thursday night, added another gold medal

by swimming last leg for Leander in the 200 metres relay title, won in the State record time of 2m 5.1s.

(Full details given)

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C.M. Tuesday 26 January 1960

QUEENSAND TEAM BIGGEST EVER  
32 NAMED FOR AUST. SWIM TITLES

Queensland will send its biggest and best team yet to the national titles and Olympic selection trials to be held in the North Sydney pool from February 20 to 27. The selectors last night chose 32 - 13 to have all expenses paid, 7 to be subsidised, and 12 to compete at their own expense.

Those selected are -

Men - W.Burton (Mt Isa), J.Bennett (V), J.Fingleton (V), A.Humphreys (V), J.Rigby (C.P.), D.Theile (Uni), C.Weld (T'ville).

Women - H.Agnew (Ath), L.Kingston (V), R.Lassig (B'berg), P.McLellan (Lea), A.Nelson (M'boro), .Paine (T'ville).

Men - T.McMahon (Lea), H.Orth (Ips), N.Reynolds (C.P.).

Women - M.Lang (C.P.), P.March (V), L.Stanton (Lea), R.Thorne (K'roy).

Men - P.Andersen (Uni), A.Fingleton (V), H.Kenny (M'boro), P.McMahon (Ips), D.McMonagle (War), H.Mullins (War), A.Williams (Lea).

Women - F.Bliss (Lea), J.Corish (V), L.Jay (V), B.Kernke (V).

The team includes nine Olympic team prospects and five potential gold medallists at the Australian championships.

The Olympic team prospects are breaststrokes Rosemary Lassig and Bill Burton, backstrokes David Theile and Anne Nelson, Freestylers John Rigby and Cyrus Weld, and butterflyers John Bennett, Lyn Kingston, and Peter Andersen.

Andersen got the selectors' snub by being included in the non-subsidised category. His State title performances warranted little else, yet his failures were attributed to his lack of condition which could be greatly improved by February. A fit Andersen would threaten Bennett's Olympic medley relay team prospects.

COULD LAND TREBLE

Possible title winners are Miss Lassig and triple backstroke national backstroke champion, Miss Nelson. Miss Lassig is certain to retain her 110 yards and 220 yards breaststroke titles, and could retain her medley, 4 x 55 yards crown. Miss Nelson must improve on her State championship form if she is to hold her junior 110 yards and senior 110 yards and 220 yards titles, but she is quite capable of doing this.

Olympic backstroke champion, Theile, who has not decided to aim for Olympic selection, is a strong 110 yards and 220 yards title hope.

Miss Kingston's Olympic prospects rest largely on Dawn Fraser's decision on butterfly participation. Miss Fraser must choose between Olympic 100 metres butterfly and 400 metres freestyle events.

The team contains three 13-year-olds - breaststroker Frances Bliss, backstroker Penny March, and freestyler Robyn Thorne.

Manager of the team to leave on February 17 and return on February 28, is Mr John McNamara. Chaperone is Mrs E.Lever.

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C.M. Saturday 20 February 1960

Q'LD HAS THREE IN BACKSTROKE FINAL  
From Frank O'Callaghan

Sydney - Three Queenslanders, David Theile and the Fingleton boys, Tony and John, last night qualified for tonight's men's backstroke 110 yards final at North Sydney pool.

Queensland freestyler, Cyrus Weld, swam right out of the Olympic team calculations by failing to qualify for tonight's 220 yards title. His team-

mate, John Rigby, squeezed into the final as the slowest qualified with 2m 8.4s. Weld swam a slick 61sec for the first 110 yards then "blew up." He struggled through the second leg in 70sec.

Olympic champion, Theile, cruised home in 66.2sec, three yards behind John Hayres, the fastest qualifier in 64.3sec.

Mt Isa breaststroker Bill Burton, delighted with his 110 yards heat win in 1m 17.3s, aims to get down to 1m 14s tonight and enhance his Olympic team chances.

Another Queenslander, Anne Nelson, leapt back into the Olympic team picture by leading the 220 yards backstroke qualifiers. Her time of 2m 41.6s suggests she has the form to retain her 110 yards title next Thursday night. The "110" is the only Olympic backstroke distance.

Kingaroy's Robin Thorne and Townsville's Jan Paine posted sterling performances. Robin, 145, and in her first national titles, swept into the women's 220 yards freestyle title in 2m 3.5s. Jan moved into her 440 yards women's freestyle title by clocking 5m 6.5s, four seconds faster than her previous best.

(Full details given. Picture of Rigby (OK) and John Konrads (heads) in the water together.)

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C.M. Tuesday 23 February 1960

LASSIG'S FAST SWIM  
TIPPED TO SET WORLD'S RECORD  
From Frank O'Callaghan

Sydney - Bundaberg breaststroke swimmer, Rosemary Lassig, is tipped to establish a new world time for 110 yards at the national championships at the North Sydney pool tonight. In her heat last night Rosemary, 18, who swam merely to qualify for the final, recorded 1m 24s, to lop 1.2sec off the New South Wales record. Her present world record is 1m 21.2s.

Jan Hogan, whose record Rosemary smashed last night, will be her chief rival tonight.

Rosemary, who shies off predictions, said, "I don't know about a world record, but I will be flat out tomorrow night. I felt really good in the heat."

ANNE'S THROAT SORE

Maryborough's Anne Nelson, 15, whose Olympic team hopes hinge on the 110 yards backstroke tonight, went to bed with a sore throat last night. "I only hope it will not develop," she said. "I had the hiccoughs before my heat, but they stopped just in time."

Anne's heat time of 1m 15.5s was 0.4sec slower than two of her chief rivals, Yvonne Capper and Gergaynia Beckett.

Backstroker David Theile, following the pattern of his 110 yards heat, lazed through 220 yards in 2m 32.9s - more than 8 seconds outside his best this season. Theile goes into tonight's final alongside team mate Tony Fingleton (2m 30.7s).

Three Queenslanders are in the women's 110 yards butterfly final - Lorraine Jay, Jennifer Corish, and Lyn Kingston. Jennifer's time, 1m 16.4s, was her best yet.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs E.Lever, chaperone for the Queensland women swimmers, has returned home to Brisbane. Her son Paul was injured in a motor accident in Brisbane on Sunday night.

Mrs J.Ross, President of the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association who is in Sydney for the titles has taken over the duties of chaperone. Mrs Ross is a candidate for the position of manageress for the Olympic swim team.

(Full results given)

C.M. Wednesday 24 February 1960

Details of Fraser, Konrads and Hayes records.

Bundaberg 18-year-old, Rosemary Lassig, got to within a second of her world 110 breaststroke time. She retained her title in 1m 22.2s, which is 1.8sec better than the New South Wales record she set in her heat on Monday night. She said later that she expected to lower her world time later this year.

Queenslander, Anne Nelson, faded out of the Olympic team picture by losing her 110 yards backstroke title. Anne led by a yard at the turn, but folded on the way home and touched fourth in 1m 14s. Victorian Marion Wilson clinched the backstroke double.

Seventeen-year-old Julian Carroll downed Olympic Games representatives John Monckton and David Theile to take the 220 yards backstroke title.

Queensland's medal score at the end of the second session of the championships was 3 gold medals, 4 silver, and 5 bronze.

(Full results given)

#### OLYMPIC POST GOES TO QUEENSLAND

Sydney - Queensland Women's Amateur Swimming Association President, Mrs J. Ross, was chosen yesterday as Manageress of the Australian Olympic Swim Team. She was elected by four votes to two at the Australian Swimming Union Conference.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) was beaten for the position of team manager on the casting vote of the Chairman, Mr J. Morrison.

Mrs Ross, 39, of Yerongpilly is the mother of five children. She said of her selection, "I was terribly surprised; in fact I was devoid of feeling for about three hours."

Mrs Ross has been in swimming for 27 years. She has been Queensland president for five years, and is a Vice President of the Commercial Swimming Club.

#### VOTING TIED

Voting was three-all between Holland and the New South Wales candidate, Mr Roger Pilgrim. Mr Morrison voted for Pilgrim.

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C.M. Friday 26 February 1960

#### SENIOR DIVING WIN MAKES WARWICK SCHOOLBOY REAL GAMES HOPE From Frank O'Callaghan

Sydney Warwick High School boy, Graham Deuble, reached world and Olympic team class by taking the national senior springboard diving title at the North Sydney pool yesterday. Deuble, 16, the first junior to win a senior national title, now looks certain to become the first Queensland diver to win Olympic selection.

Deuble, specialising in high, difficult, dives, scored 153.8 points to dethrone champion Ken Crotty of Victoria.

Deuble is the first Queenslander since George Johnston (1937) to win a national senior title. Today he will contest the junior springboard title and seems sure to take the double.

#### HAS BEEN DIVING FOR THREE YEARS

Deuble clinched the title with a glorious one-and-a-half somersault with a one-and-a-half twist in the pike position. This gained him 17.76 points.

Deuble has been diving only three years. He was originally coached in Warwick by Roy Peachey, but now is under the tutelage of Peachey and ex-champion George Johnston.

Deuble gambled on difficult dives and the crowd knew it. They hushed when he strode to the board, and gasps and spontaneous applause was sufficient evidence of his superiority.

Thirteen-year-old Burleigh Heads girl, Lorraine McArthur, finished out of a place in the junior women's springboard title, which went to Victorian Dianna Robinson with a tally of 100.14 points.

#### ILSA MISSED

Ilsa Konrads failed in her bid to better her world 880 yards and 800 metres record of 10m 11.4s.

Ilsa easily retained her title, but took 10m 17.9s. Townsville's Jan Paine was second and Brisbane's 15-year-old Marion Lang third. Jan's 10m 46.9s was four seconds faster than her best time for 800 metres. Marion clocked 10m 57.2s.

John Konrads, swimming purely to win, won the 880 yards men's freestyle by half the length of the pool in 9m 21.2s. Queensland's John Rigby gained his second silver medal by touching in 9m 36.9s.

#### QUEENSLAND POLO WIN IN NEW ZEALAND

Wellington N.Z. - The touring Queensland polo team beat Waimai 5-0 at Hamilton yesterday.

For the winners, R.Bell and D.Moolan scored two goals each, and M.Muller one.

C.M. Monday 29 February 1960

#### QUEENSLAND HAS FIVE NAMED IN SWIM SQUAD FOR ROME GAMES

From Frank O'Callaghan

Sydney - five Queenslanders are among the 32 swimmers and divers chosen to represent Australia at the Olympic Games in Rome next August. They are - Freestyler John Rigby, breaststokers Bill Burton and Rosemary Lassig, Olympic backstroke champion David Theile, and diver Graham Deuble.

The team is the biggest of its kind to represent Australia overseas. Eleven competed at the last Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Only Queensland hope to miss selection was Empire Games representative and national junior backstroke champion, Anne Nelson.

Full team members recorded.

Australian Olympic swimming team members can be trained by their individual coaches. The swim team will train in Townsville for 8 weeks starting in June. There will be no additions to the side, but all must retain form to hold their places.

#### WERE CERTAIN

Theile 22, and Miss Lassig, 18, as national title-holders were assured of a place. Theile is a Brisbane medical student and Miss Lassig a Bundaberg cashier.

Burton, an 18-year-old motor mechanic from Mt Isa won selection by winning two silver medals at the national titles and extending world record holder, Gathercole.

Rigby, 18, a bank officer, has versatility. He can swim all distances from 220 yards to 1650 and gained second placing in the national 440 and 880 yards titles. His 440 time of 4m 30.4 when corrected for 400 metres (less approx 2sec) ranks him best in the world behind Konrads, Rose, and the Japanese pair Yamanaka and Fujimoto.

### 3 WERE LUCKY

Warwick schoolboy, Deuble, 16, was assured of selection after winning the junior and senior diving titles.

Miss Nelson's team prospects failed when she lost her senior 110 and 220 yards titles. They revived after she retained her junior 110 yards title, but her time of 1m 14.1s was not sufficiently impressive.

### QUEENSLAND LOST SWIM SHIELD

Sydney - Queensland lost the Corbett Shield (for women's supremacy) to New South Wales at the national swimming titles but our team collected an impressive array of medals. Queenslanders gathered eight gold medals, eight silver medals, and eleven bronze from the championships which ended at the North Sydney pool on Saturday night.

Best scorers were breaststroker Rosemary Lassig and diver Graham Deuble who each took home two individual gold medals. Rosemary won the senior breaststroke double, and Graham the senior and junior springboard dives.

Other national title winners were backstroker David Theile (senior 110 yards), John Fingleton (junior 110 yards), and the men's medley relay team of Theile, Bill Burton, John Bennett, and Cyrus Weld.

(Pictures of the 5 selected) OK

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C.M. Tuesday 1 March 1960

### MUST HOLD FORM FOR GAMES TRIP

Australia's 28 swimmers chosen for the Rome Olympics must retain their present form to make the trip, Olympic selector, Mr Bill Holland, said last night, but he denied a report that the swimmers must survive four special trials in Townsville during the training period which starts in June.

"We have picked a team and not a squad," he said. Mr Holland added that there would be three major carnivals, not trials, at Townsville followed by a fourth one on August 6, which would be the sole guide in nominating competitors for their individual events in Rome.

### TO REACH TOP

"The series of Townsville carnivals during the eight weeks coaching period are necessary to provide tough competition for the swimmers, and to bring them to their top," said Mr Holland, who added that nominations had to be in Rome by August 11.

It is hoped to send the four divers to the United States for six weeks coaching. If this is not possible they will train at Rockhampton with the water polo team.

The four divers chosen for Rome will swell the swim team to 32.

(Picture of Olympians Rosemary Lassig, John Rigby, and Bill Burton, at Valley pool)

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C.M. Tuesday 29 March 1960

### KONRADS DEFEATS WORLD SPRINT CHAMPION OVER 100m

John Konrads, world middle distance swim champion beat world sprint champion John Devitt over 100 metres at the Valley pool last night. Konrads sprang the upset of the carnival which featured most of the Australian Olympic team.

Later Konrads slipped through the 400 metres freestyle in 4m 32.2s and spurred Queensland junior, Noel Reynolds, to a State junior record. Reynolds, who finished third behind Olympic team member John Rigby, but ahead of other Olympians Alan Wood and Robert Windle, clocked 4m 41.5s.

Talbot was amazed. He said, "At 14 years he is the best middle-distance prospect to come out of Queensland."

#### ANNE BEATS MARILYN

Maryborough backstroker and Olympic team reject, Anne Nelson, beat team member Marilyn Wilson, for the third successive time since the national titles, but Anne's time of 1m 15.1s was 1.6sec outside Marilyn's national title-winning effort.

17-year-old backstroker, Julian Carroll, "went for a burn" and beat Olympic champion, David Theile, over 100 metres. "I thought I'd give it a go," said Carroll, but he was disappointed in his time of 65.1sec.

Theile who is preoccupied with medical studies rather than swim training registered 66.4sec.

(Full results given)

Courier Mail September 1960

The early days of this month recorded the successes of Australian swimmers at the Rome Olympic Games, including the Gold Medal performance of Queensland backstroker, David Theile.

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C.M. Tuesday 27 September 1960

#### SWIM SELECTORS RETAINED

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association retained its three selectors at last night's Council meeting. Bill Holland, Garney Nankaville, and George Marr, held their positions against challenges from Joe Emerson, and John McNamara.

Mr E.Cichero is the only new Executive member. He replaced Dr E.Theile who replaces Dr D.Dowling as Chairman. The Executive is - Dr E.Theile, Dr D.Dowling, Messrs W.Holland, A.Corish, J.Davis, E.Cichero, A.Mecklem, G.Nankaville, G.Marr, and M.Munro.

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C.M. Thursday 29 September 1960

#### FREE COURSE IN LIFESAVING

Housewives are among those expected to be given instruction in mouth to mouth resuscitation at a free four day course at the Valley Baths next month. The course of lectures and practical training is being arranged as a community service by the Valley Lions Club.

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C.M. Wednesday 5 October 1960

#### LASSIG LIKELY TO LIVE HERE

Bundaberg Olympic breaststroke swimmer, Rosemary Lassig, is likely to settle in Brisbane. The dual national champion and world 110 yards record holder is seeking work and accommodation here. She has hinted she may retire from swimming, but those closely connected to her career feel she will resume after a spell.

Rosemary found the 200 metres field too hot at Rome, but her 100 metres leg of the medley relay virtually cinched a silver medal for Australia.

#### N.Z TEAM

The Queensland swimming team may tour New Zealand early next year. The New Zealand Association is interested in a reciprocal tour. The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association is awaiting further advice, but could send a team only in late January or early February.

Meanwhile, a Singapore water polo team is negotiating for a tour of Australia. The team would play matches in Brisbane and compete at our national titles in February.

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C.M. Wednesday 7 December 1960

#### RECORD 231 ENTRIES IN SWIM

Record entries are in for the 20 event programme of the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association carnival at the Valley Baths on Friday night at 7. The 231 individual entries from 14 clubs, metropolitan and country, as far north as Townsville, will call for 57 races during the three hour programme. Practically all of the best women swimmers in the State will clash in the first big carnival of the season, - and a pipe-opener to the State titles in Jan.

## FIVE FOR FINAL

In the absence of Olympian Rosemary Lassig, the 100 metre breaststroke championship will be keenly contested. Claire Cooke, Rosemary Geach, both of Valley Club, Frances Bliss and Pat Stanton, of Leander, and Jill Ruhle of Ipswich should be finalists.

The 100 metres senior freestyle has the lowest entry - four. Jennifer Corish of Valley, and Yvonne Paine of Townsville Tourists, should provide a keen finish.

Pam Sergeant of Townsville Gardens finished second to Anne Nelson in the 100 metres open backstroke last year, and is a strong contender for the title. Penny March, Lorraine Jay, and Frances Bliss, will be her strongest challengers.

Lyn Kingston, Jennifer Corish, Lorraine Jay, and Yvonne Paine, should produce good times for the 50 metres butterfly.

The 50 metres sub-junior freestyle has attracted 21 entries, and Valley's Cheryl Kensett should win. There is a lot of unknown talent in the race.

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C.M. Friday 9 December 1960

### THEILE'S RECORD BEATEN

Maryborough - Thirteen years old James Irvine bettered David Theile's sub-junior 66 2/3 yards backstroke record by 3.4sec last night. Irvine swam the distance in 43.4sec net off a handicap of 39.

The Club record of 46.8sec was set by David Theile several years ago.

Irvine, who recorded an outstanding backstroke time in Gympie last Saturday, seems a certainty for the sub-junior backstroke title in Brisbane during January.

Later, in a grade above his present classification, he won the junior men's 220 yards freestyle championship in the excellent time of 2m 33s.

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C.M. Saturday 10 December 1960

### N.Q. GIRL PIPS STATE SWIMMER

Townsville girl, Pam Sergeant, pipped State representative Penny March for the Queensland ladies' 100 metres backstroke title at the Valley pool last night. She touched in 1m 18.5s - 1 second outside her best, but a creditable effort for her first competitive swim of the season.

Pam and Penny are the chief contenders for Empire Games representative Anne Nelson's junior and senior titles.

### TRAILED AT TURN

Pam, 14, is Queensland's most improved backstroker. She trailed at the turn but ploughed home to a hair-line decision.

Jill Ruhle, of Ipswich, back after a season's lay-off, trounced the 100 metres breaststroke field. Her 1m 27.8s indicates that she will regain the form that made her a threat to Olympian Rosemary Lassig, two seasons ago. Second placegetter, Railes Davis, is battling for a place in the Australian team for the Jewish Games to be held in Tel Aviv next September.

(Full results given)

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C.M. Friday 16 December 1960

### THREE OLYMPIAN DIVERS COMPETING.

Three Olympians will contest the State diving titles at the Centenary pool on January 28. Two, Barry Holmes and Graham Deuble, contested the Rome Olympics. The third, Arthur Winther, and ex-national champion, represented Australia in 1956 in Melbourne.

Deuble, of Warwick, is national junior and senior three-metre board champion. Winther, formerly of Victoria, is now living at Surfers Paradise. Winther, because of his preference for Queensland, was omitted from the Victorian team for the 1960 nationals and Olympic trials. Holmes, of New South Wales, is national tower champion.

Deuble, now a senior, will meet strong opposition from Ipswich prospect John Everding.

A record number of 34, or 11 more than last year's record, will contest the titles. Entries have come from as far west as Roma and as far north as Townsville.

Deuble, Everding and University diver Clem Pratt will compete in the New South Wales titles on January 14.

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C.M. Friday 6 January 1961

### OLYMPIC SWIMMER'S STAND THREATENS TO BOYCOTT QLD. TITLES By Frank O'Callaghan

Olympic breaststroke swimmer, Bill Burton, has threatened to boycott the Queensland titles. Burton, holder of the State 100 and 200 metres breaststroke and 4 x 100 metres medley titles, is feuding with the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association about his affiliation.

The titles start in Brisbane with heats next Thursday, and Burton wants to swim for his native town, Mt Isa. The Q.A.S.A. says he must swim for the Valley (Brisbane) Club.

The Q.A.S.A. made a recent resolution that a swimmer who belonged to two clubs must compete with the club in the district in which he resided.

Burton, 19, is a member of Mt Isa Club, and has swum in Brisbane with Valleys. Both clubs have nominated him for the titles.

### GAMES HELP

Burton had his motor mechanic apprentice indentures transferred to a Brisbane firm late last year. He said last night, "I swim for Mt Isa or not at all. Mt Isa raised twelve hundred pounds to send me to the Olympic Games. I feel obliged to represent the club. What's more, when I started to swim with Valley, I was assured I would be allowed to represent Mt Isa at the titles. It is ridiculous for the Q.A.S.A. to say I must swim for Valley because of my residential status, when Warwick Webster, who lived in Sydney, swam for Mt Isa in the State titles a couple of years ago. He even represented Mt Isa at the North Queensland titles while a Sydney resident."

### NOT PAID UP

"Anyhow," said Burton, "I am a financial member of the Mt Isa Club and have not paid any subscription fees to Valley. Obviously I am not a recognised member of that club."

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Bill Holland) said last night, "Burton has signed papers to join Valley, and as far as the Association is concerned he is a member of that club. We are not sniping at him. The rule is clear. It applies also to divers John Everding and Olympian Graham Deuble. Everding lives in Ipswich and is a member of the Ipswich Swimming Association. He must dive for Ipswich. Similarly Deuble must dive for the Brisbane Diving Club although he belongs to

the Warwick Swimming Club. He works and lives in Brisbane and has joined the local club."

Burton is swimming back into form after mishaps. He trained lightly early in the season, then suffered an infected ear and badly bruised his knee at work. He will compete at a club carnival at Warwick tonight.

C.M. Friday 13 January 1961

#### RIGBY CLOCKS FASTEST 100 TIME

TO ENTER STATE FINALS

By Frank O'Callaghan

Olympic middle-distance freestyler, John Rigby, swam the fastest sprint of his career at the State swimming titles at the Valley pool last night. Rigby, 18, qualified for tonight's 100 metres final with a sizzling 58.6sec, or 1.2sec faster than his previous best.

Although Rigby holds all State freestyle titles from 200 to 1500 metres he has not yet been placed in the 100 metres. His time last night indicates that he could lop at least 2sec off his 200 metres record (2m 8.4s) on Monday night.

Only three records fell last night - the men's under 12 50 metres freestyle and 50 metres backstroke and the women's 100 metres freestyle.

Ron Birch, 11, of Virginia, lopped 3/10sec off John Fingleton's five year old freestyle record, clocking 31.2sec. Nambour's Bevan Taylor, 13, (32.6sec) lowered Terry McMahan's backstroke standard by 1.2sec, and Helen Agnew (66.7sec) improved by 2/10sec the freestyle record she shared with Priscilla McLellan and Jan Munro.

#### TIMES BETTERED

Olympic breaststroker Bill Burton set out to beat Alan Humphreys' previous heat-winning time of 1m 16.9s - 3/10 sec outside his State resident record. Burton also "needled" New Zealander to better his previous best time by 1.5sec. Webb, 16, clocked 1m 19.9s and is hopeful of doing better tonight.

#### N.Z. QUALIFY

All New Zealand contenders made tonight's finals. Most impressive was 16-year-old Auckland, Rod Taylor, who bolted through his 200 metres junior freestyle in 2m 17s, 4/10 sec inside his previous best. After seeing Taylor's effortless swim, New Zealand manager Jack Hogan tipped him to break Graham Tait's State record of 2m 12.2s tonight. Taylor will have to hustle.

Rockhampton's Laurie Higson won his heat in 2m 13.6s, and Brisbane's Noel Reynolds scored in 2m 14.2s.

Most of the Kiwis posted their best or near-best times. They were delighted with the water temperature of 78 degrees and the smooth surface relatively free of backwash.

(Full details given)

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C.M. Saturday 14 January 1961

#### OLYMPIC SWIMMER HOME BY A TOUCH

Olympic representative and State title holder, Bill Burton, had a close call in the final of the 100 metres Queensland breaststroke championship at the Valley pool last night. Tipped to win easily, Burton was forced to swim a neck-and-neck race with relatively unknown Alan Humphreys, of the Valley Club. Both Burton and Humphreys clocked 1m 15.4s, but the judges gave the decision to Burton by a touch.

Olympic gold medallist, David Theile, withdrew from the 100 metres men's backstroke championship. The event was won by Tony Fingleton of the Valley Club, with his brother John second. Tony's time was 66.9sec - 3.6sec outside Theile's Queensland record for the distance.

Olympic representative John Rigby won the 100 metres men's freestyle in clocking 58.6sec.

Maroochy swimmer, Barry Taylor, won a double, the 50 metres sub-junior butterfly and the 50 metres backstroke.

Thirteen-year-old Cheryl Kensett of the Valley Club took the women's 100 metres freestyle championship. In a close finish, Cheryl defeated Miss J Paine (Tourists) in 67.1sec, 1.8sec outside the State record. (Results given)

C.M. Tuesday 17 January 1961

#### N.Z. JUNIOR SETS TWO NEW SWIM RECORDS

By Frank O'Callaghan

New Zealand junior, David Gerrard, smashed two Queensland butterfly records inside 50 minutes at the State titles at the Valley pool last night. Gerrard, 15-year-old Auckland, cleared off with the State junior 100 metres title in 65.8sec, then trounced our best seniors over 200 metres.

Gerrard, blonde and stocky, sliced 4.3sec off Graham Tait's 100 metres race record, and bettered his previous best by two seconds. His 200 metres time of 2m 27.4s bettered Peter Andersen's race record by 3.5sec. If residentially qualified he would also have set new State resident records.

#### BEST YET HERE

Gerrard downed the reigning senior champion John Bennett over 200 metres, and tugged Bennett (2m 29.3s) to a new State resident record. He let Bennett set the pace, picked up a yard of his two yard lead at the 100 metres mark, touched with him at the "150", and was two yards clear at the finish.

Gerrard's two gold medals brought the New Zealand team's haul to date to two gold, five silver, and two bronze. Team manager Jack Hogan described this as "an extremely heartening performance, well worth the trip."

#### LOST AT TURN

Young Noel Reynolds surprised by cutting half a second off Warwick Webster's State junior 100 metres freestyle record. Reynolds threshed home in 58.6sec despite a sloppy hand turn at the 50 metres wall.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary, Bill Holland, estimated that a properly executed tumble turn would have been worth a second to Reynolds.

A bad turn also slowed women's 400 metres champion Jan Paine who took her second title in 5m 4.3s. She searched for the wall at the second last turn, floundered, and lost at least 2 seconds. She estimated that in a tighter finish she would have been the first Queenslander to crack 5 minutes.

As in Saturday's 800 metres event, Jan had as her shadow New Zealander Shirley Nicholson, whose time of 5m 9.7s was 2.7sec better than her national record.

Australian junior backstroke champion, John Fingleton, beat brother Tony for the first time and took the 200 metres title. John, now a 17-year-old senior, was having his first 200 metres swim, yet his time m 26.7s was only 2.1sec outside Olympian David Theile's resident record. It was more creditable because it was done in a skimpy preparation.

Olympic freestyler, John Rigby, was not satisfied with his new 200 metres record of 2m 7.7s. "I should have broken 2m 7s," said John.

(Results given)

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C.M. Wednesday 18 January 1961

#### 14-YEAR-OLD SET 2 SWIM RECORDS

Fourteen-year-old Townsville girl, Pam Sergeant, broke two swim records in the heat of the 200 metres women's backstroke State championship at the Valley pool last night. Pam defeated New Zealand girl Lynette Norman in 2m

41.9s. Her time beat the race record established by Anne Nelson by 1.7sec, and Nelson's best by a Queenslander by 0.2sec.

Pam gained a lot of her swimming knowhow from training with Australia's Cardiff Empire Games team and the Rome Olympic Games team in her home town.

#### BEAT OUR BEST

Atherton 15-year-old, Helen Agnew, swam the fastest time by a Queensland junior and senior woman swimmer when she won the first heat of the junior 100 metres freestyle in 66.5sec. This cut 0.4sec off the best time by a Queensland junior record which she and Miss P.McLellan held. It also clipped the same time off the Queensland senior "best" time held by herself, Miss McLellan and Jan Munro.

Townsville girl, Jan Paine, smashed another State "best" when she won her heat of the women's 200 metres freestyle championships. She won n 2m 26.7s to wipe 1.3sec off the "best" and also broke the race time she set last year by 2.7sec.

#### BEST FOR RACE

City Pastime junior, Noel Reynolds, in his heat of the 400 metres junior freestyle, clipped 6.5sec off the race record held by John Rigby. Noel's time of 4m 30.5s also took 2sec off the best time by a Queenslander he had previously set.

Reynolds must now be considered a solid opponent for one of Australia's best junior 400 metres freestylers, Peter Phelps. Phelps, who recently won the New South Wales titles, will be in Brisbane for the Australian swim titles next month.

(Results given)

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C.M. Thursday 19 January 1961

#### REYNOLDS LOOMS AS GAMES HOPE

By Frank O'Callaghan

Brisbane's Noel Reynolds swam into Empire Games calculations by covering 400 metres freestyle in 4m 34s at the Valley pool last night. Reynolds thus took the State junior title, his third of the championships, and set his fifth record of the series.

He clipped 5 ½ sec off the standard he had set in his heat on Tuesday night; he claimed the 200 metres junior title in record time last Friday night; and set a new standard for the 100 metres on Monday after having broken the race record in his heat.

Reynolds gives the credit for last night's swim to Rockhampton panel beater, Laurie Higson, who swam with him stroke for stroke until the last 25 metres.

Half an hour later Higson swam his fastest 800 metres (9m 56.8s) and touched second to Olympian John Rigby, who set a new State resident mark of 9m 32.3s. Rigby, Higson, and Reynolds, clash in their open 400 metres tonight.

Junior backstroker Pam Sergeant bettered her record-breaking time of Tuesday night y winning the open 200 metres title in 2m 40.4s.

State 100 metres butterfly champion, John Bennett, who bowed to New Zealand junior David Gerrard over 200 metres on Tuesday night, made sure of retaining his title. He sprinted clear in the second lap and swept to a new State resident record of 64.4sec.

(Results given - Picture of Reynolds - head)

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C.M. Friday 20 January 1961

#### RIGBY BEATS REYNOLDS IN CLOSE RACE

Olympic representative and 400 metres title holder, John Rigby, won the second heat of the men's State 400 metres freestyle in a close finish from

fellow team mate, Noel Reynolds, at the Valley pool last night. Setting the fastest time for the two heats, Rigby clocked 4m 37.6s, almost 7 sec slower than his race record for the same distance.

Swimming in lane 5, Rigby was well up with the field and level pegging with Reynolds in lane 8 for most of the trip. In the last lap Rigby and Reynolds sped away from the rest of the field and fought a close battle for line honours. Rigby touch 3/10sec in front of 15-year-old Reynolds, who ws clocked at 4m 37.9s. Third placegetter, B.Crowder of New Zealand, was timed at 4m 52.6s.

#### RACE RECORD

Jennifer Corish, swimming for Valley Club, set a new Race record, and the best time by a Queenslander, when she won the third eat of the 50 metres women's freestyle. Jennifer's tome was 29.5sec, 4/10 sec faster than the previous record of 29.9sec by Miss J.Munro.

Atherton swimmer, Helen Agnew, was a close second to Jennifer when she clocked at 30.3sec.

Thirteen-year-old Cheryl Kensett, Valley Club, had a comfortable win in the women's sub-junior 100 metres freestyle. She defeated D.Wilson and M.Shepherd in the third heat.

C.Shapland, 13-year-old swimmer from Toowoomba, set a new race record when he clocked 4m 48.8s for the men's sub-junior 400 metres freestyle event.

(Results given)

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C.M. Saturday 21 January 1961

#### JUNIORS STAR IN SWIM TITLE

Thirteen-year-old Chris Shapland and Ron Dunne provided the State swimming title classic at the Valley pool last night. Shapland nosed Dunne (4m 53.2s) out of the sub-junior 400 metres title with a staggering 4m 51.9s.

Although Shapland was 3.1sec outside his heat-winning time of Thursday night, he and Dunne looked future Olympians. Shapland's 4m 48.8 in his heat, was only 0.6sec slower than John Konrads at the same age.

Noel Reynolds, Cheryl Kensett, and Pam Sergeant, also move closer to Olympic class last night. Reynolds, 15, nudged Olympian John Rigby to a new State resident 400 metres record. Rigby established his winning lead over the first 200 metres, but could not widen the gap, although he touched in 4m 36.5s. Reynolds swept home in 4m 36.5s. A quarter of an hour later Reynolds took the junior 5 metres title and his fourth individual gold medal.

#### SET TWO RECORDS

Miss Kensett, 13, went even better. After downing Helen Agnew in the junior 200 metres freestyle title in State resident record time (2m 27.2s), she came back ten minutes later to win the sub-junior 100 metres freestyle crown in race record time of 67.1sec.

Cheryl wound up her title commitments as lead-off swimmer for Valley's record-breaking 4 x 50 metres relay team. She took home from the titles, six gold, two silver and a bronze medal, from nine starts.

Townsville's Pam Sergeant clipped 1/10 sec off the 100 metres junior backstroke record she set in her heat the previous night. She won as she liked in 1m 14.6s, only 0.6sec outside Empire Games swimmer Anne Nelson's State record. (Results given)

C.M. Wednesday 25 January 1961

Picture of Graham Deuble in full flight.  
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C.M. Thursday 26 January 1961

#### 47 IN QLD. SWIM TEAM

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association has selected a record 47 swimmers for the Australian titles here from February 18-25. Association Secretary (Bill Holland) said last night that the previous biggest team to represent the State was 32. "The size of the team has been increased because of the tremendous improvement in the general standard of swimming," he said. The cut in financing a team in the home State must also have influenced the selection of such a team.

The national titles were last held in Brisbane in 1949.

#### THREE BROTHERS

Another first in the team is the inclusion of the three Fingleton brothers, John, Ron, and Tony. They will all swim backstroke in different age groups.

The team is -

Men - John Bennett (B'ne), R.Brymer (R'ton), R.Bonke (Ayr), W.Burton (Mt Isa), R.Dunne (B'ne), E.Fredericks (B'ne), A.Fingleton, J.Fingleton, R.Fingleton (B'ne), D.Finselbach (Ips), R.Freney (B'ne), D.Glenn (B'ne), L.Higson (R'ton), A.Humphreys (B'ne), R.Knight (R'ton), D.Munro (B'ne), T.Maher (B'ne), P.McMahon (Ips), D.McMonagle (W'wick), A.Neill (W'wick), H.Orth (Ips), J.Potts (B'ne), N.Reynolds (B'ne), J.Rigby (B'ne), C.Shapland (Tmba), I.Steindel (B'ne), E.Whybird (Ips), A.Williams (B'ne).

Women - H.Agnew (Ath), J.Ruhle (Ips), K.Cullen (G'ston), J.Corish (B'ne), F.Cooke (B'ne), D.Cawte (B'berg), R.Davis (B'ne), A.Drought (B'ne), M.Gerber (Ayr), L.Jay (B'ne), C.Kensett (B'ne), L.Kingston (B'ne), G.Lyons (Ayr), Y.Paine (T'ville), F.march (B'ne), R.Thorne (K'roy), P.Sergeant (T'ville).

Mr Holland said that some country swimmers had been selected to compete at their own expense.

Country swimmers to compete at their own expense are - Boys: B.Brymer, R.Bonke, A.Neill, C.Shapland. Women: K.Cullen, D.Cawte, M.Gerber, G.Lyons, and R.Thorne.

#### JAN BREAKS OWN RECORD

Warwick - Ayr swimmer, Jan Paine, last night broke her own Queensland record for 110 yards freestyle by nearly six seconds in a carnival at the Olympic pool.

Competing against a New Zealand University team, Jan covered the distance in 63.3sec, 5.7sec better than her record established at this year's State championships in Brisbane. Jan also went within a tenth of a second of the Queensland record for 220 yards with 2m 27.4s.

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C.M. Saturday 18 February 1961

#### DISQUALIFIED ON 2 COUNTS GAMES SWIMMER SENT OUT IN HEAT OF TITLE.

By Frank O'Callaghan

Olympic backstroker, Julian Carroll, hottest of favourites for the Australian 100 metres backstroke swim title, was disqualified in his heat last night. Carroll was disqualified on two counts - for not touching, and for turning off his back at the 50 metres turn.

Carroll, clearly upset after the race, was adamant that he had touched at his second attempt. He did not know of the other breach until later. He said, "I missed my touch at the first attempt, but went back. I wouldn't have gone back for nothing."

Carroll flipped into his turn ahead off Queensland's Tony Fingleton, but fell back when he bungled.

A protest by New South Wales team manager, Stuart Aldritt, was dismissed. Aldritt said "Wait until tomorrow night when Carroll leads off the 4 x 100 metres medley relay team, he'll trounce the field."

Carroll's disqualification boosts the final prospects of Fingleton brothers, Tony and John. They posted the fastest times of the qualifier, Tony with 68sec and John with 69.1sec.

John, a first year senior, won the national junior title last year Tony beat John for the State title this year by 1/5sec. His time was 66.9sec.

#### KONRADS FAST 200 METRES

John Konrads impressive 200 metres heat win suggests he will crack Yamanaka's world record tonight. He touched in 2m 5.5s, four seconds outside Yamanaka's standard and was highly delighted.

Queensland Olympian, John Rigby, goes into tonight's final after a time of 2m 8.4sec.

Ayr girl, Jan Paine, led the 400 metres qualifiers by clocking 5m 6.4s.

Queensland's Barry Munro cracked the State 100 metres junior butterfly record by clocking 68.6sec. This was 2.4sec outside his previous best and he had a little in reserve. Munro cannot hope to beat Olympian Kevin Berry tonight, but he is a strong place chance.

#### BURTON BEST

Olympian breaststroker, Bill Burton, of Queensland, headed the 100 metres qualifiers, and showed the form to make him the tip for tonight's final.

Anne Nelson, erstwhile Queensland backstroke star, now representing New South Wales, swam easily into second place behind her State title successor, Pam Sergeant. Pam's 2m 43.7s was a second behind that of the fastest 200 metres qualifier, Sue Costin, of New South Wales, but was enough to win her a place in tonight's final alongside Miss Nelson.

Results given. Picture of Rigby and Konrads)

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C.M. Tuesday 21 February 1961

#### FRASER EQUALS GAMES RECORD

IN HEAT OF 100 METRES

By Frank O'Callaghan

Dawn Fraser served notice of her world potential by equalling her Olympic Games 100 metres freestyle swim record at the Valley pool last night. In her heat she clocked 61.2sec.

#### QUEENSLAND FIND

The 100 metres heats unearthed a new Queensland discovery, 15-year-old schoolboy, John Potts, of Bardon. Potts, who has been swimming competitively for barely two months, broke the minute to qualify for tonight's final, clocking 59.8sec. Few Queensland juniors have done this. Potts started serious swimming with West End coach Bill Fleming last December.

Queensland's Tony Fingleton who lifted the 100 metres backstroke title on Saturday night swam an encouraging 200 metres heat of 2m 28.2s, 0.1sec behind Olympian Julian Carroll. A 2m 32s from Tony's brother John, also put him into the final.

Queensland women's 100 metres backstroke hope, Pam Sergeant, qualified in 1m 14.5s which was only 0.3sec outside her best.

(Results given)

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C.M. Wednesday 22 February 1961

FRASER TAKES FIFTH TITLE  
BUT RECORD BID FAILS

Dawn Fraser failed by a mere 0.9sec to smash her world 100 metres freestyle record at the Valley pool last night. Her time was 61sec.

ILSA SENT OUT IN RELAY

Ilsa Konrads who led home the New South Wales medley relay winning team was disqualified for not touching at the 50 metres turn. Ilsa was emphatic that she touched. Team manager, Stuart Aldritt, protested unsuccessfully and Queensland got the decision.

Q.A.S.A Secretary (Bill Holland) said that numerous "no touch" disqualifications were detected because of the Valley's excellent lighting.

Most swimmers have consistently complained throughout the titles that the lighting and the insufficient marking on the floor of the pool made it difficult to judge the wall. Holland said that the marking would be rectified today. Pool manager, Gordon Petersen, planned to put a coloured brick in each lane at the foot of the wall.

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C.M. Friday 24 February 1961

Yesterday at Centenary pool 17-year-old girl Jan Paine took the 880 yards title in State resident record-breaking time. She stayed within striking distance of Miss Bartier and then took over 110 yards from home. She won going away in 10m 29.8s, 37 seconds inside her previous record and only 0.1sec outside her State metric standard.

RIGBY THIRD

Queensland's John Rigby touched third in the 880 yards in 9m 35.1s, 14.2sec inside his resident record. Olympian Alan Wood won the event in 9m 16.8s, with Robert Windle, second.

DIVING

Diving authorities severely criticised the standard of judging in the national title events. Prominent Sydney coach, Jack Barnett, described the judging as "erratic" well below national title standard.

"The sooner we follow the Americans the better," Barnett said. "Over there the best men judge, whether amateurs or professionals. Here all judges are amateurs. There were plenty of professionals at the pool today who would have done a better job."

The poorest judging was in the junior women's springboard event, when divers who did not perform the dives they nominated, received points.

DEUBLE AGAIN

Warwick's Graham Deuble became the first Queenslander to win successive crowns by defending his springboard title with a near-record score of 162.71 points. Victorian Ron Faulds holds the record for an Australian title (164 points). Deuble, however, has posted the highest scoring in all competition, 170.17 points, in the State titles last month.

Deuble has proved he is in a class of his own with expert displays of the two most difficult dives in the book - a backward two and a half somersault and a reverse two and a half.

His best dive, an inward two and a half earned him 21.84 points.

(Good picture of Deuble in full flight)

C.M. Saturday 25 February 1961

#### SWIM HEATS

By Frank O'Callaghan

Noel Reynolds set a new State junior resident standard by qualifying for tonight's final of the 100 metres freestyle in 58.3sec.

Queensland Olympian, Bill Burton, looks set for his third gold medal tonight. He glided smoothly through the 200 metres breaststroke heat in 2m 46.3s, one second faster than State team mate, Alan Humphreys.

#### DEUBLE DOWN IN DIVE

Former Victorian, Arthur Winther, sprang the upset of the diving titles by downing Olympian Graham Deuble in the high board event.

Winther, 22, won on a skimpy preparation and executed five dives he had mastered only a few hours previously. One of them, a double twisting one and a half somersault, earned him 21.06 points.

"I didn't think I had a chance of winning. It was the first high board title I have contested," he said.

Winther carded 145.22 points, and Deuble, the State champion 143.33 points.

Deuble, 17, had to repeat his balance when attempting a handstand one and a half forward somersault, and the lost points cost him the title.

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C.M. Friday 14 April 1961

#### SWIM BODY OPPOSED TO GAMES LEVY

The powerful Queensland Amateur Swimming Association is rigidly opposed to the Queensland Olympic Council's plan to levy amateur sportsmen.

The levy of one shilling a head each year is designed to provide the nucleus of future Olympic Games funds.

Q.A.S.A. was the sole dissenter when the resolution to levy all members of the Q.O.C.'s affiliated associations went through the Council.

#### "WAS UNFAIR"

Q.A.S.A secretary, Bill Holland, last night criticised the plan as unfair to swimming. "We have about 10,000 members," he said.

"It would cost us about five hundred pounds a year, and we would also be expected to raise other money for our Olympic representatives, as we have done in past years. We welcome the scheme in principle, but not in this form. We recently lifted our registration fees 100 per cent from one shilling to two shillings. We cannot lace another shilling on top of that."

#### CHALLENGE RIGHT

Holland, who is also Q.O.C. Secretary, has challenged the right of the Council to enforce the levy.

He said the present Q.O.C. Constitution did not permit the levy to be enforced on its affiliated associations. "At the moment it is a matter for the associations, but the Constitution is under review and certain changes will be made."

Holland suggests that each affiliated association contribute yearly to a fund on a basis comparable to its wealth.

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#### FIFTH TERM FOR SWIM CHIEF

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association last night re-elected Dr Don Dowling for a fifth successive term as President.

Mr Dave Munro of Brisbane and Mr J. Harvey of Townsville are new names on the Vice Presidents panel. They replace Mr T. Steindl and Mr J. Rivett who did not seek re-election. The five Vice Presidents include also, Dr E. Theile, Mr J. Emerson, and Mr E. Barnacle.

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C.M. Saturday 16 September 1961

#### JAP STARS TO SWIM HERE

by Frank O'Callaghan

Japanese world champion freestyle swimmer, Tsuyoshi Yamanaka, is likely to swim at the Valley Pool on January 6. Japan has accepted an invitation for five swimmers to tour next season. Australia has requested two freestylers, a backstroker, a breast-stroker, and a butterfly. Among the freestylers will be a sprinter and a distance swimmer. Yamanaka, as world 200 metres record holder (2:00.2 secs), should be certain of selection if available.

The carnival in Brisbane, like those planned for Sydney and Melbourne, would be a n international one against a selected Australian team.

#### NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs C. Arnold is the new President of the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association. Mrs Arnold, who has been Valley Ladies Club President for the last seven years, was elected unopposed at last night's Annual Meeting. She succeeds Mrs J. Ross who has retired after six years.

The Association now has 4102 members, 600 more than last year.

Other officials elected last night are - Patroness, Mrs J. McGregor-Lowndes MBE; Registrar, Mrs V. Anderson.

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C.M. Monday 25 September 1961

#### TOP SWIMMING COACHES MEET

Queensland will send Australian selector, Bill Holland, and Brisbane coach, Bill Fleming, a former sprint champion, to a coaching school to be conducted by the NSW Amateur Swimming Association at the National Fitness camp at Narrabeen, starting on October 27.

The school, extending from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, is regarded as Australia's first practical step in its fight back to world swimming prominence.

Two top Japanese swim coaches are expected to make a special trip to get a close-up of the famed Australian coaching methods during the weekend.

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C.M. Thursday 26 September 1961

#### SWIM SELECTOR OFF STATE PANEL

Garney Nankaville of Ipswich, a State swim selector for the last ten years, was displaced from the panel last night.

The new selectors chosen by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Council are - Bill Holland, Dr E. Theile, and Jack Davis. Holland is the only surviving member of last year's panel. The third member, George Marr, did not seek re-election. Other unsuccessful candidates were - John McNamara of Warwick, Joe Emerson, and Ed Barnacle.

Dr E.Theile (Chairman), W.Holland (Secretary), J.Davis (Assistant Secretary), and A.Corish (Treasurer), were re-elected unopposed.

Four new men were chosen for the Association's Executive Committee. They are - G.Borek (West's), A.Anderson (University), A.Sharpe (Ipswich), and L.Krigstein (Diving). They join C.Arnold (Valley), and M.Munro (Davies Park), the only members of last year's Executive Committee seeking re-election.

A swim carnival at the Valley Pool on December 11 will be a guide to the selection of an Australian team to meet the Japanese at the Valley on January 6. Only Queenslanders will compete in the trial.

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C.M. Monday 9 October 1961

#### OLYMPIANS IN JAPAN SWIM TEAM

By Frank O'Callaghan

Four Japanese 1960 Olympians, including world record holder Tsuyoshi Yamanaka will swim in the Valley Pool next January 6. Yamanaka's Olympic team mates, the ten man team to tour Australia are freestyler Katsuki Ishihari, butterflyer Haruo Yoshimoto, and backstroker Kazuo Tomita. Tomita and Yamanaka also swam in the 1956 Melbourne Games.

The Japanese will contest a series of international meets against Australia in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Yamanaka, world 200 metres freestyle record holder (2:00.4), finished second to Murray Rose in the 1960 Olympic 400 metres title (4:21.4) and fourth in the 1500 metres (17:34.7).

#### CHIEF RIVALS

His chief rivals in Australia should be Olympian Bob Windle and Alan Wood. In the national titles in Brisbane last February Wood clocked 4:25.1 for 40 metres and Windle 4:28.4, and posted 17:27.7 for 1500 metres.

Ishihari reached the 100 metres final in Rome (57.5 secs) and probably would be chasing Australian champion David (56.2 secs).

Tomita, a semifinalist in Rome (64.2 secs) would meet Queensland and national champion Tony Fingleton, or his brother John.

Yoshimoto finished fifth in the Olympic 200 metres (2:18.3) touching off Australian Kevin Berry (2:18.5), but well behind our silver medallist Neville Hayes (2:14.6).

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C.M. Thursday 19 October 1961

#### FINALISE POOL LEASES

The lessees of the Valley, Centenary, and Langlands Park swimming pools will be allowed complete professional coaching rights. This authority is contained in the conditions of the lease issued by the City Council. The Council has decided to lease the pools which were previously under management. The lease is dated from 18 December 1961 and will run to 30 December 1965.

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association will tender for the Valley Pool lease. Leading southern coaches, including Don Talbot and Harry Gallagher, are known to be interested in tendering for any one of these. November 3 is the closing date for tenders.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

The lessees will be required to pay all salaries but only 25% of all light and power costs. He must possess a Bronze Medallion of the Royal Lifesaving Society and have some knowledge of filtration. Any deputy he may leave in charge of the pool must possess similar qualifications. The lease demands that each amateur Club be allowed at least its present rental conditions for the conduct of Club swims, and each Club is to be allowed up to two of its coaches acceptable to the Council for the period of the Club swim.

## VALLEY KIOSK

The Council will provide for the erection of a kiosk at the Valley Pool at the expense of the lessee. Langlands Park and Centenary kiosks are already under lease.

The lessee will be required to make reasonable access to the pool for the public and the conduct of carnivals.

Chief City Health Officer, Mr Greg Mabbett, said last night that the Council wanted the pools run with the present efficiency and the service to the public to be maintained.

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C.M. Saturday 27 October 1961

## SWIMMERS WARNED ON KENNY

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association is warning its members not to compete against international surfer Hayden Kenny at the Mooloolaba surf carnival tomorrow. Kenny's amateur status is suspect. He recently became lessee and coach of the Maryborough pool.

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Bill Holland) said last night, "My Association advises its members not to participate against Kenny. We are in the process of investigating his status. Amateur swimmers who ignore the Association warning will be jeopardising their own status," Mr Holland said.

Kenny, 24, and State belt champion, has nominated for the senior surf and teams race, senior belt, four-man R & R, and ockanut board race.

Kenny said from Maryborough last night, "I will be swimming, provided of course, that I am eligible under Surf Lifesaving Rules."

"I feel I owe it to my Club, Alexandra Headland, which has not many members. I think this is pretty tough, considering what happened two years ago. Now I am copping it at both ends.

## PULLINGER BAN

Kenny was referring to the controversy over Ralph Pullinger, a Greenmount lifesaver and beach inspector, who was considered a professional by the Q.A.S.A. in 1959. A number of amateur swimmers who competed against Pullinger were scrubbed by the Q.A.S.A. but later reinstated.

Kenny, rather than risk his amateur status, chose not to defend his State surf title that year.

Pullinger was later recognised by the Q.A.S.A. and at Bundaberg last year, Kenny won the State surf and belt titles. Last season, with Kirra's Ken Wiles, he toured New Zealand with an Australian team and last February retained his State surf title.

## CENTRE'S VIEW

State Surf Centre President (Mr Jack Winders), while not making a ruling on Kenny, said last night that professional swimming coaches should be debarred from competing in surf carnivals. He said that National Council Executive took a similar view.

(Picture of Hayden Kenny)

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C.M. Saturday 4 November 1961

## KENNY RULED NOT AMATEUR

By Frank O'Callaghan

International surfer and former State pool champion, Hayden Kenny, has been declared ineligible to compete as an amateur. This means that swimmers affiliated with the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association who swim against him in the surf will be similarly branded.

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Bill Holland) announced the ruling on Kenny last night after reference to the Australian Swimming Union.

Kenny, State belt champion, is one of the great names in Queensland surfing. His status became suspect when he acquired the lease of the Maryborough swimming Pool.

Kenny (Alexandra Headland), who voluntarily withdrew from the swimming events at Mooloolaba two weeks ago, has appealed to the State Centre of the Surf Association for their definition of his status. He said last night that he would contest the ockanut and long board evens at the Noosa carnival tomorrow.

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C.M. Friday 10 November 1961

#### TIME TRIALS FOR 4 TO MEET JAPAN

By Frank O'Callaghan

Four Queenslanders are strong contenders for selection in the Australian 10 man swim team to meet Japan in a four-meet series in Australia next January.

They are breaststrokes Bill Burton and Alan Humphreys, and the backstroking Fingleton brothers Tony and John. They will make their bid at the selection trials at the Valley pool on December 11.

Olympian Burton is the only international in the quartet and seems certain of selection.

#### STATE TRIALS

Humphreys has shadowed him for the last two seasons and is already well advanced in his preparation.

Tony Fingleton holds the national 100 metres backstroke title, and John was his runner-up.

Each State will hold separate trials in December. The team will then be chosen to meet Japan in Sydney on January 4, Brisbane January 6, Hobart January 8, and Melbourne January 10.

#### LOCALS TOO

Japan and Australia will enter two competitors in each event, the remaining lanes to be filled by local swimmers of worthy standard.

Profits from the Queensland trials will be donated to the Red Cross Blood Bank Appeal Fund.

The trials programme is - 200 metres freestyle, 800 metres freestyle, 200 metres breaststroke, 100 metres butterfly, 100 metres backstroke.

A 1500 metres freestyle trial will be held on a date between December 11 and 16.

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C.M. Tuesday 14 November 1961

#### KENNY ISSUE REFERRED TO SWIM UNION

By Frank O'Callaghan

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association has now referred the Hayden Kenny controversy to the Australian Swimming Union. Kenny, because of his pool commitments has been declared by the Q.A.S.A. as ineligible to compete as an amateur.

Q.A.S.A. has warned its swimmers to swim against Kenny, the Maryborough swim pool leasee, is to incur virtual banishment from the Association.

#### OLD AGREEMENT

Kenny, State surf belt champion, appealed to the National Surf Council which dropped a bombshell in Brisbane at the weekend by declaring him eligible to contest events in which surf equipment is used. This means he will be able to compete in belt and R & R events.

National Council officials quote a gentlemen's agreement dating years back between Council and the A.R.U. which permits professionals to swim against amateurs in surf lifesaving gear.

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Bill Holland) who claimed no knowledge of this, and last night said, "The matter is out of my hands. It has now been referred to the Australian Swimming Union. If there is an agreement, it should be in black and white." Holland promised clarification of the issue before Kenny swims in his first carnival of the season at his home beach, Alexandra Headland, on December 3.

C.M. Wednesday 15 November 1961

WOMEN'S SPORT  
CHERYL, 14, IS BIG SWIM HOPE

Most interest in the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association carnival on December 1, will centre on State 100 metres freestyle champion, Cheryl Kensett. Cheryl, tall and 14, has the potential for taking out an Australian title.

She will be one of three State champions to clash in the 100 metres freestyle event at the carnival at the Valley pool. Cheryl, from Valley's Club, will be opposed by Jan Pain from Townsville, and Jennifer Corish (Valley). Her time for the 100 metres is only 0.5sec outside Helen Agnew's resident open record.

Jan, Australian 880 open, Queensland 200, 400, and 800 metres open freestyle title-holder was defeated for the 100 metres title last season by a touch. She is at present in Brisbane training under Arthur Cusack.

Jennifer, 17, is Queensland 50 metres open freestyle champion, and was placed third in the Australian 100 metres butterfly.

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C.M.. Friday 17 November 1961

THREE IN "SWIM"

Leases for the next three and a half years for the City Council's three main swimming pools were let yesterday. Council Establishment and Co-ordination Committee agreed to leases until June 30 1965 of - Centenary Pool to coach Mr A.Cusack for £4,000 a year; Valley Pool to present manager Mr L.G.Petersen for £1,750 a year; Langlands Park Pool to coach Mr J.A.Carew for £3,500 a year.

Twenty one tenders were received for the leases.

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C.M. Saturday 2 December 1961

14-YEAR-OLD IN SWIM UPSET

Fourteen-year-old Valley swimmer Penny March convincingly outstroked Australian junior back-stroke champion Pam Sergeant to win the open 100 metres backstroke title at the Q.L.A.S.A. carnival at the Valley Pool last night. Penny touched a good three strokes ahead of the champion to clock 1m 16.4s, 1.1sec better than Pam. Penny started strongly, touched first at 50 metres, and was never headed.

In another upset, promising freestyler Cheryl Kensett, 14, was edged out of the 100 metres open title in a tight finish. Leander swimmer, Lynn West, maintained a terrific last lap finishing burst to hold off Cheryl, and touched a fraction ahead. Both swimmers were credited with 1m 7.9s.

One of the best efforts came from Bundaberg under 12 competitor, Denise Edmonds. Denise clocked 32.3sec for the 50 metres freestyle, 1.4sec better than the national time recorded last year by J.Simmonds of Fairymead (Bundaberg).

(Full results given - picture of Penny March)

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C.M. Friday 8 December 1961

#### HE'S FLAT OUT TO MAKE SWIM TEAM AGAINST JAPAN

Red-haired University freestyler Ken Fredericks is splashing daily through a rigorous training schedule at the Centenary pool. He plans to make his biggest splash at the Valley pool on Monday night when he bids for a place in the Australian team.

He will contests the 200 metres freestyle event at the trials carnival designed to give Queenslanders a chance for the international meet at the Valley pool on January 6.

Profits from Monday night's carnival will go to the Red Cross Blood Bank building appeal fund.

Each State will hold independent trials. Other meets with Japan will be held in Sydney on January 4, Hobart Jan 8, and Melbourne Jan 10.

Fredericks, 20, finished third to John Rigby and David McMonagle in the State 200 metres title last season.

Queensland Olympic breaststroker, Billy Burton, is almost certain to miss a place in the Australian team. Burton's work as a motor mechanic has taken him to Cloncurry and seriously interrupted his training schedule. He is expected back in Brisbane at the week-end.

Valley Club member Alan Humphreys could well displace him. Humphreys has posted 2m 46s for 200 metres, the fastest in Australian this season.

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C.M. Thursday 14 December 1961

#### PERTH IS JAN'S TARGET FOR '62 BIG PLUNGE FOR SWIMMING GOAL

Every day a pretty sun-tanned Queensland girl plunges into the Centenary and swims towards her goal - to win a medal at the Empire Games in Perth next year. She is Jan Paine, 18, of Ayr, Queensland, big hope for women's swimming honours at the 1962 Empire Games.

Jan, Queensland 200 metres, 400 metres, and 800 metres freestyle champion, and Australian 880 yards champion, could put Queensland on the world freestyle swimming map along with names like Fraser and Konrads. She will concentrate on the 400 metres for the Empire Games, and she also hopes to gain a place in the 4 x 100 metres relay team.

Last February at the Australian championships at the Valley Baths Jan swam within 0.9sec of breaking the magic five minute barrier for 400 metres, and with seven months of intensive training for the Australian championships and the Empire Games trials in Melbourne in February next year, she hopes to be down to 4m 50s.

Dawn Fraser beat Jan in the Australian championships in Brisbane last February when Dawn swam the 400 in 4m 49.7s.

#### IN TRAINING

To gain a place in the Australian relay team, Jan will have to improve by at least three seconds for the 100 metres.

Jan has spent the last six weeks in Brisbane training with her coach, Arthur Cusack, and will stay in training her until the trials next February.

(Good picture of Jan beside the pool)

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C.M. Friday 22 December 1961

#### JAPANESE SWIM STAR FOR VALLEY

Japan's world freestyle swim record holder, Tsuyoshi Yamanaka, will race over his world record distance at the Valley pool on January 6. As world 200 metres record holder (2m 0.4s) he will clash with Australian pair David Dickson and Peter Phelps.

Yamanaka is the star of the Japanese touring team which will contest four international meets against Australia.

Dickson finished second to John Konrads in the national 200 metres title at the Valley pool last March in 2m 4.7s.

#### STATE TRIO

Queensland swimmers competing against Yamanaka are Ray Bonke, Noel Reynolds, and Ken Fredericks.

Olympian Bill Burton who was not chosen in the national team will contest the 200 metres breaststroke event as a fill-in swimmer. His chances of making the Australian team for the remaining two meets against Japan at Hobart and Melbourne, will depend on his showing that night/

(Pictures of divers Charlie Bradford and John Everding in flight. They are leading contenders for berths in the Australian team for the Empire Games)

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C.M. Monday 1 January 1962

#### FINGLETON BIG THREAT IN JAPAN "TESTS"

Queensland's star backstroker, Tony Fingleton, looms as a bigger threat to the visiting Japanese, and team mate Julian Carroll, following a brilliant 220 yards trial at Davies Park yesterday.

Fingleton churned out his best time yet in a splendid 2m 28s, three seconds faster than Julian Carroll's best known time this year.

Carroll was a member of the 1960 Australian swimming team for the Rome Olympics in the 4 x 100 metres medley relay. The team came second to the world record-breaking team from the United States. Carroll (NSW) and Fingleton will clash with Shigbo Fukushima and Kazao Tomita in the first "Test" in Sydney on Thursday night.

#### SYDNEY "200"

Sydney backstroke event will be over 200 metres, while competitors will swim over 100 metres in Brisbane on Saturday night. Coach Bill Fleming said after the trial yesterday that it was Fingleton's first 220 swim of the year. "And it was a beauty," he added.

Freestyler John Potts, another Fleming's protégé, joins the Australian team for the second "Test" in Brisbane. Fleming has had both Potts and Fingleton swimming five miles a day in preparation for the international meets. Fingleton and other Queensland swimmer, breaststroker Alan Humphreys, leave for Sydney on Thursday morning.

#### WELL TIMED

Co-trainer of breaststroke swimmer Alan Humphreys, Earl Smith, forecasts an Australian record for Humphreys this season. Humphreys clashes with Hiroshi Nakagawi and Morito Shigematsu in the 200 metres breaststroke in what could be one of the closest finishes. He clocked 2m 40.5s for the 200 metres before Christmas and is capable of an "under 40".

Smith said yesterday Humphreys had swum three 200 metre sprints with times of 2m 45s, 2m 48s, and 2m 50s, with only a three minute break between each. "He swims up to six 20's in a session and anything up to twenty 100's," said Smith. "He will be as fit as anyone swimming on Thursday night."

Humphreys team mate, Ian O'Brien (NSW), has a 2m 44s to his credit and top company could lop seconds off this.

#### TO HOBART

The final two "Tests" will be held in Hobart on January 6, and in Melbourne on January 8.

Selection of the Australian squad will be announced after the Queensland carnival.

This early competition for Australian swimmers is vital if the Australian selectors are to have an insight into early season form for the Empire Games in Perth in November.

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C.M. Friday 5 January 1962

This edition records that Japan won the opening "Test" in Sydney 33 to 23. Full results were given - A.Fingleton, 110 metres backstroke, third, was the only Queenslander credited with a place.

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C.M. Friday 12 January 1962

#### BURTON SMART IN EASY SWIM

Olympic breaststroker Bill Burton displayed a well-advance training programme for the Commonwealth Games in November with an effortless win in the 100 metres in the State titles at the Valley pool last night. Burton coasted in clocking the splendid time of 1m 15.8s, six yards ahead of his nearest rival. Burton was never in danger throughout the two laps. He turned first and drew away from the field over the last 50 metres.

In the preceding heat, "Test" swimmer, Alan Humphreys finished easily in 1m 16.9s, four seconds ahead of the second place-getter.

The stage is now set for a close tussle in the final tonight. Burton is the title holder and has the best by a Queenslander time of 1m 12.8s. Humphreys, an acknowledged 200 metres swimmer, is capable of a final burst which he might need to hold the fast-finishing Burton.

#### IN COMEBACK

Former schoolboy champion Noel Reynolds, another on the "comeback trail" notched the fastest 100 metres freestyle time with a challenging 59.4sec. He had little competition in his heat, but was content to maintain his hot pace for threequarters of the distance.

"Test" relay swimmer, John Potts, churned out the most impressive heat in 58.5sec, and looked to have plenty in reserve at the finish. Potts, in only his second year of competition, looks to have the State 100metres final tonight at his mercy.

Ken Fredericks and Ron Fingleton turned in the only other comparable times with 58.6sec and 60sec respectively.

Two 11-year-olds slashed the under 12 women's 50 metres freestyle twice within 10 minutes. Valley's Jan Steinbeck touched in 32.9sec, clipping 0.1 sec off the original time, and Denise Edmunds (Bundaberg) then clocked 32.7sec to rob Jan of her new time.

Toowoomba's Chris Shapland posted 60.9sec for his 14 and 15 years 100 metres men's freestyle heat, lopping 0.9 sc of Danny Mahoney's (Bundaberg) old time.

Kingaroy's Robyn Thorn also swam a race record with a 29.8sec effort for the 50 metres junior women's freestyle. This is 0.sec better than the existing time.

(Full results of qualifiers given)

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C.M. Saturday 13 January 1962

#### SWIM UPSET; HUMPHREYS BEATS BURTON

Swim Test breaststroker, Alan Humphreys, lifted Olympian Bill Burton's breaststroke crown with a brilliantly sustained last half lap finishing burst at the Valley pool last night.

Burton set up a handy first lap lead. He turned two strokes ahead of Humphreys who had stepped up his stroking just before the 50 metre mark. But he could not contain the sprinting Humphreys, who finished first by a good stroke and created a new race record of 1m 13.8s.

Burton, who had his first serious swim last Saturday against the Japanese, now looks certain to be at his peak in time for the nationals next month. His time of 1:14.3 last night was 2 sec outside his best.

Humphreys said later that the Japanese had advised him to quicken his rating. "I did, and it certainly paid off," said Humphreys. Valley's Allan Neill touched 3.3sec behind Humphreys

#### EASY FOR KEN

Former Nudgee G.P.S. champion, Ken Fredericks, had a surprisingly easy win in the open 100 metres freestyle. He conceded three yards to his youthful opponents, John Potts (16) and Noel Reynolds (17) at the turn, then flashed past them to touch comfortably in 57.9sec.

Potts and Reynolds waged an exciting battle for second, Reynolds gaining the decision by a stroke. Potts clocked 59sc, half a second slower than his heat time on Thursday night.

Valley's Claire Cooke set a Queensland junior resident record in the 100 metres women's breast-stroke. Miss Coke had to withstand a determined finishing lap by Leander's Pat Stanton before she touched in 1:25.5.

Kingaroy's Robyn Thorn won two titles in superb style. She posted a new race record for the junior women's 50 metres freestyle with 29.3sec, slashing 1.6sec off the existing time, and then stepped into open class to win in the 100 metres event. Her 65.1sec last night was 0.5sec outside her time last Saturday night in the international carnival, which placed her in national class.

Pam Sergeant (Townsville) won the open women's 100 metres backstroke from P.Marsh and J.Corish in 1:14.9.  
(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 16 January 1962

#### CHERYL, 14, BEST SWIM PROSPECT

Valley's Cheryl Kensett emerged as the State's middle-distance prospect following a great second to Jan Paine (Townsville) in the 400 metres final at the Valley pool last night. Cheryl led to field to the 200 metre mark before she gave way to Miss Paine. She then dogged the champion's heels till the final stages of the event when she pulled up to within two strokes.

Cheryl clipped five and a half seconds off her Queensland junior resident record with her 5m 4.6s, 1.4sec behind Miss Paine's winning time, which created a race record. Jan's coach, Arthur Cusack, said Cheryl could mature into a top middle-distance swimmer. Jan is four years her senior.

#### 'FLU VICTIM

Withdrawal of the 100 metres titleholder, Ken Fredericks (University), with influenza, allowed Noel Reynolds a runaway win in the 200 metres. He flashed over the first two laps in 62.7sec, and romped in by six strokes from Valley's Laurie Higson to clock 2m 8.5s. Surf specialist Cam Leagh-Murray, nosed into third, 8.2sec behind Reynolds.

Test backstroker, Tony Fingleton, dethroned brother John for the 200 metres crown. He notched a comfortable 2:22.7, to lop 1.8sec off Olympian David Theile's old time set in 1960. Kingaroy's David Knight was a distant third in 2:30.2.

The 100 metres junior men's freestyle provided the closest finish of the night. The Valley duo, Grant Rayner and David Milburn, both posted 60.3sec, with Rayner being awarded the decision. Leander's Ray Bonke came home 1.2sec behind for third.

State butterfly champion, John Bennett, after a promising two laps in the 200 metres, faded to an ordinary 2:29.4, 0.1sec outside last year's effort.

(Results given)  
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C.M. Wednesday 17 January 1962

#### BARRIER CAN GO IN SWIM

Toowoomba's crack freestyler, Chris Shapland, 14, has a chance of shattering the "John Konrads Barrier" for 400 metres at the Valley pool tonight. At 14, Olympian John Konrads swam the distance in 4m 43.4s which has become a standard for middle-distance swimmers

Shapland clocked 4m 44.2s to defeat Ron Dunne (Leander) in a heat of the junior "400" last night.

After the race Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Bill Holland) said, "Shapland will break 4m 40s in the final tomorrow night, and he could swim 4m 38s. He is better than Konrads at that age."

Petite Claire Cooke, 15, should beat Rosemary Lassig's 100 metres junior breaststroke race record of 1m 26.8s in tonight's final. Claire defeated her All Hallows schoolmate Frances Bliss in 1m 27.8s

(List of qualifiers given)

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C.M. Thursday 18 January 1962

#### SHAPLAND LOOMS UP AS COMING CHAMP.

Toowoomba's 14-year-old freestyler, Chris Shapland, entered into future champion calculations with his magnificent junior 400 metres freestyle win at the Valley pool last night. Shapland crashed through Konrads barrier of 4m 43.4s as a junior with a splendid 4:40.4. Konrads set the standard when he was fourteen.

Second place-getter, Leander's Ray Bonke, led Shapland till the last lap when the champion clapped on a blistering finish worthy of a world champion. Bonke's teammate, Ron Dunne (14) failed by 2.3sec to swim inside Konrads' standard.

#### BEAT RECORD

Kingaroy's "gun" freestyler, Robyn Thorn, swam into national class for the second time in three weeks with a record-shattering effort in the junior women's 100 metres. Robyn drew away from the rest of the field at the 50 metre mark, turned a full length ahead of Valley's Cheryl Kensett, and rocketed home to clock 64.1sec, cutting 0.7sec off the State resident record time she posted in Brisbane's international carnival on January 8.

Surprise of the race was the shock defeat of Cheryl Kensett into third place. West's Kayleen Cullen nosed into second with 65.7sec, 3sec ahead of Miss Kensett.

Townsville's Commonwealth Games prospect, Jan Paine, claimed her third State scalp for the carnival with a State resident record in the women's 200 metres. She had previously won the 800 and 400 metres. Miss Paine last night posted 2:23.4 to clip 1.6sec off her old time.

Cheryl Kensett again pressed claims as a middle-distance prospect with a creditable second in 2:25.6

#### CHAMPION DOWN

Noel Reynolds defeated State butterfly champion John Bennett in the 100 metres. He overtook Bennett over the closing stages and clipped 0.7sec off Bennett's State resident record.

University's Ken Fredericks overcame a bout of influenza to touch first in the men's 50 metres championship.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 19 January 1962

#### RECORDS TUMBLE AS ROBYN SWIMS

Robyn Thorn, Kingaroy's wonder girl swimmer, could add three more titles to her already imposing list at the Valley pool tonight. Queensland swimming officials already rate Robyn as one of the best swimmers Queensland has produced for many years.

Last night she scored heat wins in 50 metres women's freestyle (29.7sec - a race record), 200 metres women's freestyle (2:26.4 - a race record), and 100 metres women's backstroke (1:15.0)

She had already taken the junior 50 metres freestyle, the 100 metres freestyle, and the junior 100 metres freestyle, all race records

#### BEAT JAN

Her effortless win in the 200 metres freestyle indicates another new time tonight. Robyn and second place-getter, Cheryl Kensett, 14, both touched inside the old time 2:27.2, clipping .8sec and 0.3sec off respectively.

Her surprise effort was the 100 metres junior backstroke win in which she edged out Australian junior champion, Jan Paine. She led from the start, turned a stroke ahead of the champion at 50 metres, and surged home in the splendid time of 1:15.4, 0.4sec outside of Jan's record.

Test breaststroker, Alan Humphreys, looks set for his first 200 metres under 2m 40s tonight. His heat win sliced 3.9sec off Olympian Bill Burton's race record, to give him 2:40.7. He finished two yards ahead of Burton, who was finishing well in 2:45.8. The Olympian is still not in form because of a late start in his preparation.

Valley's Alan Neill posted the only other creditable time with 2:47.4.  
(Qualifiers given)

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C.M. Saturday 20 January 1962

#### MORE RECORDS SET BY GIRL SWIMMER

Sixteen-year-old Kingaroy girl, Robyn Thorn, set a new State open record for the 50 metres freestyle at the Valley pool last night. Her time of 29.2sec cut 1sec off Dutch girl, Irma Schumcher's record made 11 years ago.

Five events later, Robyn set more records in the junior women's 200 metres freestyle. Her time of 2m 23s which lopped 3.4sec off that swim by her in Thursday night's race, set a new Queensland resident senior and junior record.

The 200 metres medal gave the Kingaroy girl her fifth individual title. She had already won the junior 50 metres freestyle, the 100 metres freestyle, and the junior 100 metres freestyle. Robyn also competed in the junior 100 metres backstroke last night. In this she finished a stroke behind Australian junior backstroke champion, Pam Sergeant (Townsville).

#### PERFECT START

Robyn's superb 50 metres win followed her usual pattern. She left the blocks to a perfect start, had a one stroke advantage at the half-way mark, and skimmed away from the field to win by a touch.

Her 200 metres win indicates the tremendous potential she has over the "middle" sprints. At the 100 metres she led by two strokes from Cheryl Kensett, but a lap later she had drawn away to a five stroke advantage. He finished seen strokes ahead of Cheryl, with Wests' Gay Cullen, third.

Absence of a tumble turn cost her valuable strokes in the 100 metres backstroke. A perfect turn gave Pam Sergeant the race in record time of 1:14.1 - 0.9sec ahead of Robyn, who lost a good two strokes at the half-way mark.

Olympic breaststroker, Bill Burton (Leander), swam his best ever time of 2:40.6 in the 200 metres final. This set a race record. Burton clapped on a hot early pace with his short swift strokes, and led the longer-swimming test representative, Alan Humphreys, at the 100 metres. Humphreys quickened his

rating at the 150 metres, but Burton hung on tenaciously to lunge home by a touch. Humphreys time was 2:41.1.

Diminutive Claire Cooke set a new State junior resident record with a comfortable win in the women's 200 metres breaststroke. She touched in 3:2.3 - 4.1sec ahead of Frances Bliss (second), with Stella McCallum third in 3:7.3

Promising Noel Reynolds, 16, took the men's 400 metres freestyle.

(Results given)

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C.M. Wednesday 24 January 1962

### 38 FOR SWIM BIGGEST YET FOR QLD.

Queensland swimming selectors last night announced the biggest team yet to compete in the National swimming titles from February 16 to 24. The selectors chose 38, six of whom will have all expenses paid. Six will be subsidised at £35 each, and 26 will have to compete at their own expense.

#### THOSE NAMED

The selected are -

##### FULLY PAID

Men - A.Fingleton (Valley), A.Humphreys (Valley), W.Burton (Leander).

Women - J.Paine (T'ville), R.Thorne (K'roy), and C.Cooke (Valley)

##### SUBSIDISED

Men - C.Shapland (T'mba), K.Fredericks (Uni), .Reynolds (City Past.)

Women - P.Sergeant (T'ville), J.Corish (Valley), C.Kensett (Valley).

##### NON-SUBSIDISED

Men - G.Rayner (Valley), L.Higson (Valley), A.Neill (Valley), J.Etchells (Valley), D.Milburn (Valley), R.Bonke (Leander), R.Dunne (Leander), R.Wall (West), P.Vidler (T'ville), D.Knight (K'roy), L.Draper (Warwick), B.Taylor (Nambour), J.Fingleton (Valley), J.Potts (City Past), J.Bennett (Uni), J.Oravainen (Mt Isa).

Women - K.Cullen (G'stone), J.Girle (Warwick), D.Cawte (B'berg), L.West (Leander), F.Bliss (Leander), S.McCallum (Valley), P.March (Valley), P.Stanton (Leander), J.Groeger (City Past), and L.Abbott (Leander).

#### COST £700

The team is six more than that named for the Nationals in Sydney in 1960, an Olympic year.

Last year the titles were held in Brisbane and no travelling expenses were involved.

Q.A.S.A. secretary and national selector (Bill Holland) said last night that profit from the nine-day Queensland titles was £400. He said it would cost £700 to send the fully paid and subsidised members, but that the cost would be defrayed from the profit made from the Nationals here last year.

For those members of the team who are students able to obtain travelling concessions, the cost will be £45. Working members would have to pay about £65.

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C.M. Friday 26 January 1962

#### GIRL FROM KINGAROY ROBYN LOOKS OUR NEW SWIM "HOPE"

Who is Robyn Thorn, the young girl from Kingaroy who sprang from nowhere for last week's State swimming championships to win titles in amazing times?

Robyn, 16, won five events, all in record time (details repeated). She was beaten by a stroke in the 100 metres junior backstroke by Australian junior champion, Pam Sergeant.

## A BACKSTROKER

But Robyn didn't just "spring from nowhere" - she trained for nine years in the Kingaroy Olympic pool as a BACKSTROKER.

In the 1959-60 season, Robyn was training to swim backstroke in the State championships. But because of the limited time to eliminate faults in her turn and take-off, Brisbane coach Arthur Cusack advised her to concentrate on freestyle events. Cusack said last night that Robyn should be a backstroke swimmer because she is built for it, and strokes like a backstroker. Cusack said that he and other critics believe Robyn to be the best female swimmer they have seen - including Dawn Fraser.

"She has one of the best chances in Australia of competing at the Empire Games," he said

Manager of the Olympic pool in Kingaroy (Mr C.French) has trained Robyn there since she started swimming.

Robyn said last night that she did not like backstroke as much as freestyle.

Robyn is the daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W.Thorn, who have lived in Kingaroy for 15 years.

She did Junior at Kingaroy High School last year.

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C.M. Monday 5 February 1962

## DEUBLE SET DIVE POINTS

Olympian Graham Deuble, 18, returned the highest men's highboard points total in Australia this season in retaining his crown at the State titles at the Centenary pool yesterday. Deuble carded 157.33 points, 12 more than his winning effort last year, to take first place from Ipswich' John Everding and Noel McDougall.

Everding, a slipped disc, and McDougall, infected ear and broken toe, were handicapped but carded creditable scores of 142.38 and 124.38 respectively.

## LED FROM START

The former Warwick diver eclipsed his opponents from the first dive. The highlight was the third dive in his voluntary set - a one and a half with a double twist which earned him 20.28 points. This was the best individual score for a single dive.

Everding, although handicapped by his back, still lacked the finesse of the Olympian. His 142.38 was his personal best ever.

Deuble is now a virtual certainty for competition in the Commonwealth Games in Perth from November 22 to December 1. His coach, Steve Waring, said after the event yesterday that he would probably not be at his top until the Nationals in mid March.

## GIRL'S SURPRISE

Jennifer Crisp surprisingly defeated promising junior diver, Lorraine McArthur, in the women's highboard. This cost Lorraine the possible four wins in four titles. She took the junior and senior three-metre titles yesterday afternoon and the one-metre crown in the morning.

Miss Crisp posted 60.48 points to take out Lorraine by only 1.1 points.

Earlier in the one-metre event, Raylee Carlin was forced into third place because of a mistake in the dive listing. The entry read - a back dive with a half twist, a movement which Raylee has not yet mastered. She had previously included the back somersault with half twist.

Kathleen Wilson moved into second with 86.64 points, 0.8 points ahead of Miss Carlin.

## TEAM FOR SOUTH

The Queensland diving team for the Australian titles in Melbourne on March 22 and 23 was selected yesterday.

The team is - Fully paid: G.Deuble. Subsidised: J.Everding, N.McDougall, C.Bradford, D.Cusack and Lorraine McArthur.

It is expected the Ipswich Association will assist in sending Everding to Melbourne.

(Picture of Deuble in mid dive )

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C.M. Saturday 10 February 1962

### REYNOLDS' WITHERING FINISHES AT SWIM

State 200 metres champion, Noel Reynolds, ended the see-saw decisions he has shared with Test sprinter, John Potts, with a decisive 100 metres freestyle win in the metropolitan titles at the Valley pool last night. Reynolds comfortably touched off Potts in 57.9sec, the same time in which University's Ken Fredericks won the State title last month.

Potts seemed to flag over the last lap as the sprinting Reynolds burnt him off in a withering finish.

Reynolds trailed by a good stroke at the turn, but had an easy three stroke margin at the finish. Potts touched in 59sec, a second outside his best effort.

Fredericks and Reynolds now seem Queensland's best hopes for the Australian sprints next month.

Reynolds later staged a "blinding" finish with Leander's Barry Munro in the 50 metres butterfly final. The two thrashed the lap stroke for stroke, lunged together at the finish, and were credited with the same time - 30.7sec. Reynolds however gained the judges decision.

(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 20 February 1962

### 16 QUEENSLANDERS QUALIFY FOR SWIM FINALS

Melbourne - Sixteen Queenslanders qualified for finals in eight of the eleven events at the individual National Swimming Championships in the Melbourne Olympic pool last night.

Events in which Queenslanders failed to qualify were the men's 220 yards butterfly, the women's 110 yards breaststroke, and the junior men's 110 yards freestyle.

Queensland women's sprint champion, Robyn Thorn, swam the fastest time to Dawn Fraser in the women's 110 yards freestyle with a 66.5sec. Cheryl Kensett and Kay Cullen were the other qualifiers in this event.

Other Queensland qualifiers were - John Fingleton, Tony Fingleton, and David Knight (220 backstroke), Noel Reynolds and Laurie Higson (440 yards freestyle), Pam Sergeant and Penny March (women's 110 backstroke), Jennifer Corish (110 butterfly), Bill Burton, John Oravainen, and Chris Shapland (440 yards medley), and Les Draper and Peter Vidler (junior men's 110 breaststroke).

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C.M. Wednesday 21 February 1962

Highlight of finals was Kevin Berry's world records in breaststroke for 220 yards and 200 metres.

Queenslanders who were placed were- A.Fingleton second 110 yards backstroke, L.Draper second junior 110 yards breaststroke, J.Oravainen third 440 yards individual medley, R.Thorn second women's 110 yards freestyle, and ex-Queenslander Anne Nelson who won the women's 110 yards backstroke for NSW.

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C.M. Friday 23 February 1962

#### DEUBLE'S DIVE "HAT TRICK"

Melbourne - Queensland's Graham Deuble yesterday won the men's springboard title at the Australian swimming championships for the third successive year. Graham is also favoured to win the tower title this afternoon.

Lorraine McArthur was third in the junior springboard title.

#### QUEENSLAND 12 FOR SWIM

Qualifying time of the 12 Queenslanders in the 16 individual finals of the Australian swim titles tomorrow night, included a Victorian open record last night. Alan Humphreys clocked 2:42.9 for his best in the men's 220 yards breaststroke to return the best time.

Other qualifiers are - Lyn Abbott (110 junior butterfly), Brian Taylor, Bob Wall (junior 110 backstroke), Kay Cullen, Robyn Thorn, and Cheryl Kensett (junior 110 freestyle), Claire Cooke (220 breaststroke), Pam Sergeant, Robyn Thorn, and Penny March (junior 110 backstroke), Dawn Cawte, Cheryl Kensett, and Jan Paine (220 freestyle), Laurie Higson (1650 freestyle).

C.M. Saturday 24 February 1962

#### JAN, GRAHAM WIN FOR QLD.

Melbourne - Two Queenslanders won in Australian swimming and diving championships yesterday

They are Jan Paine (880 freestyle) and Graham Deuble (men's tower dive).

Jan retained her 880 title in 10m 37s, but this time would not have gained her a place in last year's final. Olympian Allan Wood (NSW) won the men's 880 freestyle.

Deuble, 18, Olympic representative, won the men's tower diving title from 18-year-old Victorian Gordon Creed.

Noel McDougall, 18, competed in the tower title with a broken toe. On his last dive, a difficult inward two and a half somersault, he hit his feet on the top platform as he completed his first somersault, and completely out of control, plunged 30 feet to the water and disappeared. Divers Frank Murphy (NSW) and John Everding jumped into the pool from the middle tower platform and helped McDougall to the surface.

N.Reynolds came third in the men's 880 freestyle, and D.Cawte gained a third in the women's event.

C.M. Monday 26 February 1962

#### Q'LAND HAS 11 IN SWIM SQUAD TO TRAIN

Melbourne - Eleven Queenslanders have been included in the squad of 50 to train for selection in Australia's swim team to the Commonwealth Games in Perth. Six youths and five girls make up the eleven.

It is the biggest training squad ever named for Olympic or British Empire Games by Amateur Swimming Union of Australia by the selectors. The squad of 50 includes 28 boys and 22 girls.

#### COME TO QUEENSLAND

Members of the squad will start weight-lifting and calisthenics in June and will train at Queensland pools for almost two months, starting in September.

Three final selection carnivals will be held in Melbourne on October 23, 25, and 27. Swimmers and divers who are not named in this training squad, but who, in the eyes of the Australian selectors are up to national standard, can enter for these final trials.

Queenslanders named are -

Men - N.Reynolds, A.Fingleton, W.Burton, A.Humphreys, G.Deuble, and J.Everding.

Women - C.Kensett, R.Thorn, C.Cooke, P.Sergeant and L.McArthur..

C.M. Thursday 1 March 1962

#### SWIM STARS COMING HERE

Warwick - A team comprising most of Australia's champion swimmers and divers will make a tour of Warwick, Toowoomba, and Brisbane next month. The tour was arranged by Warwick Swimming Club President (Mr John McNamara) during his recent visit to Melbourne for the Australian championships.

Members of the team, who are mostly from NSW and Vic, will fly to Brisbane on March 23, travel to Warwick by cars the same evening and swim there on Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon the team will go on to Toowoomba and compete there that night, and the following day they will swim in a carnival at the Valley pool.

Male members of the team will include world butterfly record holder, Kevin Berry, and Neville Hayes, Julian Carroll (backstroke), Robert Windle and Allan Wood (freestyle), and Ian O'Brien (breaststroke).

Outstanding among the female swimmers will be freestyler Dawn Fraser.

Other members of the team will include - Anne Nelson, Sue Costin, and Jill Bolton (backstroke), Ilsa Konrads and Ruth Everuss (freestyle), Jan Hogan (breaststroke), and Linda McGill (butterfly).

Among the divers who will compete at the carnivals will be Graham Deuble, Charles Bradford, and Lorraine McArthur.

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C.M. Tuesday 27 March 1962

#### ELEVEN Q'LAND GAMES OFFICIALS

Queensland will have 11 officials in the swimming and diving competitions at the Commonwealth Games in Perth from November 2 to December 1. Advice to this effect was received from the Australian Swimming Union at the Q.A.S.A. meeting last night.

The officials are - A.Kerlin, G.Bennett, L.Gray, G.Johnston, Lea Krigston, A.Barnacle, J.Taylor, W.Morrall, J.McNamara, and A.Burgess.

#### THOSE CHOSEN

These were the only swimming and diving officials nominated by Queensland. The balance of the 103 diving and swimming officials will come mainly from N.S.W., Victoria, and Western Australia.

Nominations for the positions of manager and manageress for the two Games training squads will close on April 15.

Decision on the two training venues in Queensland will be made probably at the July Conference.

#### DAWN WAS WITHIN A STROKE OF NEW WORLD RECORD

World women's sprint champion, Dawn Fraser, failed by less than a stroke - 0.7sec - to crack her own world 100 metres freestyle time of 60.2sec at the interstate carnival at the Valley pool last night. A fatigued Dawn surged over the two laps in 60.9sec to keep herself in the No 1 lane as the world's fastest swimmer.

Latest find in the men's sprint field, Charlie Staples, 21, of Sydney, swamped his competitors in the 100 metres freestyle to bolt home in 55.7sec, two seconds ahead of team mate Bob Windle. State champion, Ken Fredericks, touched third in 59.9sec.

Staples crashed through the first lap in 25sec dead to establish a winning margin with 50 metres to go. His time was 1.1sec outside John Devitt's Queensland and Australian time of 54.6sec.

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#### SCHOOLBOY IN BY 15 SECONDS

Earlier, schoolboy Windle made his own pace for a comfortable win by 15sec in the 400 metres freestyle. He took charge of the field from the first lap and held his rating to coast home in 4m 27.6s. Promising New South Wales junior, Dick Ling, was second. Langlands Park entrant Robert Brumley swam a good race to touch third in 4m 46.8s.

#### THREE IN FINISH

The backstroke Fingletons, Tony and John, forced national champion Julian Carroll to the best finish of the programme in the 100 metres backstroke. The three lunged stroke for stroke over the last lap, but 15 metres from the line Carroll leapt into a "win or bust" effort for first honours in 65.8sec.

#### VALLEY SHOCK

Valley girl, Penny March, gave the southern backstroke tsars an early shock in the 100 metres event. She cut through the first 50 metres to turn a stroke ahead of Sue Costin and Anne Nelson (both NSW) and held the thrashing pair for another 20 metres. However, the southern pair gave an amazing exhibition of sustained ratings to pass the Queenslander. Miss Costin led her team mate home in 1m 14.1s, with Penny a further second back.

#### GAMES LIFT

Junior Claire Cooke lifted her Commonwealth games prospects with a stirring finish in the 200 metres breaststroke. Claire bowed to the New South Wales champion, Jan Hogan, in 3m 4s, touching 1.6sec behind for second place. Leander's Frances Bliss edged in third.

Charlie Staples produced the most amazing effort of the night in the last event, the brace relay. Swimming anchor leg, he covered 50 metres freestyle in 24.3sec.

(Results given)

Courier Mail Monday 3 September 1962

#### ROBYN'S 29.9 IN FIRST SWIM TRIAL

Queensland champion women's freestyler, Robyn Thorn, returned a great 55 yards time of 29.9 seconds in Commonwealth Games swim training at Townsville at the weekend. Thorn has been in the water only for a week this season as her winter training has been confined to weights. In January she shattered an eleven year State 50 metre record when she touched in 29.1 seconds in the State Titles.

The women's squad under coach Arthur Cusack will go to Ayr for the first competition and be "at home" for the second carnival a week later in Townsville at the Tobruk Memorial Baths.

Both carnivals will be open to other swimmers provided they can swim within a certain time for a specified distance and stroke.

Queensland breaststroke champion, Bill Burton, raced through the 200 metres in 2 min 51.7 secs.

(There were regular articles in the paper at this time regarding the squad generally. I have recorded those mainly applying to Queenslanders.)

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C.M. Saturday 8 September 1962

#### OFFER FOR POOL - £30 A WEEK

People are willing to pay up to nearly £30 a week to lease City Council swimming pools. The Council received a total of twenty tenders to lease five pools. They are the Spring Hill, Ithaca, Toowong, Davies Park, and Langlands Park baths.

The highest of the tenders was £1,500 a year from A.Shield for a lease of the Manly pool. The period of the lease of the pools is from 1 October next to 30 June 1965.

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C.M. Tuesday 11 September 1962

#### TWO SWIM OFFICIALS GIVE UP POSTS

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) will not stand for re-election at the Association's next Council meeting on 24 September.

Holland, who has been Secretary for sixteen years, made the announcement at the QASA Annual Meeting last night.

The Treasurer (Mr Alan Corish) also will not stand for re-election.

Holland said he had declined nomination because of ill-health, pressure of work, and "frustration".

#### PLAN REJECTED

Holland's aim to streamline swimming administration received a severe setback when the plan to dispense with Birth Certificate method of registration was rejected by the QASA Council. He had blue-printed this plan in conjunction with others in an attempt to bring administration in Queensland into line with other Australian States. Since then he has received his second warning from his Doctor to "take it easy". "Although I do not intend to carry on as Secretary, I intend to remain actively associated with swimming," said Holland.

Holland is a State and Australian selector and Secretary of the Coaching and Education Committee.

Dr Don Dowling said, "Bill Holland is as close to being irreplaceable as any man could be."

Council Chairman, Dr E.Theile, described Holland as a man who lived two days every twenty four hours. "His capacity for work is more than I, as a medical man, could understand" he said.

Nominations for Secretary will now be called from the floor at the September 24 Council meeting.

Mr Corish, who has been Treasurer for three years, said pressure of work had caused him to stand down. The only nomination for Treasurer is Mr Marshall Cooke of the Valley Club.

#### SWIMMING SQUADS TO "SPEED UP"

Commonwealth Games swimming squads move into "maximum effort" this week in preparation for the first carnival at Ayr on Sunday night.

Queensland backstroke title holder, Tony Fingleton, is on a "kicking programme" until he recovers from an ear infection. Talbot hopes to have him on normal work tomorrow.

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C.M. Friday 21 September 1962

#### DEUBLE PERFECTS THE 3½ A GOLD MEDAL DIVE

Olympic diver, Graham Deuble, will be only the second man in history to attempt a 3½ somersault off a three metre board in international competition at the Commonwealth Games in Perth in November.

Deuble, 18, has almost perfected the dive in training with the Games squad at the Centenary Pool. He is ironing out irregularities in his entry following the tremendous momentum his body attains after 3½ spins.  
(Six consecutive photos show Deuble completing the dive)

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C.M. Tuesday 25 September 1962

#### CHERYL'S FOUR SWIMS BEAT OLD TIME

The State's middle distance champion, Cheryl Kensett, posted times within the previous standard of 5min 21.8secs in four quarter mile swims at Townsville yesterday. Her four times were, 5min 17secs, 5min 18secs, 5min 22 secs, and 5min 20secs.

On Saturday night Cheryl slashed the State 440 yards freestyle record by 34 seconds when she was second to Ilsa Konrads at a Commonwealth Games carnival in 5min 7.8secs.

Australia's No 2 sprinter, Robyn Thorn, yesterday swam eight impressive 55 yards sprints at the end of a 3 ½ mile session. Her times varied from 29.5 secs to 30.5 secs.

#### HOLLAND TO STAY ON JOB

Retiring Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) will continue in the position until the end of the year. Mr Holland last night accepted nomination as Secretary by the Valley Club when no nominations were made from the floor at the season's first Council meeting.

He said he would continue on the conditions that efforts were made to employ a part-time clerk at the QASA office to handle correspondence, and that a suitable person be found for the position.

At the Annual Meeting on September 10 Holland refused nomination by the Valley Club on advice from his Doctor.

Mr Marshall Cooke is the new Treasurer, and Dr E.Theile remains as Council Chairman.

Mr Holland announced that the Commonwealth Games women's squad at Townsville would be training in Brisbane from 7 October until the first official trial at the Valley Baths on October 17.

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C.M. Friday 28 September 1962

MURRAY ROSE TO SWIM IN GAMES TRIAL

World champion middle distance swimmer, Murray Rose, arrived in Sydney today in a bid for Commonwealth Games team selection in Melbourne on October 23, 25, and 27. Rose has been studying in America since 1957, except for a brief period when he returned to train for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

"FOOT BILL"

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) said last night that his Association would "foot the bill" for Rose's appearance in the October 17 carnival in Brisbane. Rose is virtually unsighted to the Brisbane public who have not seen the champion in action since he rocketed into the spotlight in 1960. Queensland swimming would receive an invaluable "shot in the arm" if Rose were to swim in Brisbane.

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C.M. Tuesday 9 October 1962

WOMEN SWIMMERS RETURN

The present water temperatures forced the women's squad team to return to Brisbane from Townsville yesterday. Women's team coach, Arthur Cusack, said last night that the squad had lost three training days because of water temperatures of up to eighty six degrees. He said training conditions in Brisbane would be ideal with the temperature at the Centenary Baths between seventy one and seventy five degrees.

The men's squad will remain in Ayr until October 14, when they also will return to Brisbane.

TRIALS HERE

Both squads will compete in a Commonwealth Games trial at the Valley Baths on Wednesday night October 17. They will then move to Sydney for further trials on October 20.

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C.M. Friday 12 October 1962

SUE'S FINE 100 AFTER TRAINING

Sue Costin, Australia's backstroke champion went within half a second of the Australian 100 metres backstroke record at the Valley Baths last night. Costin, who had done 4¾ miles of sprint training at the Centenary Pool during the day, turned out last night to cover 100 metres in 1min 13secs. Coach Arthur Cusack described this as an outstanding swim at the end of a long training day.

Queensland's Robyn Thorn swam one of her best 100 metres at the carnival after completing 5 miles of sprint training during the day. She covered the distance in 65 seconds, within 1.5 seconds of her best ever.

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C.M. Friday 26 October 1962

DEUBLE HAD EASY DIVE  
Melbourne

Queensland's Graham Deuble, 18 year old national champion, won the men's springboard trial in the easiest fashion at the Commonwealth Games diving trials yesterday. Another Queenslander, Jim Everding, was second.

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C.M. Monday 29 October 1962

FINGLETON LEFT OUT OF SWIM

Backstroker, John Fingleton of Queensland was one of the surprise omissions from the Australian swimming and diving team for the Commonwealth Games in Perth.

A team of 48 swimmers and divers was announced yesterday.

Fingleton, who has defeated Wayne Vincent of Victoria in both the 110 yards back-stroke trials, probably has been left out of the team so that Vincent (18) can gain experience.

Mitchell, who gained last minute swims in the 110 and 220 yards breaststroke trials after being told by selectors to try for the medley, gained a second and a third in both swims, yet Claire Cooke of Queensland whom Alwyn defeated both times has been included in the team.

Anne Nelson (18), Australian backstroke champion who was last Friday admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital suffering from suspected meningitis, was not included. Official explanation is that she could not recover from the virus infection and regain her form in time for the Games.

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COACH IS CRITICAL

A disappointed Ryan says, "It seems as though some of the team has been picked on past reputations instead of present performances." Harry Gallagher who coaches Alwyn Mitchell and Ryan said, "The Swimming Union called the three Melbourne carnivals the official trials. If the selectors did not intend to take notice of these trials, and in some cases they haven't, then they have duped the public and the swimmers.

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C.M. Tuesday 30 October 1962

ANNE NELSON HAS RETIRED  
Melbourne

Australian backstroker, Anne Nelson (18), has retired from championship swimming. She made this decision after being omitted from the team which flew to Perth yesterday. Anne, after fighting a severe virus infection for the past two weeks, became seriously ill last Thursday and was admitted to hospital on Friday.

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C.M. Monday 19 November 1962

AUSTRALIAN FOUR IN NEW WORLD SWIM

Perth - Australia's brilliant Commonwealth Games swimmers, anchored by freestyle champion Dawn Fraser, slashed 1.3sec off the world record for the women's 4 x 110 yards medley relay in a trial at the Beatty Park pool yesterday.

Miss Fraser swam in incredible freestyle leg, 3/10 sec better than the world record for 110 yards that she established during the games selection trials in Melbourne last month.

The Australian squad of Pam Sergeant (backstroke), Marguerite Ruygrok (breaststroke), Linda McGill (butterfly), and Dawn Fraser (freestyle), swam the distance in 4m 48.8s. Previous record of 4m 50.1s was held by an East German team.

PAM'S TWO

Miss Sergeant, a 16-year-old Queensland student, spurred her colleagues into making a supreme effort when she swam the backstroke leg in 1m 11.8s, clipping 3/10 sec off the Australian record she had established an hour earlier in a time trial.

She gave 15-year-old Miss Ruygrok - the youngest member of the squad - an advantage of three yards over the No 2 team at the start of the breaststroke leg, and this was increased to eight yards.

At the half-way mark when Miss McGill took over for the butterfly section, Miss McGill increased the margin to 15 yards.

Dawn for the last leg needed to swim her two laps in 61sec or better to beat the East German time. She ploughed through the water like a torpedo and at the finish was an incredible 35 yards ahead of her nearest rival.

In the 110 yards men's breaststroke, 15-year-old Ian O'Brien (NSW) beat Queenslander Bill Burton by a yard in the Australian junior record time of 1m 12.1s - only 1.1sec outside the senior mark.

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C.M. Tuesday 27 November 1962

#### SWIMMERS GAIN 2 RECORDS, 4 MEDALS

From Judy Joy Davies, former Olympic swimmer

Perth - Australian swimmers smashed two world records, three Commonwealth Games records, and won four Gold Medals at the Commonwealth Games yesterday.

Our two world records came in the women's 4 x 110 yards medley relay. The Australian team of Pam Sergeant, Marguerite Ruygrok, Linda McGill, and Dawn Fraser covered the distance in 4m 45.9s to shatter their own world record by 2.9sec, and the Commonwealth Games record by 8.1sec. And 16-year-old Queenslander, Pam Sergeant, covered the first leg, the 110 yards backstroke, in the new world record time of 1m 10.8s, to clip 1/10 sec off the world record held by Linda Ludgrove of England, whom Pam beat in the relay.

The first three teams in the relay, Australia, England, and Canada all broke the Commonwealth Games record

#### PAM WAS KEY GIRL

The Australian girls in the medley relay had a pow-wow at breakfast and decided to build their team around backstroke girl from Townsville, Pam Sergeant.

"We reckoned that Pam would beat world record holder, Linda Ludgrove of England, to gain us a lead," said Dawn Fraser later.

Pam did just that and broke a world record. But then the Australian team dropped to last as world champion Anita Lonsborough, of England, took the lead in the breaststroke section, followed by Canada and New Zealand, with Marguerite Ruygrok of Australia fourth.

The position for Australia did not alter in the butterfly leg. Mary Stewart, of Canada, the world record holder, gained the lead from England, New Zealand, and Linda McGill of Australia.

Dawn Fraser was four seconds behind Canada, and three seconds behind England when she splashed into the pool. She caught the field in the first 45 yards, led into the turn, and Australia was the victor by four yards.

Later Dawn said, "I thought I could give the other teams a three-second start on the final freestyle leg. I don't like being a back-runner so I tried to get to the front fast so I could swim in clear water."

The Australian girls individual times were - Sergeant 1m 10.8s (new world record), Ruygrok 1m 24.2s, McGill 1m 11.7s, Fraser 59.2sec.

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C.M. Wednesday 28 November 1962

#### ROSE AND CARROLL WIN GOLD MEDALS

PAM DOWN

Disappointment came when Queenslander, Pam Sergeant, 16, was beaten by 15-year-old English girl Linda Ludgrove. "Dad told me to go out in front the first lap, but something went wrong, and I was only fifth on the turn," she said. But Linda came good on the last lap, and the frail-looking girl outstayed Pam Sergeant, of Queensland.

Pam said she was very tense before the race, and it was obvious the nervous strain of breaking a world record on Monday in the medley, had taken toll as Pam swam 7/10sec slower.

#### TONY SECOND

Julian Carroll, of Sydney, won the 220 yards backstroke final after a tremendous struggle over the last 20 yards with Tony Fingleton, of Queensland. Later Tony said dejectedly, "I was trying to win a gold medal for Queensland. We have only had second places at these Games."

Neither Julian nor Tony knew who had won the event until they were called to the victory dais.

In the men's tower diving preliminary, Graham Deuble, of Queensland, was fourth

C.M. Wednesday 5 December 1962

#### 6 COUNTRY, 8 CITY CLUBS IN RECORD SWIM

Among the Sportsgirls with Ruby Robinson

A record 380 entries have been received for the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association championship carnival at the Valley pool on Friday, December 14, at 7 p.m. The entries are from eight metropolitan clubs and affiliated country clubs - Beaudesert, Bundaberg, Fairymead, Innisfail, Nambour, and Ipswich.

Two of Queensland's representatives at the Perth Commonwealth Games, Robyn Thorn, a gold and silver medallist, and Cheryl Kensett, will be competing.

Queensland's Claire Coke who was a finalist in the 110 yards and 220 yards breaststroke events in Perth, will not be competing as she is now a member of the team going to New Zealand. Claire finished fifth in her events in Perth but was still the first Australian to the finishing line.

Registered women swimmers in Queensland total 1208 metropolitan and 938 country.

Nominations for chaperone of the Queensland girls for the Australian championships in Perth in February will close tomorrow with the Association Secretary, Mrs L.Pratt, at 65 Richmond Street, Kedron.

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C.M. Thursday 15 December 1962

#### "BUTTONS" - AND BOUQUETS SHE'S THE PIN-UP OF "ISA" MINERS

Mt Isa miners know her affectionately as "Buttons"; she is 12, and destined to be a world swimming champion. This is no idle claim by the miners about the dainty, blonde-haired daughter of fellow miner Vic Oravainen.

"Buttons", or Rita Oravainen, although she only recently turned 12, has already established herself as one of the State's top swimmers. Last month "Buttons" turned on a display which made her miner-admirers stand a little taller - she won the Lake Moondarra 100 yards race against all-comers

At the State swimming championships in Brisbane in January, at the age of 11 she finished fourth in the State open 440 and 440 yards freestyle championships.

#### MEDLEY TYPE

Like her brother John who finished second in the 440 yards individual medley at the Commonwealth Games in Perth, "Buttons" is an all-stroke swimmer. When 11 she finished third in the State Under-16 440 yards medley but was disqualified for incorrect butterfly action.

At the North Queensland championships last year, Rita finished second in the pen 440 and 880 yards freestyles behind State champion Jan Paine. The year before, at the age of 10, she finished third in both events.

When she was 7, "Buttons" was winning under-10 events at North Queensland carnivals, and also finished second in the North Queensland under-16 diving championship last year.

#### ROBYN WON CLOSE RACE OFF KAYLEEN

Commonwealth Games gold medallist Robyn Thorn narrowly won the 100 metres open freestyle in the Queensland Women's championships at the Valley pool last night. Robyn held a slight lead throughout and then swam on strongly to hold off a strong challenge from Kayleen Cullen, of Valley.

Her time of 65.8sec was 0.7sec slower than the race record she set in her heat. Kayleen's official time was 66.3sec.

Two new records were set in the under-12 events. Valley swimmer Janet Steinbeck swam 31.7sec for 50 metres freestyle to better the previous race record by 0.6sec. Her team mate, Vivian Sammon, won her backstroke heat in 39.1sec - 0.4sec faster than the previous best.

(Results given)

C.M. Friday 11 January 1963

#### FINGLETON'S FAST SWIM OVER 100 M.

Tony Fingleton, Perth Games silver medallist, came within a second of his winning final time last year in taking out his heat of the State 100 metres backstroke at the Valley pool last night. Fingleton remained in control throughout, turning a fraction ahead of Barry Munro at the 50 metres, and increasing the margin in the home stretch. Fingleton clocked 66.4sec, 4.5sec ahead of Munro.

Second fastest qualifier for the event was Richie Wall, who swam an impressive 67.4sec.

"I felt very good," the title holder said after the heat. "I'm hoping for a 64 plus tomorrow night, although I intend to concentrate on the 200 metres title this year."

Leander's David Knight, third placegetter last year, could miss a place in the final tonight, although he looked to have a little in reserve after finishing third in Wall's heat in 73.3sec.

Munro eased up over the closing stages and may be a surprise packet tonight.

Olympian David Theile's Queensland resident standard of 63.3sec looks beyond Fingleton at the moment. Tony's brother Ron just made the qualifiers with 74.5sec, and fourth place in Wall's heat.

#### CHERYL NEAR HER BEST

Games freestyler Cheryl Kensett will have the junior 400 metres freestyle field at her mercy tonight, following her easy heat win. Cheryl set a new race record of 5m 13.8sec, which, though well outside her personal best, was far too good for her opponents.

Jennifer Thorn, younger sister of star Commonwealth Games freestyler, Robyn Thorn, returned the only other comparable effort with 5:18.4.

An outstanding effort, taking ages into consideration, came from Mt Isa "midget", Rita ("Buttons") Oravainen in the third heat. Rita, only 12, led all the way to touch from Club mate Ann Garraway in 5m 22.4s, the third fastest qualifying time. She is younger sister of Commonwealth Games individual medley silver medallist, John Oravainen.

Valley's Ron Birch set a new race record in the second heat of the men's under-14 50 metres butterfly with a smart 31.2sec. His time clipped one second off David Milburn's old time. Birch won the title last year in 33.9sec.

Three withdrawals, including Cheryl Kensett who will concentrate on the junior 400, pushed the main event, the women's 200 metres freestyle, into a straight-out final tonight.

One scratching from the men's 800 metres freestyle left the required number of qualifiers for the final, which also will be conducted tonight.

Oravainen could claim a new national time for the 40 metres individual medley tonight. He holds the Queensland record at 5m 18.6s, only 2.9 sec outside Bill Ebsary's (NSW) standard.

Other feature event for tonight is the women's 100 metres backstroke final. World record holder Pam Sergeant could be pushed to new heights by Penny March, Jenny Corish, and Lyn Abbott.

(Qualifiers listed)

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C.M. Saturday 12 January 1963

#### BAD TURN, BUT SET RECORD

Pam Sergeant, Perth Games relay gold medallist, recovered from a bad turn to smash the Queensland women's 100 metres backstroke record in the State titles at the Valley pool last night.

She clipped 1.1sec off Sue Costin's (NSW) old standard, touching in 1m12.1s, 5.8sec ahead of Penny March, with Lorraine Abbott three seconds further back in third place.

Robert Brumley (Langlands Park) caused the upset of the programme by beating favourite Noel Reynolds in the men's 800 metres freestyle. Brumley stroked to an early lead which he held throughout the race, and won by three strokes, despite a great last lap sprint by Reynolds. Ayr's Rod McLeod finished third. Brumley's time was 9m 28.2s.

#### STRONG FINISH

Tony Fingleton retained his 100 metres backstroke crown in a brilliant finish which brought second-placer, Richie Wall (West), a new Queensland junior record. The Perth Games silver medallist clapped on a blistering finish, touching in 64.8sec.

Wall's swim broke John Fingleton's old mark of 66.6sec by 0.4sec.

Leander's Barry Munro was well back third.

(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 15 January 1963

#### THREE SWIM FANCIES DOWN AT QLD. TITLES

Three title favourites were upset in the Queensland swimming championships at the Valley pool last night.

First upset was Valley's Claire Cooke's defeat in the 200 metres breaststroke. Claire, Commonwealth games breaststroke representative, was soundly trounced into third place. Gail Ashauer (Leander) shot past Claire in a surprise burst over the last 50 metres to touch in a disappointing 3m 3.3s, 1.1 sec slower than the champion's heat time on Saturday. Gail was followed by Valley junior, Stella McCallum, who touched off Claire for second place by 1.5sec.

David McMonagle (Valley) brilliantly touched off the favoured Noel Reynolds in a blistering 100 metres open freestyle finish. McMonagle gained a slight edge over the former G.P.S. champion at the start and turned ahead at the 50 metre mark. Reynolds put everything into his final sprint but made no impression on McMonagle, who posted 57.1sec, 0.2sec ahead of Reynolds.

#### DOWNNS CROWN

Burly Toowoomba freestyler Chris Shapland dethroned State junior 100 metres title holder, Grant Rayner (Valley), in a great 58.7sec, only 0.1 sec off Noel Reynolds race record.

Shapland later completed a splendid double when he retained his 400 metres individual medley crown in 5m 31.6s, from Richard Walk (Commercial) and Leander's Angus McLeod.

Bill Burton, Commonwealth Games silver medallist, completely outclassed his seven rivals to smash the Queensland resident record in the 200 metres

breaststroke by 1.4sec. His time of 2:38.7 also broke his own race record by 1.9sec.

Perth Games freestyler, Cheryl Kensett, took her title tally to three with wins in the junior women's 100 metres freestyle and the open 800 metres. She won the junior 400 metres freestyle last Friday.

(Results given)

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C.M. Wednesday 16 January 1963

#### ROBYN WAS 4 YARDS IN FRONT IN SWIM

State 100 metres freestyle champion, Robyn Thorn, bettered her own race record at the Valley pool last night by 0.5sec. A Commonwealth Games silver medallist, she clocked 1m 4.6sec in her heat.

Robyn was in front as she hit the water and led Kayleen Cullen, of Leander, to the turn. She drew away to a decisive four yard win during the second lap as Kayleen held Warwick girl, Jan Girle, for second. Coach Arthur Cusack said "I am quite happy with Robyn's swim. She was instructed to swim a 65, and clocked her time effortlessly."

Robyn's valley club mate, Cheryl Kensett, won the other heat, but her time was only 1m 7.7s.

Valley's Ross Gynther shaved 0.1sec off the previous best time to set a new record for the junior 100 metres breaststroke. Never headed, Gynther clocked 1m 10.7s to beat Michael Smith of Toowoomba easily.

#### 13 WITHDREW

Heavy scratchings caused officials to abandon the three scheduled heats of the men's 200 metres freestyle. Thirteen swimmers withdrew and the eight left in were named as finalists for the event.

State title holder, Noel Reynolds, will clash with David McMonagle who downed him on Monday night. Commonwealth Games swimmer, John Oravainen, is also a finalist.

(Finalists given)

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C.M. Thursday 17 January 1963

#### REYNOLDS CLOCKS NEW YIME FOR "200" FREESTYLE

Former G.P.S. champion Noel Reynolds lowered Olympian John Rigby's resident record for 200 metres freestyle in a brilliant swim at the State swim titles at the Valley pool last night.

Reynolds clipped 0.9sec off Rigby's time, touching in 2m 6.8s, 1.7sec inside his winning time last year. His win avenged his defeat by Valley's David McMonagle over 100 metres on Monday.

McMonagle was no match for his youthful opponent, clocking 2m 10.9s, with Mt Isa's John Oravainen third, a second further back.

Reynolds swam a beautifully judged race, covering the first 100 metres in 60.2sec and was never in doubt when McMonagle slowed slightly over the third lap.

#### 4 TIMES BEATEN

Reynolds new standard was one of the four State resident records bettered in last night's carnival.

Robyn Thorn, Commonwealth Games dual medallist, shaved 0.1sec off her own Queensland resident time to retain her 100 metres freestyle crown. Robyn led from the start, overcoming a determined first lap challenge from Kay Cullen, to post 64sec, 1.6sec ahead of Kay, with another Games freestyler, Cheryl Kensett, third on 67.2sec. Cheryl, attempting to take her fourth State title, was surprisingly relegated to third place.

## PAM'S RECORD

Pam Sergeant, world record backstroke holder, knocked 1.7aec off her old time in easily winning the Queensland 200 metres backstroke title. With no real opposition, Pam was we'll outside her own Australian record of 2m 35.5s. Individual medley champion Jennifer Corish made no impression on her at any stage, finishing with 2m 45.4s, with club mate Penny March third 4.4sec away.

Outstanding young breaststroker Ross Gynther (Valley) bettered former Australian representative, Alan Humphreys' junior time by 0.6sec in the junior 100 metres event. Gynther was in charge throughout, clocking 1m 17.8s.

Perth Games silver medallist, Tony Fingleton, completely overwhelmed his seven opponents in the 200 metres backstroke final. He dashed over the first 100 metres in 68.8sec, and reached the line 9.3sec ahead of his nearest rival, Leander's Barry Munro, with Richard Walk (Commercial) a distant third in 2m 34.6s. Fingleton registered 2m 23.6s, only 0.9sec outside his own Queensland resident record.

Promising junior breaststroker, Stella McCallum (Valley), lowered former champion Rosemary Lassig's race record for the junior 100 metres event. She cut 0.8sec off the old mark clocking 1m 26s, and downing Heather Preston (Leander), and Mt Isa's Lyn Jones.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 18 January 1963

## BURTON SET FOR DOUBLE IN QLD. TITLES

Bill Burton, Commonwealth Games silver medallist, looks set to collect his first breaststroke double with the 100 metres event at the State title at the Valley pool tonight. He overshadowed all the other qualifiers last night, knocking 0.4sec off Alan Humphreys' race record to clock 1m 13.4s.

Humphreys had the next best with 1m 16.9, but in his present form is no danger to the Queensland champion.

Burton had the 200 metres final all to himself on Monday night.

Chris Shapland, outstanding Toowoomba freestyler, shattered Noel Reynolds old "barrier" in the 200 metres junior freestyle with a slashing 2m 9.4s. This cut 0.2sc off Reynolds Queensland resident record set two seasons ago. Shapland is odds on to take his fourth title with this event tonight. He already has wins in the junior 400 metres individual medley, 400 metres freestyle, and 100 metres freestyle.

Claire Cooke is in danger of losing her only remaining breaststroke crown - the 100 metres. The Commonwealth Games representative won her heat last night - but only by the bare margin of 0.2sec from Valley's Stella McCallum. She posted 1m 26s, half a second outside her winning time last year.

Her opposition will come from Stella and Leander's Gayle Ashauer who touched Claire into third place in the 200 metres event on Monday night. Gayle was untroubled in her heat to win in 1m 27.6s. She should improve on this tonight with tighter competition.

## CHERYL HEADS

Cheryl Kensett, with her fourth title in sight, headed the qualifiers in the junior 200 metres freestyle. She came within 2.7sec of Robyn Thorn's record clocking 2:26.7. Robyn's younger sister Jennifer was second fastest with 2:32.

Valley's Ron Birch is the only swimmer to reach four titles so far this carnival.

(Qualifiers given)  
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C.M. Saturday 19 January 1963

#### KENSETT'S TWO GAVE HER FIFTH QLD TITLE

Cheryl Kensett lifted her individual title tally to five in the current State swimming championships with a double in the open 400 metres and the junior 200 metres freestyle at the Valley pool last night.

The Commonwealth Games freestyler waged a stroke for stroke battle with games team mate Robyn Thorn in the open 400 metres before pulling away over the last lap. She stroked away to post 5m 7.5s, a comfortable 3.1sec ahead of Robyn, who swam a personal best of 5:10.6.

She had previously taken the junior 100 metres and 400 metres, and open 800 metres. Earlier she almost lost her junior 200 metres crown to Robyn's sister, Jennifer, while saving herself for the later event.

#### UPSET CLAIRE

Valley junior, Stella McCallum, upset Games breaststroker Claire Cooke's attempt to retain her 100 metres title with a well-judged last lap sprint. Claire, who had previously lost her 200 metres crown to Gayle Ashauer (Leander), failed to peg back Stella's burst, and finally had to be content with third when Gayle slipped in second to record the same time as Stella - 1:25.6.

Toowoomba's crack middle-distance freestyler, Chris Shapland, lowered the Queensland resident 200 metres junior mark for the second time in 24 hours in winning last night's final. He smashed his day-old record by 0.4sec, clocking 2m 9s flat in outdistancing his nearest rival, Grant Rayner (Valley). Terry Kearney was third.

Noel Reynolds splendid 400 metre freestyle showing cost him the 200 metres butterfly, the last event on the programme.

#### REYNOLDS OUT

Reynolds romped away over the "quarter" in 4m 33.2s, 11.3 sec ahead of Langlands Park's Robert Brumley, with Ayr's Rod McLeod 3.4sec further back third. Only four events later he had to line up for possibly one of the toughest events on the sheet - the 200 butterfly.

Games silver medallist, John Oravainen (Mt Isa), measured Reynolds over the first 100 metres in 69.8sec and dashed away to win in 2:30.8. Reynolds tried vainly to equal the challenge but missed by 0.4sec. Leander's junior, John Dunne, set a new Queensland resident standard with his third placing in 2:39.3.

#### BURTON FAST

Bill Burton spreadeagled his opponents in taking Alan Humphreys 100 metres breaststroke title.

He clipped 0.3sec off the race record he established in Thursday's heats, downing Humphreys in 1:13.2. This is only 0.8sec off Terry Gathercole's open Queensland record. He cleared away after only 25 metres of the race, leaving Humphreys and Alan Neill to fight out the minor placings. Neill finished third in 1:17.2.

(Results given. Head photo of Robyn Thorn)

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C.M. Thursday 31 January 1963

#### NO HELP FOR SWIM TRIO

Three Queensland Empire Games swimmers will not receive financial assistance to attend the Australian swimming championships in Perth next month. Although the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association will spend twice as much as normal (£1,350), only nine swimmers will be sent at the Association's expense.

The three are - Cheryl Kensett, John Oravainen, and Claire Cooke.

Oravainen (Mt Isa) finished second in the men's medley at the Games, and Claire Cooke was third in the women's breaststroke.

#### NOT AT GAMES

Four of the nine selected did not swim at the Games, but these have been included to maintain a balanced team.

Games placegetters, Pam Sergeant (Townsville - backstroke), Bill Burton (breaststroke), Tony Fingleton (backstroke), Jennifer Corish (individual medley), and Robyn Thorn (freestyle), are included in the nine.

The other four are - Richard Wall (senior and junior backstroke), Stella McCallum (senior and junior breaststroke), Noel Reynolds (butterfly and freestyle), and David McMonagle (sprints).

#### THIRTEEN TO PAY

Thirteen others have been selected to swim, but they will have to pay their own way to the titles to be held from February 18 to 23. Oravainen, Kensett, and Cooke have been included in this group, with Robyn Thorn's younger sister, Jennifer.

All members of this second group must notify the QASA of their intentions by Monday, February 4

QASA Secretary (Mr Bill Holland) said last night that it was hoped a diver would be included in the team if money allowed. If a diver is selected it is likely to be Lorraine McArthur, 15, who finished third in the springboard event at the Empire Games.

This would mean that Empire Games diver, John Everding, would miss the trip. Australian champion, Graham Deuble, is not available.

The teams - the team is in order of selection -

P.Sergeant (T'ville), W.Burton, A.Fingleton, R.Wall, R.Thorn (K'roy), J.Corish, S.McCallum, N.Reynolds, D.McMonagle.

Selected to swim but without financial assistance -

C.Kensall, G.Ashauer, C.Shapland (T'ba), J.Oraveainen (Mt Isa), R.Gynther, R.Dunne, L.Jones (Mt Isa), J.Thorn (K'roy), L.West, C.Cooke, R.Brumley, A.Humphreys, L.Abbott (Mt Isa).

C.M. Saturday 2 February 1963

#### McMONAGLE IN FAST TITLE SWIM

Rising State swim sprinter, David McMonagle, 19, formerly of Warwick, showed last night he is a potential Australian champion. McMonagle, Queensland 100 metres champion, cruised home in his heat at the metropolitan regional championships at the Valley pool in 57.5sec - 0.4sec outside his best ever.

He was unlucky not to have posted a personal best as he caught the ropes just before the turn. He said after the race that this had cost him at least half a second. McMonagle said he hoped to be down to 56.5sec for the carnival against the Japanese on February 8. "I am sure I can do 56.5sec against tough competition, and I hope to do 56sec flat at the Australian titles in Perth on Feb 16," he said.

A 56sec at the Australian titles would win him the title

Although he said he was not flat out in the first lap last night, he was unofficially timed at 55.2sec.

Empire Games silver medallist, Robyn Thorn, easily won her heat of the women's open 100 metres freestyle in 65.2sec. Closest to Robyn's time in other heats were, Kayleen Cullen (66.1), and Empire Games representative, Cheryl Kensett (67.1).

#### ASSIST YOUNG

Last night's competition was the inaugural metropolitan regional swimming championship.

The championship which fosters under 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 swimming age groups, is run along American lines. The idea is to start the swimmers very young, thus giving them a greater chance of developing into champions.

Officials claim that the Under-8 age group is probably the youngest group in the world.

The championships have brought to light an outstanding 7-year-old swimmer - Diane Charlton.

Diane, of Bulimba, covered 50 metres freestyle in 38.2sec. This was 3.5sec faster than the 9-year-old boys' event.

#### SMART BOYS

Under-8 boys' swimmer, Robert Butcher, covered 50 metres in the fast time of 41.6sec, to just edge out 6-year-old Paul Fleming, son of ex-Australian champion, Bill Fleming. Fleming's daughter, Sue, won the girls' Under-9 freestyle in the outstanding time of 41.9sec.

Robert's elder brother, Peter Butcher, showed outstanding ability to win the Under-10 50 metres in 34.2sec. One hundred and sixteen heats were held last night.

The other half of the heats will be held on Friday night, with finals the following Monday.

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C.M. Monday 4 February 1963

#### DEUBLE IS STILL DIVE CHAMPION

Champion diver, Graham Deuble, retained his highboard title by more than 12 points in the State championships at the centenary pool yesterday. He comfortably downed Saturday's conqueror, John Everding, with a much more convincing display. Noel McDougall finished third on 116.91 points.

Deuble's performance was reflected in his final dive - a forward one and a half somersault with a double twist - which earned him top points of the competition with 18.46.

Everding was inclined to leave himself short in some of his entries, and lost ground on his back pike, arm stand double somersault with tuck, and forward three and a half somersault with tuck.

His best return came from his forward one and a half somersault with double twist - 16.2 points.

Deuble carded 143.78 points to Everding's 131.34.

#### SIXTH MEDAL

Lorraine McArthur collected her sixth gold medal and title with the women's highboard championship. Lorraine, who is still a junior, was the only entrant, but gave a polished exhibition to finish with 63.85 points.

C.M. Tuesday 5 February 1963

#### TWO DIVERS GOING TO PERTH

Lorraine McArthur and John Everding were named last night as Queensland's entrants in the Australian Diving Championships in Perth on February 16. Australian men's champion, Graham Deuble, was not available.

Lorraine won a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games, and Everding is State 3-metre springboard champion.

Q.A.S.A. has allocated 67 pounds to each diver, leaving a balance of 40 pounds for each to raise for the trip. Both are requested to notify diving association secretary (Mr L.Krigstein) of their availability.

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## SWIMMER OUT

Breaststroker Claire Cooke last night withdrew from the swimming team to contest the Australian titles in Perth on the same date.

Mr Mal Munro has been appointed manager of the Queensland team. Mr Munro has been a member of Q.A.S.A. Council for nine years, and on the Executive Committee for six years. He has been Chief Judge for six years, and was a foundation member of the Langlands Park Trust.

Mr Joe King is the official coach.

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C.M. Friday 8 February 1963

## ROBYN OUT FOR RECORD

Robyn Thorn will be out to break her own State freestyle swimming record when Queensland meets Japan at the Valley pool tonight. She established the 100 metres record of 64sec at the recent State titles. Yesterday her coach, Arthur Cusack, said, "Robyn is near the peak of her form, and she wants to break 64sec to top off her preparation for the National titles in Perth later this month."

Cusack said another Queensland champion, Bill Burton, has clocked the fastest 55 metre lap of his career in his training for the meeting.

## BURTON FIT

"Bill covered the last quarter of a 220 metre breaststroke swim in 33.9sec - the fastest he has ever done," Cusack added.

The stiffest opposition to Queensland tonight should come from the Japanese girls national team.

World backstroke champion Satoko Tanaka has impressed Brisbane coaches by her fluent stroke-making. Cusack saw Tanaka swim at the Rome Olympics in 1960, and yesterday he ranked her second to Commonwealth Games gold medallist, Linda Ludgrove of England, for smoothness in her swimming.

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C.M. Saturday 9 February 1963

## PAM ECLIPSED BY JAP BACKSTROKER

Chunky Japanese backstroker Satoko Tanaka cracked Pam Sergeant's Australian 100 metres record by 1.3sec in the international swim meeting at the Valley pool last night. Miss Tanaka breezed through two laps with clockwork precision in 69.7sec, well within the National standard, and 2.6sec inside Miss Sergeant's Queensland record. This time is only half a second outside Lyn Burke's (U.S.A) world record of 69sec, set in a relay in the Rome Olympics in 1960.

The 20-year-old glided away from the field after 40 metres, and maintained an easy but relentless rating, touching off Miss Sergeant (1:11.9), with Penny March third in 1:14.8.

## WON 9 OF 13

Japan dominated the meeting, winning nine of the thirteen events.

Queensland's four wins came in the 100 metres men's freestyle (David Mconagle), 100 metres men's backstroke (Tony Fingleton), 100 metres women's freestyle (Robyn Thorn), and the men's medley relay.

Diminutive Kicki Yamanami equalled former Australian breaststroke champion, Terry Gathercole's State 200 metres time with a superb 2m 33.5s, downing Olympian Bill Burton by 3.3sec, with team mate Mitsuo Takashima third on 2m 39.8s.

Robyn lowered her State resident 100 metres time by 0.1sec in a splendid win over Yoslluko Sato (66sec), and Kimiko Esaka (66.2sec). Her time was 63.9sec.

## SET RECORD

Eiko Takahashi set the tempo for Japan's convincing display with a new Queensland record in the first event - the women's 100 metres butterfly. She lopped a second off Jan Andrews' old mark of 1m 10.7s, beating team member Hiroko Saito, and Queensland champion Jennifer Corish.

McMonagle, in the best finish of the night, burned off the 100 metres freestyle field in 56.9sec. He dashed home only 0.1sec ahead of Kunihiro Twasaki and Takeshi Yamakage.

## FINGLETON AGAIN

Fingleton notched another win when he comfortably stroked away in the men's 100 metres backstroke in 65sec. He forged away convincingly over the last lap winning by 2.2sec from Takeshi Yakamage and M.Oski in 68.1sec.

(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 12 February 1963

## McMONAGLE IN HIS FASTEST 100 FREESTYLE

State freestyle champion David McMonagle swam the fastest 100 metres of his career when he clocked 56.6sec at the Valley pool last night. Swimming in the metropolitan finals, McMonagle equalled the State resident record.

McMonagle, 19, was never headed and had a 5 yard lead over Terry Kearney at the finish. It was a big boost to McMonagle's prospects at the National titles starting in Perth this Friday.

## WILL BE CLOSE

McMonagle said, "The time was my fastest official one so far, and I feel I could have done a little better. The freestylers will be hard to separate at Perth, but tonight's swim makes me confident that I will not be far away at the finish."

Last night's time was 0.3sec faster than McMonagle's clocking for the 100 metres freestyle in the Japan-Queensland clash last Friday.

(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 19 February 1963

(Initial report of success of Japanese in Perth)

## QUEENSLAND TEN

Queensland will have ten swimmers in the national titles finals following last night's heats.

The Queensland qualifiers are -

R.Wall and C.Shapland (220 yards men's junior backstroke), C.Kensett and R.Thorn (women's 440 yards freestyle), P.Sergeant (women's 220 yards backstroke), W.Burton, A.Humpheys and R.Gynther (220 yards men's breaststroke), J.Thorn and C.Kensett (110 yards junior freestyle).

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C.M. Wednesday 20 February 1963

## PAM "2" IN BLACKOUT SWIM

Perth - In one of the most fantastic races in Australia's swimming history, a complete blackout of lights turned the final of the women's 220 yards Australian backstroke championship last night into being declared "no race".

Pam Sergeant, of Queensland, thought she finished second, and Jill Bolton, of Victoria, thought she came third to Japanese world record-holder Satoko

Tanaka. As the shocked swimmers left the pool, the officials told them the race would be re-run later during the programme.

Swimming at the Beatty Park pool during heavy rain Tanaka, 20, was leading the field when every light fused as the swimmers were halfway down the third lap of the race. Lightning is believed to have caused the blackout.

In stunned silence the spectators could see nothing; they could only hear the slapping of the arms on the water as the confused girls continued their race. On the turn some of the girls stopped, trying to see what was happening, and then continued.

Officials and judges tried to see their stopwatches by match light, but the driving rain prevented this and the timekeepers didn't even try to time the swimmers as they touched.

Tanaka won the race easily. She collapsed after the race from nervous exhaustion, and after receiving first-aid treatment, had to withdraw from the re-swim.

An incomplete record of results show J.Oravainen third, 440 yards individual medley, and S.McCallum second, 220 yards junior breaststroke.

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C.M. Friday 22 February 1963

Perth report includes -

Tony Fingleton, 22 -year-old Queensland champion, fouled the ropes over the last 20 yards, but won the 100 yards backstroke title in a great finish from Julian Carroll.

Detailed (incomplete) results also show R.Gynther third 220 yards junior breaststroke, C.Kensett second women's 440 yards freestyle.

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C.M. Monday 25 February 1963

#### TWO QLD. SWIM STARS TO TOUR

Perth - Two Queenslanders, Bill Burton and Tony Fingleton, are in the 14-man Australian swim team to leave for a 5-week world tour on April 15.

The team will swim at two meting in Japan, one in Moscow, one in Germany, and four in Scandinavian countries before its return to Australia on May 20.

Australian selectors Bill Berge Phillips, Alan Blue, and Bill Holland, picked young swimmers who should form the nucleus of the Australian men's team for the Olympic Games next year.

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C.M. Tuesday 9 April 1963

Picture of Bill Burton swimming)

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C.M. Thursday 11 April 1963

#### TOUR LIFT TO SWIMS

National swim selector, Bill Holland, last night hailed the coming Australian swim tour as a major step towards further development of Australian swimming.

Holland, Q.A.S.A. Secretary, will manage the 14-man team to leave Sydney on Monday for a tour of the Far East, Asia and Europe. Holland said, "This tour is long overdue. We badly need international competition, more so than, say, the United States. Because of our small population we have no depth of talent. We have six freestylers who could break 57sec for 100 metres, the Americans would have 36".

## RUSSIAN BID

Holland said this touring team, with the addition of John Konrads and Murray Rose, would provide the nucleus of the men's side Australia would send to the Tokyo Olympics next year.

This will be the first Australian team to swim in Russia.

Two Queenslanders are in the Australian team. Olympic and Empire Games breaststroker, Bill Burton, and Empire Games backstroker Tony Fingleton.

Courier Mail Tuesday 24 September 1963

NEW SWIM COACH

When Bill Fleming, Australian swim champion and now one of the nation's leading coaches, moved from Davies Park to Cabarita Pool in Sydney last month, Keating took over the job as lessee in charge of management and coaching.

Englishman John Keating, 39, was a former physical training instructor for the Royal Navy for 9 years and coached swimming for 2 years. Later he taught physical education in London and Portsmouth for 5 years. Since arriving in Australia he has been "going to school" each summer with Fleming.

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C.M. Friday 4 October 1963

DAWN TO TURN ON SPEED TONIGHT

World swim queen, Dawn Fraser, will have her first "flat out" swim of the season at the Valley Pool tonight. "I'll have to be flat," said Dawn, "as Robyn Thorn will be against me." Kingaroy's Robyn Thorn was first home behind Dawn when she set world 100 metre and 110 yards records of 59.5 seconds at the Commonwealth Games in Perth last year.

Dawn arrived in Brisbane from Melbourne yesterday for the Warana relays and an 100 metre invitation event at the Valley Baths tonight.

Other Queensland and Commonwealth Games swimmers in the 100 metre event are Cheryl Kensett and medley bronze medallist Jennifer Corish.

AFTER TREBLE

Dawn, 25, 1956 and 1960 Olympic 100 metre champion, has her eyes on a treble at Tokyo next year, a feat not yet attained by any man or woman swimmer. The only girl in the world to have broken the minute for 100 metres said yesterday, "I don't think I have yet reached my best time because I have not yet been extended to the limit. When I leave the pool exhausted, I will know I have swum my fastest."

A total of 72 teams have nominated for tonight's relays which start at 7.30.

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C.M. Saturday 5 October 1963

DAWN CLOCKS SPEEDY 100

Dawn Fraser, the world's best woman swimmer, clocked the best early season time of her career at the Valley Pool last night. Dawn, the 100 metre Olympic champion since 1956, covered 100 metres in 62.6 seconds, a time few women swimmers have achieved after intensive training. "I have never gone so fast before in my first competitive swim of the season," Dawn said. "It gets harder each year to knuckle down to training. This swim has me enthusiastic already. I would have been happy with a 65 seconds tonight."

Dawn was swimming in a special invitation event in conjunction with the Warana relays.

ROBYN SECOND

She swam against leading Queensland girl swimmers including Robyn Thorn who finished second to Dawn in a 110 yards freestyle in Perth last year, and medley bronze medallist in Perth, Jennifer Corish. Robyn again finished second last night in 65.7 seconds, with Kay Cullen third in 69.1 seconds.

Leading authorities at the pool last night said that no more than six women swimmers have clocked better than Dawn's time of 62.5 seconds.

Her time suggests she could become the first swimmer in the world, man or woman, to win the 100 metres title in three successive Olympics.

Later in the night Dawn swam two separate legs of relays in 28.2 and 28.1 seconds respectively.

City Pastime Nol team won the final of the relays from 71 other teams. Guinea Pigs were second and F.Tritton No 1 was third.

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C.M. Tuesday 8 October 1963

#### BILL BURTON TO RETURN

The swimming future of Olympian breaststroker Bill Burton hinges on his performances in the State championships next January. Burton, State 100 and 200 metres champion and an Olympian at Rome and a Commonwealth Games silver medallist at Perth, now has limited opportunities to train. His work as a diesel mechanic frequently takes him to the country.

Burton's coach, Arthur Cusack, said last night, "He is training as solidly as possible and his technique has never looked so good, but he is behind in his training schedule. His Tokyo prospects depend entirely on how he comes up in the State titles."

Cusack reported that his Commonwealth Games gold medallist and former holder of the world 110 yards backstroke record, Pam Sergeant, is in splendid shape. Pam, a member of Australia's winning medley relay team at Perth, and a silver medallist to England's Linda Ludgrove in the 10 and 220 yards titles, looks certain of selection in Tokyo.

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C.M. Wednesday 9 October 1963

#### FINGLETON TO SWIM AGAIN By Frank O'Callaghan

Brisbane's John Fingleton, former State backstroke champion, is back in training with an eye on next year's Tokyo Olympic Games.

The road is now wide open now that two of his chief rivals, brother Tony Fingleton the national champion and Julian Carroll the Commonwealth Games gold medallist, appear to be out of the Olympic race. Both will spend the coming Australian season at American universities. They will be required, if bidding for Tokyo, to return to Australia for the national championships and Olympic trials next February.

#### SELECTOR PLEASED

Queensland Olympic selector, Bill Holland, was delighted last night at the news of Fingleton's come-back. He said, "This is splendid news. Australia is desperately short of a class backstroker, and John is an even better natural swimmer than his brother Tony."

John, 21, has never fully developed his swimming talents, mainly because of a dislike for the long training grind. This season he has a different approach.

"It is now or never," he said last night. "I'll stick it out this time." His training form suggests he will. Already he is clocking his best times for this state of his season's preparations, and at the Valley Club swim tonight will face his first competitive challenge.

#### MISSED GAMES

John went into semi retirement after failing to make the Commonwealth Games team last October. He was left out of the side in favour of Victorian, Wayne Vincent, whom he had beaten five times in seven meetings. Carroll, Tony Fingleton, and Vincent, went to the Games where Carroll won the 220 yards title, and Fingleton was disqualified for not touching at the turn when he had the 110 yards title in his grasp.

Carroll's 220 yards time of 2min 20.9secs is 2.7 secs inside John's best. His 65.4 secs for his 110 yards silver medal bettered John's fastest by 0.4secs.

## TWO CHANCES

The Olympic backstroke title will be decided over 200 metres for the first time next year. This gives John two chances of making the Olympic team, as a 200 metres candidate or as a member of the 4x100 medley relay team. He has everything in his favour. Since coach Bill Fleming went to Sydney, he has been training with Arthur Cusack, a man who steered David Theile to his two successive 100 metres Olympic titles.

## KONRADS ASKS FOR A.S.U. HELP

World record holder Jon Konrads has sought the Australian Swimming Union's intervention to enable him to return from the United States in time for the national championships in Sydney.

Konrads, who is at present studying at the University of Southern California, has been asked to stay in America until next April. This would prevent him from swimming in the Australian championships at North Sydney, and would automatically disqualify him from selection for the team for Tokyo.

The A.S.U. at their half-yearly Conference in July re-affirmed their previous decision that the Australian titles would be used as the selection trials for the Tokyo Olympics.

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C.M. Friday 23 October 1963

## TONY NOT TO TRY FOR TOKYO

By Frank O'Callaghan

Australian backstroke champion and Commonwealth Games representative, Tony Fingleton, will not be available for the Olympic Games at Tokyo next year.

Fingleton made the decision after reviewing his study programme at the United States Harvard University. He does, however, expect to make the Harvard swim team for the inter-varsity competition. Fingleton, a school teacher from Holland Park, left Australia with butterflyer Neville Hayes last July to take up a scholarship at Harvard.

## COULD SET BACK

He then had hopes of returning to contest the Australian championships and Olympic trials in Sydney in February. He has since learned that to miss a week of lectures in his four year Business Administration course could set him back.

Harvard, American President John Kennedy's old university, is one which places study on a much higher plane than sport. Fingleton, 22, holds the Australian 110 and 220 yards backstroke titles and would have won the Commonwealth Games 110 yards title at Perth last year but for muffing his turn.

Tony's brother John will swim for Valley Club against Leander in the Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association's first inter-club meet at the Valley Pool tonight.

Valley will also have Commonwealth Games pair Cheryl Kensett (freestyle) and Jennifer Corish (medley). Olympic breaststroker, Bill Burton, and State all-round star Noel Reynolds will swim for Leander. The first event will start at 7.30.

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C.M. Thursday 7 November 1963

## SWIM BODY DOUBLES FEES FOR 12,000

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland Swimming Association has succeeded in doubling members' affiliation fees at its third attempt. The Association's 12,000 affiliated members will now pay four shillings instead of two shillings, from the start of the 1964-65 season next September.

The fees question, a contentious one, was one of the factors which prompted the resignation of long term Secretary, Bill Holland. Association Secretary (Brian McCoy) said last night that the additional revenue was essential to cover increased administration costs and finance for teams for national championships.

BACK ON PANEL

Holland has been reappointed as Queensland representative on the Australian selection panel after a ballot contest with prominent amateur coach, Joe King. It is the first time Holland has been opposed in the 15 years as a national selector.

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C.M. Friday 22 November 1963

KENNY TO APPLY TO SWIM AS AN AMATEUR

By Frank O'Callaghan

Hayden Kenny, former Australian surf belt champion, will apply to the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association for reinstatement as an amateur. Kenny, 27, was the centre of controversy in the 1961-62 season when Q.A.S.A ruled him as a professional because of his earnings as the lessee and coach at the Maryborough swimming pool.

This meant that if he swam in surf events in which no equipment was used, those who competed against him would have been ruled by the Q.A.S.A as ineligible to compete as amateurs.

Because of this he contested only board, belt, and R and R events. But in that season he won the national belt title and was a member of his Club, Alexandra Headland's team of Australian R and R champions.

Kenny first applied through the North Coast Branch of the State Surf Centre for reinstatement. But State centre has never questioned his status.

Kenny said from Maryborough last night that he wanted a clearance so that he could swim with his club team in surf races. He won the State belt and surf race titles in the 1959-60 season.

On Sunday, at Noosa, he will oppose last summer's national belt title runner-up, John Rigby, of Maroochydore.

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C.M. Saturday 30 November 1963

RELAY TEAM SETS RECORD

Langland's Park men's relay team broke its own 300 metres relay record at the Valley pool last night. The team was competing in the first heat of the Brisbane Swimming Association's championships. The team moved right away towards the end of the heat to finish in 3m 24.5s - five seconds faster than the previous record time.

State 100 metres freestyle champion, Dave McMonagle (Valley), swam 1/9sec outside his record time of 55.6sec in heat two of the 100 metres event. He came within 0.8sec of his record in the 50 metres open butterfly.

A number of junior swimmers also turned in good race times last night.

More than 1400 swimmers have nominated for the championships.

C.M. Tuesday 11 December 1963

"TOO MUCH STRAIN ON SWIMMERS"

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland Amateur swimming Association Council Chairman, Dr E.F.Theile, last night attacked parents and swim coaches for pushing swimmers beyond their physical capabilities.

He said he could not understand how parents particularly could watch their children battle through a heavy swim programme. He gave as an instance the case

of an overworked country girl swimmer who needed medical advice at a recent carnival because of nervous exhaustion.

#### LIMIT TO FOUR

"These children are being driven to the bottom of the baths." he said.

Dr Theile said that four events should be the absolute maximum for any swimmer in the one night. "In the case of 100 metre events I would like to see a limit of three," he said. "One must remember that a child who takes 75 seconds to cover 100 metres of freestyle is using as much energy as the more mature one who clocks 65 seconds."

Dr Theile's comments came almost on the eve of the closing date for the State championships. Nominations for next month's titles close on Friday.

Q.A.S.A Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) supported Dr Theile when he said last night, "This deplorable practice is not only having a bad physical and demoralising effect on the swimmers, it is burning out prospective Olympians. I know of at least four swimmers who might have become champions but for the impossible demands put on them."

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C.M. Thursday 7 January 1964

#### ROBYN EQUALLED SWIM TIME FOR 110

Olympic Games prospect, Robyn Thorn, equalled her State record of 64.8sec for 110 yards freestyle at the Centenary pool last night. Her swim was unpaced, but coach Arthur Cusack, described it as only a fair effort.

A bad cold had interrupted Robyn's training for the last two weeks. But Cusack put her failure down to "amateurish" turning and touching. He said that if Thorn had touched with her left hand instead of her right, she would have broken the record.

#### SIX FAILED

Six other top Queensland swimmers also failed on attempts on State records.

State High swimmer, Ron Birch, 15, lopped nine seconds off the junior 110 yards record of 1:18.5, but missed out by 0.6sec in breaking the open record. Cusack said that under the circumstances the swim was not too bad, but should have been better. Water temperature was 86 degrees, far above the ideal temperature of 74 degrees.

Marilyn Power, 13, of Toowoomba, broke the junior 220 yards individual medley record of 3:03.7 by 5.1sec, and narrowly missed out on the open record of 2:57.6 by one second. Cusack said an indifferent turn cost her the record. She had to learn to turn correctly before she could become first class he said. At thirteen she had another two years in which to capture the junior 200 metres record held by Jennifer Corish, and the open record held by Rosemary Lassig, he said. But both were beyond her at the moment.

#### 10.6 SEC. BETTER

John Fingleton bettered David Theile's record of 2:37.5 set in Warwick in January 1960 by 10.6sec in the 220 yards backstroke. Cusack said that for Fingleton to be considered for Olympic selection he would have to swim at least 2:18 or better. The Queensland open record stands at 2:21.4, and only solid hard training on Fingleton's part could reduce it, he said.

Robert Cusack, 13, turned in a promising 67.9sec for 110 yards freestyle to set a new mark in the State 12 and Under 13 age group.

#### TRAINING UPSETS

Pam Sergeant missed by 2 seconds to break the open 220 yards women's backstroke record of 2:43.6, and Penny March was 1.3sec outside the open 110 yards backstroke time of 1:14.5

Cusack said that if March learnt to reach back and stroke more freely in the second lap, her times would tumble. But her training had been upset by ear trouble.

Sergeant had also been troubled by colds in her training sessions in the last two weeks, he said.

C.M. Saturday 11 January 1964

#### RITA CLOCKED GRAND TIME FOR 100 METRES

Rita Oravainen, 13-year-old Mt Isa girl, clocked the fastest time of 67.3sec for 100 metres freestyle at the state championships at Valley pool last night.

Three 12-year-old girls Joeline Matthews of Julia Creek, Alison Joyner of Bundaberg, and Brisbane's Jan Steinbeck, posted a 100 metre times that would have put them in last year's senior final. Joeline won the event in 68.9sec from Alison (69.2sec) and Jan (70.6sec).

#### SPEEDY BOYS

Rita thus turned the tables on Bundaberg's Denise Edmonds (68.5sec) who beat her in Thursday night's heats.

Robert Cusack, 12 years, and 9-year-old Toowoomba boy Fred Morrow, also turned in outstanding times, Morrow setting a record (34.7sec) for 50 metres Under 10 freestyle.

Records were established by N.Horne (Toowoomba - 63sec) in 100 metres 13 and Under freestyle, K.McGregor (Toowoomba - 36.9sec) in 11 and Under 12 50 metres backstroke, and B.McGregor (Toowoomba - 39.9sec) in 10 and Under 11 50 metres backstroke.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 13 January 1964

#### KEPT HER DIVE TITLE

Commonwealth Games diving bronze medallist, Lorraine McArthur, retained her title in the State one-metre springboard championships at the Centenary pool yesterday.

Displaying occasional flashes of brilliance she easily won from Centenary club mate Cathy Wilson. McArthur scored 117.47 points, 1.07 better than her winning total in last year's titles.

McArthur's chances of Olympic selection will depend on her three-metre springboard performances at the Australian titles in Sydney on February 28, 29, and March 1.

#### EVERDING AGAIN

Ipswich diver, John Everding, regained his State one-metre springboard title which he won in 1962, but lost last year to Graham Deuble, now turned professional. Everding scored 133.5 points. Chinchilla diver, Noel McDougall, was runner-up with 104.74 points. Everding gave sound performance in every dive.

In a satisfactory, but not brilliant, display, Dennis Cusack retained his junior men's title finishing with 101.34 points.

A newcomer from Roma, Sandra Edwards, won the junior women's title with 80.36 points.

The State high diving championships will be held at the Centenary pool next Sunday, followed by the State 3-metre springboard titles at Chinchilla on January 25.

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C.M. Tuesday 14 January 1964

COUNTRY TOOK 13 OF THE 19 SWIM TITLES

Country swimmers took 13 of the 19 finals at last night's State Age titles at the Valley pool. New times were set in ten events, and three other race records equalled.

Rita Oravainen, 13, of Mt Isa, clocked the amazing time of 5:8.9 in the girls Under 14 400 metres freestyle after two tough swims in the 100 metres backstroke and breaststroke. It was only 5.2sec outside the State junior resident record held by Commonwealth Games representative Cheryl Kensett, set in October 1962. Her time also compared favourably with Japanese swimmer, K.Hayakawa's 5:5.3 in winning the junior 400 yards freestyle at the last Australian championships. Kensett, who was second to the Jap girl, recorded 5:8.8. Oravainen, not extended, was 30 lengths clear of R.McLeod, North Queensland. (Results given)

C.M. Wednesday 15 January 1964

7.3 SEC. FASTER

Mt Isa swimmer, Rita Oravainen, has improved her time for the 200 metres freestyle by 7.3sec in a year. At the State Age swimming titles at the Valley pool last night she clocked 2m 27s in her heat of the Under 14 200 metres. Last year Rita set a record for the event with a time of 2m 34.3s. Her clocking last night was only 0.6sec slower than the time recorded by Cheryl Kensett when she won the junior 200 metres freestyle title last year.

(Qualifiers given)

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C.M. Thursday 16 January 1964

COUNTRY TAKE 15 MORE SWIM TITLES

Country swimmers, who won 13 titles at the State Age championships at the Valley pool on Monday night, took another 15 out of 24 last night.

Two country youngsters, Rita Oravainen, 13, of Mt Isa, and Noel Horne, 13, of Toowoomba, were the championships most outstanding swimmers.

Horne won five finals and was second in two others. Oravainen had four wins and one second.

Horne continued his winning streak last night with an effortless win in the boys' 200 metres Under 14 freestyle. He surged away from the field to finish in race record time of 2:20.8. But despite a late finishing burst, Central Queensland swimmer, Bill Sweetenham, pipped him by a touch in a thrilling 50 metres 13 and Under 14 butterfly final. Sweetenham's time was a fast 3.1 sec.

Versatile Rita Oravainen time in the girls' 200 metres Under 14 freestyle, 2:27.7, was only 4.7 sec outside the Queensland junior record, set by Robyn Thorn in January 1962.

(Results give

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C.M. Friday 17 January 1964

SCHOLLBOY'S SWIM AIM IS FIRST DOWNS OLYMPIAN

By Frank O'Callaghan

Chris Shapland, a chunky 16-year-old schoolboy, is training to a world champion's schedule to become the first Toowoomba Olympian. Chris, 5ft 8in and 11 stone, is working to the schedule that American coach, Dr Jim Counsilman, used to bring his charge, Tom Stickles, to a former world medley record.

The medley is the toughest test in competitive swimming. It calls for 100 metres of each stroke - backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle.

Shapland's strongest stroke is freestyle - he holds the State 200, 200, 400 metres titles - but he has already cut his 110 yards butterfly time from 74 to 68sec, and lopped 4sec off his breaststroke time.

Chris has everything in his favour. His coach is his father, Bernie, lessee of the Toowoomba pool, who had the youngster swimming at about the same time as he had him walking.

Bernie, who attended Councilman's forum in Sydney last September, has been corresponding for some years with the famous American coach. Councilman is one of the pioneers of isometric training, the latest method of "dry" conditioning which has made weight training obsolete. Isometrics is largely the application of pressure against immovable objects. It builds strength without bulk. And bulk is something Chris can well do without.

At the State titles last year, Chris sandwiched the junior 4 x 100 metres junior medley crown between his freestyle successes. He holds the State junior 400 metres medley record of 5m 29.4s, a time he can almost sniff at today. Chris and his Dad reckon I will tumble to 5m 10s before this season is over. This is 5.3sec faster than Alex. Alexandra's Commonwealth Games winning time in Perth in October 1962, is 2.9sec inside Bill Ebsary's national senior record, and 8.8sec inside ex-Queenslander John Oravainen's State senior standard

Oravainen, who is now living in Sydney, and training with Don Talbot, and Ebsary, are Shapland's chief rivals for the national title

(Picture of Chris in water)

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C.M. Tuesday 21 January 1964

#### SWIM ACE LATE FOR TITLE RACE

By Frank O'Callaghan

Robert Brumley, misinformed about the starting time for last night's championship swim carnival arrived at the Valley pool in time to see Laurie Higson lift his 800 metres title. Brumley phoned the pool earlier and was told that his event, the first on the programme, started at 7.45pm, the time listed on the official programme. This was 15 minutes later than the correct time, promulgated at the State Age titles last week and on championship posters.

Higson swam all over his nearest rivals, second placegetter Ron Dunne, and Rod McLeod of Ayr, to win in an easy 9m 41s, two seconds outside his best. The exceptionally warm (81 deg) water made the times of Higson, Chris Shapland, Rita Oravainen, Geoff Brewster, and Stella McCallum, the more creditable.

Shapland, a strong Olympic medley candidate, ploughed through the 100 metres freestyle in 57.8sec, and looked good enough to crack Warwick Webster's State record of 56.6sec in tonight's final.

#### BEST RECORD

Rita, the slender 13-year-old Mt Isa schoolgirl, who won five State Under-age titles, lopped 1 sec off Jen Corish's 200 metres junior medley record by clocking 2m 51.3s

Brewster, one of Maroochy's star junior surfers, clocked the fastest 400 metres junior freestyle time of 4m 52s.

Stella's 3m 0.2s, a new junior record for 200 metres freestyle suggests she will be the third Queensland girl tonight to break three minutes. She should have a great struggle with Claire Coowe, who with Olympian Rosemary Lassig are Queensland's only sub-three-minute swimmers. (? Ed)

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C.M. Wednesday 22 January 1964

#### TITLE TAKEN FROM WINNER OF SWIM

By Frank O'Callaghan

Olympic swim team candidate Stella McCallum was disqualified after winning the State women's 200 metres breaststroke title at the Valley pool last night. Stella was disqualified by judge Jack Ross for an incorrect kick at the turn,

something she has not previously been accused of in her four years of competitive swimming.

She wept freely when told she had been outed, and that her time, 2m 58.5s, would not be recognised as a State junior record. An immediate protest against the disqualification was dismissed following a lengthy Q.A.S.A Executive meeting held after the carnival.

The title went to Commonwealth Games representative Claire Cooke, who picked up a yard on Stella in the last 50 metres and went down by little more than a touch. But Claire was not elated. "I wish Stella had got the decision," she said.

#### SIX RECORDS GO

Four new State and two new race records were set at a lively meet.

Most impressive was Toowoomba lad Chris Shapland's new 4 x 50 metres medley time of 2m 26.9s, which lopped 2.9sec off Bill Ebsary's listed Australian record.

Shapland, another potential Olympian, is being set for the Olympic medley distance of 4 x 100 metres, which he will contest on Thursday night

Immediately after Shapland's swim, North Queenslander John Covacevich clipped 1.2sec off Graham Tait's junior 4 x 50 metres medley record by touching in 2m 30.3s. This was only half a second outside Ebsary's national junior record. But Ebsary's time was shattered twice at the New South Wales championships last week, and the record finally went to Terry Buck who clocked 2m 21.4s.

Shapland's mark was particularly creditable as it was done in hot (82deg) water and followed his 100 metres freestyle win.

Other record-breakers were - 15-year-old Jill Groeger, who sliced half a second off Lyn West's State resident 100 metres junior butterfly standard - Mt Isa's Rita Oravainen, Commonwealth Games freestyler Robyn Thorn, and Claire Cooke.

Rita, giving up to two years to her rivals, claimed the 4 x 50 metres junior women's medley title in 2m 50.6s, 0.7sec faster than her record-breaking heat on Monday night.

Forty minutes later Claire touched off Rita to win the open 4 x 50 metres medley in 2m 51s, which, though slower than Rita's junior winning time, constituted a new race record.

Robyn's open 400 metres title win in 5m 1.4s set a new race record.

(Results given)

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C.M. Thursday 23 January 1964

#### STATE TITLE AT SECOND TRY

Kingaroy junior, Jenny Thorn, 15, in only her second swim over 800 metres freestyle, won the State's women's title at the Valley pool last night. Jenny is younger sister of State 100 metres champion, Robyn Thorn. Her time, 10m37.5s was 48.7se faster than Cheryl Kensett's winning time in the same race last year.

Kensett yesterday withdrew from the race stating that sickness had interrupted her training preparations.

Second placegetter was Mt Isa's outstanding 13-year-old junior, Rita Oravainen, who finished in 10m 42.3s. Oravainen swam gamely, but Thorn's deep powerful stroking brought her home an easy winner. Robyn McLeod, of Ayr, finished third in 11m 1s. The race record of 10m 11.8s is held by Ilsa Konrads.

Last year's winner, Robert Brumley, failed to fill a place in the men's 1500 metres final. Top Maroochydore surfer, Laurie Higson, was untroubled to win in 18m 35.9s, finishing a clear 25 metres ahead of second placegetter, Rodney McLeod, of Ayr. Higson lopped 8.9sec off Brumley's winning time last year, but was well outside the best time for a Queenslander. 18m 18.7s set by John Rigby in 1960.

(Finalists given)

C.M. Friday 24 January 1964

### 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS SWIM CHAMPION

By Frank O'Callaghan

Thirteen-year-old Toowoomba girl, Marilynne Power became the youngest open 400 metres medley champion in Queensland's swim history at the Valley pool last night. Marilynne gave 5 years to Commonwealth Games backstroker, Pam Sergeant, and took the title in 6m 20.8s.

But she swam a killing programme which brought a storm of criticism from swim officials and coaches. In 60 minutes she crammed two 4 x 100 metres medley events - the toughest in swimming - and a 100metre backstroke.

"A sure way to murder talent," was how one coach described her programme. Q.A.S.A. Chairman, (Dr E.Theile) called it about the limit of human endurance, the mental effect of which could not be assessed. Five events after her open medley win Marilynne went down to 13-year-old Mt Isa junior, Rita Oravainen, in the junior medley. Rita set a new State record of 6m 7.9s, and touched 13 sec ahead of Marilynne.

Four other records fell last night. Junior butterflyer, Jill Groeger, who set a new 100 metres junior standard on Tuesday night, lowered both junior and senior records to 1m 13.9s.

Stella McCallum, disqualified after winning the senior 200 metres breaststroke on Tuesday, won the junior 100 in new State resident time of 1m 23.3s.

Commonwealth Games freestyler, Robyn Thorn, cut the 200 metres mark to 2m 21.3s, and 16-year-old Chris Shapland threshed through 400 metres of medley in a new time of 5m 18.3s - 10 sec better than his previous best.

Butterflyer Noel Reynolds produced one of the best swims. On a limited preparation he retained his 100 metres butterfly title in 63.8sec, only 0.3sec outside his resident record.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 27 January 1964

### ROBYN, PAM, SWIM HOPES

Robyn Thorn and Pam Sergeant are the only swimmers likely to excel for Queensland in the Australian titles in Sydney on February 28, 29, and March 1.

The official State team of 12 seniors and 9 juniors was announced by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) last night. For the first time the junior championships have been separated from the open, and will be held in Adelaide on February 7 and 8.

Thorn's fine 100 metres swims on the state championships closing night at the Valley pool on Saturday, show she will not be discredited. She won the 100 metres women's freestyle final in 63sec, clipping 0.9sec off her previous "best by a Queenslander". She reduced this time another 0.3sec in swimming the first leg of the Centenary team's 400 metres women's relay.

Sergeant, if she finds her winning touch of previous years, could surprise in 100 and 200 metres backstroke events.

Mr McCoy said that the Q.A.S.A. would pay the team's expenses, but members would have to provide their own uniforms, including blazers, pockets being paid for by the Association.

The Sydney team is -

Men - J.Fingleton (backstroke), A.Humphreys (breaststroke), C.Shapland (medley), N.Reynolds (freestyle), L.Higson (freestyle).

Women - R.Thorn (freestyle), P.Sergeant (backstroke), S.McCallum (breaststroke), J.Groeger (butterfly), R.Oravainen (freestyle), L.West (butterfly), J.Thorn (freestyle).

The Adelaide team is -

Boys - J.Covacevich (medley), R.Walk (backstroke), R.Birch (butterfly), L.Smith (breaststroke), R.Chambers (freestyle).

Girls - S.McCallum (breaststroke), R.Oravainen (freestyle), J.Groeger (butterfly), H.Parkinson (backstroke).

PAY OWN WAY

Mr McCoy said that the following swimmers by their times in the State Age Titles, were eligible to nominate for the nationals, but would have to pay their own way -

Junior - R.Meares, M.Palmer, D.Edmonds, J.Thorn, R.McLeod, A.Mabb, L.Coulter, H.Preston, M.Manfield, J.Griffin, J.Robinson, R.Rayner, J.McLay, J.Simmonds, M.Power, J.Steinbeck, A.Dokker, N.Horne, W.Sweetenham, P.March.

Open - R.Dunne, B.McLeod, R.Walk, A.Neill, R.Gynther, J.Covacovich, R.Cullen, B.Meares, C.Cooke, G.Ashauer, L.Coulter, M.Upton, J.McLay.

C.M. Wednesday 29 January 1964

ELEVEN MORE FOR SWIM TTLES

Eleven additional Queensland swimmers have nominated for the national junior swim champion- ships in Adelaide on February 7 and 8.

The nominees, though not chosen in the original State team, reached national title standard at the State championships which ended last Saturday night. Q.A.S.A Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) said last night that more nominations were expected before today's deadline of noon.

The 11 additional team members who will pay their own way to the titles are - Boys - G.Brewster and P.G.Murphy. Girls - J.McLay, A.Mabb, B.Meares, J.Thorn, J.Simmonds, M.Palmer, H.Preston, M.Manfield and J.Steinbeck.

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C.M. Saturday 8 February 1964

BIRCH IS DISQUALIFIED OVER BUTTERFLY KICK

From Judy Joy Davies

Adelaide - Queensland's Ron Birch was one of three swimmers disqualified in butterfly events at the Australian junior swimming championships yesterday. They were disqualified for "raising one foot higher than the other" in the dolphin kick.

Don Talbot, one of Sydney's leading coaches, said later that world record holder, Kevin Berry, would have trouble passing the referee in the open National titles in Sydney later this month if the referees persisted in their interpretation of the dolphin kick rule.

Results given - only H.Walk, and J.McLay securing places)

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C.M. Thursday 13 February 1964

HIGSON WILL MISS SWIMS

State 800 and 1500 metres freestyle swim champion, Laurie Higson, has withdrawn from the National championships and Olympic team trials in Sydney on February 28, 29, and March 1.

Higson's work and studies as an apprentice panel beater have curtailed his training. Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) said last night that Higson felt his trip would not warrant the expense to the Association. He will not be replaced.

AT OWN EXPENSE

Ross Gynther, Rodney Walk, Kay Cullen, and Claire Cooke, who reached national championship standard at the State titles last month, have nominated for the nationals at their own expense.

Gynther will contest the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke, Walk the 100 and 200 metres backstroke, Miss Cooke the women's 100 and 200 metres breaststroke, and Miss Cullen the 100 and 200 metres freestyle. They will boost the Queensland contingent to the championships to 15.

C.M. Friday 14 February 1964

CUSACK FOR GAMES JOB

Queensland swim coach, Arthur Cusack, has nominated as an official coach of the Australian Olympic swim team.

Australia will establish a precedent by sending two coaches to Tokyo. Previously coaches were allowed to accompany their charges to Games, but, except at Melbourne in 1956, they invariably had difficulty in gaining access to the pools for training and competitive sessions.

For the first time the two coaches will become members of the Australian Olympic swim team, with fares paid and accommodation found in the Olympic village.

Cusack and Talbot were the official coaches to the Commonwealth Games team in Perth in 1962. Talbot has also nominated for a Tokyo appointment.

Cusack, 44, coached Queensland backstroker David Theile to two successive Olympic Gold Medals, and has in his present string three Olympic team candidates, freestyler Robyn Thorn, and backstrokers John Fingleton and Pam Sergeant.

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C.M. Saturday 29 February 1964

PAM SERGEANT DOWN

Tall, young West Australian Belinda Woosley established a best by an Australian record in retaining her 200 metres backstroke title. She scored a narrow win over 14-year-old Victorian Marlene Daymah, with Tasmanian girl Virginia Cooper third.

Surprise of the race was the convincing defeat of former record holder, Pam Sergeant, who finished sixth.

Miss Woosley' time was 2m 34.5s, and bettered Miss Sergeant's previous record by a second.

J.Oravainen was the only Queenslander to be placed when he came third in the 200 metres individual medley.

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C.M. Tuesday 3 March 1964

SWIM TEAM 51 FOR TOKYO BIGGEST FROM HERE

Sydney - Australia's biggest ever overseas swimming team was yesterday chosen to compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games from October 10 to 26. The selectors named a class swim team of 33, together with divers, water polo players, coaches, and officials.

Two Queenslanders in this team are Robyn Thorn of Brisbane, in the freestyle, and former Mt Isa swimmer, John Oravainen, who is a member of the individual medley team.

The swimming team will train in North Queensland, the men at Ayr under coach Don Talbot, and the women at Townsville with Terry Gathercole. Training will start on August 1, and they will leave for Tokyo on September 24.

(Team named in full)

Courier Mail Thursday 1 September 1964

61 SECONDS BY DAWN  
HER FASTEST TRIAL  
(From Judy Joy Davies - Townsville)

Dawn Fraser recorded the fastest time trial of her life, only 1.5 seconds off her world record for 110 yards freestyle, yesterday. Dawn clocked 61 for the 110 yards.

Her world record was recorded during the Commonwealth Games in 1962.

(There were numerous articles subsequently in early September about the performances in training of the Tokyo Olympic squad including one on 10 September that reported that Queensland freestyle sprinter, Robyn Thorn, was clocking the best training times of her career under coach Terry Gathercole.)

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C.M. Thursday 8 September 1964

DR THEILE SWIM CHIEF

Dr E.Theile was last night elected unopposed as the new Queensland Amateur Swimming Association President. He succeeds Dr D.Dowling whose appointment as Australian Swimming Union's president precluded him from continuing as Queensland's head.

Dr Theile, father of 1956 and 1960 Olympic backstroke champion David Theile, has for the last four years been QASA Chairman, a position he will now relinquish. Since 1958 he has been on the Association Executive and a Vice President since 1953.

The Association's Annual Meeting also conferred Life Membership on Dr D.Dowling and official Starter, Bill Morell.

Other positions filled last night were Patron, The Governor, Sir Henry Abel Smith; Vice Presidents, Messrs D.Munro, E.Barnacle, G.Bennett, R.Murphy, and R.Dunne; Registrar, Mr M.Munro.

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C.M. Tuesday 29 September 1964

BARRISTER NEW SWIM CHIEF

Mr Marshall Cooke, a Brisbane barrister, was last night elected as the new Chairman of the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association. Mr Cooke, who relinquished the post of Treasurer at last night's Association's Council meeting, will succeed Dr E.Theile the new President.

A woman will sit on the Association Executive for the first time in ten years. She is Mrs Joyce Ross, one time Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association President, and chaperone to the Australian women's swim team to the Rome Olympics.

Other members chosen for the Executive last night are Messrs C.Arnold, M.Ashauer, A.Burgess, J.Craig, and M.Linton.

QASA Secretary, Mr Brian McCoy, replaces retiring member, Mr Bill Holland, on the QASA selector's panel.

C.M. Tuesday 6 October 1964

SHAMBLES AT POOL

The Australian swimmers had their first tests of the Japanese style racing starts at the Olympic Pool late this afternoon. In no time the training session developed into a shambles.

After some preliminary "highly-polite" bowing between the two Japanese starters, the Australian Manager, Mr Bill Slade, and the Australian coaches and

the women swimmers stood behind the starting blocks waiting the command to begin practice, .

They expected to hear a whistle fairly similar to the postman type used by the Australian officials. The girls were clearly surprised by something resembling the lower notes of an oboe.

After a few sideways glances at each other they guessed right and mounted the thin blocks. Suddenly from the side of the pool the gentleman holding the gun let go a blood-curdling yell which would have done credit to the leader of any banzai charge.

It could probably be spelt "Yoi". The swimmers Dawn Fraser and Lyn Bell appeared to rise several inches off their blocks vertically and then fall face forward into the water. The Victorian sprinter, Jan Turner, froze, then she followed Dawn and Lyn into the water in what was probably the most ungainly entry to the pool she has ever made.

The women's Olympic starter, Mr Toshihiro Hayhashi, stood still with his gun pointing towards the sky still fully loaded.

After a little delay, the girls, six at this stage, lined up again. Oboe..."Yoi"....and then a pistol blast that was Waterloo, the Somme, and Gallipoli all rolled in one.

It was just too much. Some of the Australians dived in, some fell in and more just stepped off their blocks all in fits of laughter.

After a rugby style huddle, everyone decide to try again. Oboe..."Yoi"....gun blast, and eventually the swimmers got off somehow.

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(October editions gave Olympic results)

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C.M. Thursday 29 October 1964

#### SWIM STAR FOR COUNTRY

By Frank O'Callaghan

Australia's Olympic swim team captain, David Dickson, is expected to swim in carnivals at Maryborough, Toowoomba, and Chinchilla next month. Dickson gave a verbal assurance of his availability before leaving for Tokyo. Permission from his home State, Western Australia, has been received by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association.

Another Olympic swimmer, Queensland freestyler Robyn Thorn, may accompany Dickson to Maryborough for the Poinciana Festival celebrations on November 21.

At Toowoomba on November 28 Dickson could be pushed along by local all-rounder, Chris Shapland, whose recent 2m 9s for 220 yards, indicates he will be a strong national title contender next February.

Dickson's third appearance is scheduled for Chinchilla on the afternoon of November 29.

#### TIME TRIALS

Q.A.S.A. will introduce official time trials at three pools on Sunday. The trials are designed to provide regular competition throughout the season. They will be held between 4pm and 5pm at Langlands Park, and Centenary pools, and between 6pm and 7pm at the Valley pool

C.M. Thursday 5 November 1964

#### COACHING BOOST FOR SWIMMERS

(Women's Sport - with Ruby Robinson)

The Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association is making an early start to improve coaching standards for women swimmers.

Arrangements are well in hand for professional and amateur coaches to give lectures and demonstrations on Sunday November 29, from 9am, at the home of State president (Mrs Curt Arnold) of Coorparoo.

Professor Budtz-Olsen will speak on diet, nutrition, and the value of vitamins in relation to swimming.

It is an open invitation to all coaches, learn-to-swim teachers, school swimming teachers, to attend. There is a private swimming pool and excellent indoor facilities for a large number to hear the discussions on the latest swimming styles and methods of coaching.

In order to make catering arrangements, all wishing to attend are asked to ring the State Secretary (Mrs J.Ross) 48 4732.

The National Fitness Council of Queensland which has already given grants of money for women's hockey, athletics, basketball, and softball, coaching classes this year, has also extended the same courtesy to women swimmers.

It is the right move by the Q.L.A.S.A. at the right time, with so much stress being put on the need to smarten up the coaching of swimmers in Australia.

The Q.L.A.S.A. annual championship carnival will be held at the Valley pool on Saturday night, November 28.

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C.M. Wednesday 18 November 1964

FOUR WILL RESIGN OVER SWIM DISPUTE  
By Frank O'Callaghan

The Queensland and Brisbane Amateur Swimming Associations are engaged in a controversy which threatens to extinguish the Brisbane body.

Four B.A.S.A. officials will resign at the Council meeting of the Association on Friday night. They are president (Mr G.Bennett) Chairman (Dr G.McCafferty), Secretary (Mr G.Thompson), and Treasurer (Mr J.Carfrae).

Mr Thompson said last night that a Q.A.S.A. decision overruling one made by his Association has prompted the resignations.

The Q.A.S.A Executive has virtually revoked a ruling of the B.A.S.A., and given permission to a number of metropolitan swimmers to compete in a carnival at Maryborough on Saturday night when the B.A.S.A championships are being held.

Mr Thompson said that his Association by 13 votes to 2 had refused clearance to the swimmers, primarily because the carnival clashes with the Association championships. A secondary reason was that the nominations were not made by the swimmers clubs secretaries, and that the applications for clearances were made after the nomination deadline.

Mr Bennett said the Constitution of the Q.A.S.A says in effect that Brisbane swimmers may not support another carnival in preference to their own championships. "Yet we have to suffer a ruling like this," he said.

He said the B.A.S.A which consists of 14 clubs and nearly 5000 members was formed in 1961 at the request of the Q.A.S.A. to assist in the conduct of metropolitan championship events.

ROBYN TO SWIM

Robyn Thorn, who has been given permission by the B.A.S.A., and Australian Olympic swim team captain, David Dickson, will swim in Maryborough on Saturday night.

C.M Saturday 21 November 1964

DEFER SWIM RESIGNATIONS  
By Frank O'Callaghan

A personal plea from the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association President (Dr E.Theile) has, at least, delayed the resignations of four top Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association officials.

The officials, President (Mr G.Bennett), Chairman (Dr G.McCafferty), Secretary (Mr G.Thompson), and Treasurer (Mr J.Carfrae), were to have resigned at last night's Council meeting. But following Dr Theile's approach, they agreed to defer their actions.

If the conference with the Q.A.S.A. does not guarantee the satisfactory conduct of the affairs of their Association, the resignations will still become automatic.

The officials' move was prompted by a Q.A.S.A decision to give permission for B.A.S.A. swimmers to compete in Maryborough tonight, after the Brisbane body had refused clearances.

The B.A.S.A. held that as its Association championships clashed with the Maryborough carnival, its swimmers were bound to contest these championships.

Council members spoke last night of disturbing influences within the Q.A.S.A. which, they claimed, could only damage swimming in this State.

Closing date for Nominations for the B.A.S.A. championships which will run to December 12 has been extended to next Tuesday.

(Wed 25/11 picture Jennifer Thorn)

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C.M. Tuesday 1 December 1964

#### JOHN RIGBY IN POOL COMEBACK

Former Olympic swimmer and present surf star, John Rigby, 22, has broken his retirement to enter the Queensland still water swimming titles this January.

Rigby, who retired from still water swimming in 1961 after competing in the Rome games in 1960, will be accompanied by his younger brother, Peter, 20, national surf belt champion, in his comeback.

The pair have entered all freestyle events - 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 metres - in the State titles to be swum on January 14-17.

In 1961 John Rigby completed a clean sweep of these events in the State titles.

John, a country sales representative for a Brisbane firm, is preparing for the State titles in one of Queensland's most unusual training programmes.

#### TRAINS DAILY

His sales district extends from Brisbane to Rockhampton, and his training is done in pools at Nambour, Gympie, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gladstone, and Rockhampton - where ever his job takes him. He is a strict trainer and can usually get in up to three miles training a day.

Peter Rigby switched to surf competition after only moderate success in still water in schooldays, but has since developed remarkably.

The Rigbys, one of Australia's best surfing combinations also will continue with their surfing.

#### JILL BEAT OWN SWIM TIME

Leander swimmer, Jill Groeger, clipped 0.7sec off her best by a Queenslander open 100 metres butterfly record at the Valley pool last night. Swimming in heats of the Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association championships, Miss Groeger recorded 1m 13.2s. She will now contest the finals on December 11 and 12 at the Valley pool.

(Head photo of John Rigby)

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C.M. Friday 18 December 1964

#### ROBYN THORN WILL MISS STATE SWIMS

Queensland's Olympic freestyle swimmer, Robyn Thorn, will not defend her State 100, 200, and 400 metres titles next month. Her coach, Arthur Cusack, announced this last night.

Her only likely commitment at the championships, which start on January 14, will be as a member of the Centenary Club's relay team.

Cusack said that Robyn, one of Australia's silver medal winning 4 x 100metres Olympic freestyle relay team, is in temporary retirement, and may return to bid for selection in the 1968 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica.

## STATE BOOST

The State Age carnival at the Valley pool tomorrow morning and night represents a first step in the resurgence in Queensland swimming. The carnival is designed to bring swimmers to early maturity and fit them for the testing National championship programmes.

For the first time in Australia, 13-year-old boys and girls will contest 800 metres freestyle events.

The boys' Under 14 800 metres event has attracted 32 nominations, and the girls 16, far more than was anticipated.

## TIMES DECIDE

The swimmers will not, as in 400 metres contests, be required to contest heats in the morning and a final at night. The 800 metres placings will be decided on times.

A total of 253 entries from 24 Clubs, west to Clermont, and north to Innisfail, have flooded in for this meet.

Three divisions will be catered for - Under 14, Under 12, and Under 16 - in all strokes.

The ready response is sure to lead to an increase in State Age championships distances in breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke events.

A 90,000 pounds pool will be opened at Chermside by the Lord Mayor (Alderman Clem Jones) at 11am tomorrow, and Brisbane swimmers plan to christen it with a sheaf of State records.

Two butterfly marks could fall in the one race when senior Jill Groeger and junior Jan McLay attack their own standards of 1m 12s for Jill, and 1m18.9s for Jan

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C.M. Tuesday 1 January 1965

## KING IS NATIONAL SWIM NOMINEE

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association last night departed from tradition and chose a non-member of the Queensland selection panel as its nominee for the Australian panel.

Brisbane amateur swim coach Mr Joe King was elected a last night's Council meeting as the State's nominee for the national three-man committee to be chosen at the Australian Swimming Union conference in Hobart next month.

Queensland has had a representative on the Australian panel since 1947, when Mr Bill Holland held the post continuously, except for a short-term representation by Mr Joe Emerson.

Mr Stan Edmonds was last night chosen as manager of the Queensland team to the national junior swim championships in Melbourne on February 6 and 7, and Mr Jack Taylor as manager of the senior side to Hobart on February 27, 28, and March 1.

Chris Shapland of Toowoomba, Queensland's most versatile swim champion, will concentrate on winning three State freestyle titles in record times this month. Shapland, 17, has set his sights on the 100, 200, and 400 metres titles in times better than the existing records of 56.6sec, 2m 6.8s, and 4m 30.5s respectively. He holds the 100 and 400 metres freestyle and the 200 and 400 metres medley crowns which he will also defend at the championships starting on January 14.

C.M. Wednesday 6 January 1965

## FOUR SWIM STARS OUT OF ACTION

By Frank O'Callaghan

Sickness and injury have struck down four star members of swim coach John Carew's State championship squad less than ten days before the titles. Three are State title-holders, and the fourth, Jan McLay, holds the State 110 and 220 yards junior butterfly records.

The champions, all of whom hope to defend their titles at the Valley pool from January 14 to 18, are 200metres and 200 metres breaststroke champion Claire Cooke, junior 200 and 400 metres freestyle champion Barbara Meares, and men's junior butterfly champion Ron Birch.

Miss Cooke has damaged her knee tendons and can do only arm work. Miss Meares has had seven days out of the water with torn shoulder ligaments, and a recurring ankle injury prevents butterflyer Birch from fully exploiting the powerful dolphin kick.

Carew has four other promising youngsters preparing for the State Age titles from January 21 to 24, also on the sick list. They are freestyler Michael Cassidy (poisoned leg), breaststroker Ken Glancy (infected ears), freestyler Ken Anderson (virus illness), and breaststroker Vivienne Sammon (heat exhaustion from the constant 82 degrees water temperature).

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C.M. Thursday 7 January 1965

#### TOP SWIMMER OUT OF TITLES

A shoulder injury has forced former Olympic swimmer and present surf champion, John Rigby, out of the State swimming titles starting on January 14. Rigby was side-swiped by a surfboard at Maroochydhore last Sunday. Yesterday he had his left arm in a sling. He has been told to stay out of the water for at least two weeks. This means he will miss the State still water championships, Sunday's North Kirra surf carnival, and also the Maroochydhore carnival on Sunday week.

#### TOUR HOPE

He is Queensland's best prospect for the Australian surf team to tour America in August.

Rigby is captain of Maroochydhore, and captained the Queensland team which clashed with the New Zealand team at Surfers Paradise last month. He represented Australia at the Rome Olympics in 1960.

Rigby retired from still water competition in 1961 to concentrate on surfing, but announced his comeback in November. He planned to swim in all freestyle events in the State titles - 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 metres.

Two other Maroochydhore surf stars are in doubt for the North Kirra carnival. They are Barrie Munro and unbeaten junior beltman John Etchells.

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C.M. Tuesday 12 January 1965

#### OLYMPIAN BACK FOR QLD. SWIM

By Frank O'Callaghan

Olympic medley and breaststroke swimmer John Oravainen will swim at the Queensland championships which start at the Valley pool on Thursday night. Oravainen, 21, won a place in the Australian team for the Tokyo. He is back in his home town, Mt Isa.

He will bid for the 200 metres medley and the 200 metres breaststroke titles. Challenge in them will come to Oravainen from current champion, Chris Shapland in the medley events, and to 1960 Olympian Bill Burton in the breaststroke.

His medley time of 5m 7s failed to put him in the Tokyo final, yet he reached the semi-final of the breaststroke

Oravainen's sister, Rita, State junior 100 metres freestyle, and 200 and 400 metres medley champion has been slogging through three daily training sessions. Her strenuous State title commitments include the senior 100 and 400 metres freestyle and 200 metres medley, and junior 100 and 200 metres freestyle and the 400 metres medley.

## JENNY'S SURPRISE

Jenny Thorn last night sprung a surprise 220 yards freestyle swim on her coach Arthur Cusack at the Centenary pool by thrashing through 220 yards of 82 deg water in 2m 27.3s thus equalling Jan Paine's four year old record.

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C.M. Friday 15 January 1965

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### SIZZLING SWIM BY REYNOLDS

A sizzling 100 metres swim by Noel Reynolds at the Valley pool last night suggests that the 5 year old State record will be shattered in tonight's State championship final. Reynolds was untroubled to win his heat in 57sec, only 4/10sec outside the record which is shared by Warwick Webster and David McMonagle. He beat the champion, Chris Shapland, home by 1.8sec. The clash of these tonight could be the titbit of the titles.

Shapland has his sights on the 100, 200, and 400 metres freestyle titles, all in record times.

### THREE RECORDS

Three records fell, all to youngsters swimming out of their divisions.

Robert Cusack gave up to two years to his rivals and won his heat of the junior 200 metres medley in 2m 36.5s, which was 7sec inside the old mark.

Greg Reid, in swimming 2m 48.1s for the junior 200 metres backstroke, lopped 2.7sec off the old Under 14 record, and Jan Pringle set a new women's Under 14 butterfly standard. Jan's 1m 17.8s bettered the previous record by four seconds.

The arrival of only two of the seven expected finalists turned the State 1500 metres final into a farce. Noel McLeod, of Ayr, beat Tom Kielberg of Western Districts in 19m 38.6s.

(Finalists list given)

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C.M. Saturday 16 January 1965

### MEDLEY RECORD TO MT. ISA SWIMMER

Olympian John Oravainen, of Mt Isa, slashed 1.2sec off the State 200 metres medley record at the State swimming championships at the Valley pool last night. Chris Shapland, of Toowoomba, who held the old record, was second.

Oravainen, who won in 2:25.1, seemed to tire in the last lap (freestyle), but Shapland came home strongly in 2:27.1, 0.2sec outside the old record. Oravainen also won the open 200 metres breaststroke final from record-holder and 1960 Olympian, Bill Burton of Leander, in 1:14.7, 3.4sec outside the State record.

### CLASS JUNIORS

State age champion, Robert Cusack, 14, now a sub-junior, swam magnificently to win the 200 metres junior medley final in 2:33.6, only 3.6sec outside the Australian junior record held by R.Cooper (NSW). Last year's Nudgee College G.P.S. Under 15 star, Bruce Chambers, of Dalby, was second in 2:36.4. Cusack also set a State Under 14 record for the event. His 1:6.3 swim in the junior 100 metres butterfly final was the best by a Queensland junior, and another State Under 14 record.

### BEAT PAM'S TIME

Allyson Mabb, of City Pastime Club, proved herself great championship material in winning the 200 metres junior backstroke. This time was a race record and the best by a Queensland junior, being 0.3sec outside the State record held by Victoria's Jill Bolton.

Later she easily won the 200 metres open backstroke in 2:40.6, 0.5sec better than Pam Sergeant's winning time last year. In the last year Allyson has cut her times down for the distance by 10 seconds.

Judy Pringle, 13, of Leander, swam a State Under 14 record to win the junior 100 metres butterfly in 1:17.3.

Noel Reynolds swam only 0.1sec better than his heat time on Thursday night in winning the open 100 metres freestyle final in 56.9sec. This time was 0.4sec faster than Chris Shapland's winning time last year. Shapland finished second last night in 58.3sec.

Promising junior Margaret Palmer, 15, of Centenary, sliced 0.3sec off the State record in winning the 200 metres junior medley in 2:50.3. Rita Oravainen, of Mt Isa, who held the record, did not contest the title.

Rita won the open 200 metres medley in the night's most exciting finish in 2:51, equalling the race record held by second placegetter Claire Cooke, of Valley Club.

Only Rita Oravainen and Jenny Thorn contested the open 400 metres final which Jenny won in 5:2.1, 0.7sec outside sister Robyn's race record. Rita's time was 5:6.3.

Last year's winner, Claire Cooke, surprisingly finished out of a place in the open 200 metres breaststroke final. Winner was Lyn Coulter of Valley Club in a slow 3:1.9.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 18 January 1965

#### COUNTRY GIRL SET RECORD IN SWIM

Rockhampton's 13-year-old Marilyn Stock last night clipped 11.4sec off the previous best Queens-land time of 3m 8.4s for the 200 metres junior women's butterfly. Her win was one of the three records set in the State swimming championships at the Valley pool. Previous record was held by Jan McLay, of Valley Club.

Last night Marilyn won by a touch from McLay, with W.Oliphant (West Districts) third.

Jill Groeger (Leander Club) swam the 200 metres in women's butterfly in 2:45.3, clipping 7sec off the race record. Lyn West, of the same Club held the old record of 2:52.3. She finished second in the race with Gladstone entrant, Helen Henderson, third.

Ron Birch, of Valley Club, set a Queensland record for the men's junior 200 metres butterfly. Ron touched about a length ahead of Bill Sweetenham, of Mt Isa, to complete the race in 2:34.8 - 4.5sec faster than the old time held by D.Dunne, of Leander Club. Robert Cusack, of centenary Club, was third.

Olympian, John Oravainen of Mt Isa, easily won the men's 200 metres breaststroke, but failed to break the best Queensland time for the event. Oravainen won by tow lengths from Bill Burton (Leander Club) in 2:42.6 - 3.9sec outside the best Queensland time held by Burton. Ross Gynther was third.

#### CITY WON EIGHT EVENTS

Metropolitan swimmers dominated the individual events, winning eight out of eleven.

Besides wins by Oravainen and Stock, only one other country swimmer, D.Chambers, of Dalby, was successful. Chambers won the junior 200 metres freestyle, but broke no record.

Noel Reynolds (Leander) proved a disappointment last night. Reynolds won the men's 400 metres freestyle event, but failed to break the record held by John Rigby. Reynolds finished just ahead of Chris Shapland, of Toowoomba, in the time of 4:32.1. Reynolds early pace was so fast it seemed certain the record would go, but his time was 1.6sec outside Rigby's. Rod McLeod, of Ayr, was third.

(Results given)  
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C.M. Tuesday 19 January 1965

#### ALLYSON MUST RATE HIGH IN BACKSTROKE

Allyson Mabb, 15, swam so well at the recent State titles she rates as one of the best women backstrokers in Australia this season.

Valley pool swimming coach, Gordon Petersen, said of his star pupil yesterday, "Allyson is the best backstroke prospect Queensland has had. In training she is prepared to listen, never argues, and really tries."

She won four titles at the State championships just completed.

200 metres junior backstroke in 2:39.1 (race record and best by a State junior)

200 metres open backstroke in 2:40.6 (0.5sec better than Olympian Pam Sergeant's winning time last year).

100 metres junior backstroke in 1:13.5 (race record).

100 metres open backstroke in 1:13.4 (race and State junior record).

#### FASTEST THIS YEAR

Her times are fastest for a junior in Australia this season. Her time in the open 100 metres final equalled the winning time at the New South Wales championships by Nan Duncan, and 0.8sec outside Nan's 200 metres time.

Coach Petersen said Allyson had improved tremendously in the past year. He said, "She started training under me in October 1963, after her original coach, Bill Fleming, went to Sydney. She swam in the State titles last year with limited success. In this year's titles her times over 200 metres were more than 10 seconds faster than they were at last year's titles, and six seconds faster over 100 metres. At the Girls' G.P.S. last year she broke 34 seconds for the 50metres backstroke several times in one afternoon. Allyson's greatest asset is her Technique. Her style through the water is very fluent. Her body remains perfectly still. As each week of training slips by, her times are consistently improving. I have never known her times in one week to be slower than the previous week."

#### TUMBLE TURN

Petersen said Allyson was at present developing the tumble turn. She was afraid to use it during the State titles because she might have muffed it.

He said that by the time of the Australian titles in Hobart next month, Allyson would have her times for 200 metres down a further 2 seconds, and for the 100 metres a further second.

Allyson yesterday attributed her successes to her coach and her willingness to train. "I like training," she said.

At present she is doing four miles in two daily sessions.

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C.M. Thursday 21 January 1965

#### ROBERT, 14, "THE BEST SINCE DAVID THEILE"

Robert Cusack, 14, has been described as Queensland's greatest swimming prospect since Olympic dual gold medallist, David Theile. The blond-haired youngster plays no other sport - he is dedicated to swimming.

For the last three years he has trained under his uncle, Arthur Cusack, at the Centenary pool. Originally Robert trained under his father in Maryborough, but switched over to Arthur Cusack when the family moved to Brisbane.

#### SIX RECORDS

At the State titles just completed he set six age records, including a Queensland junior record in the 100 metres butterfly, from seven starts. His time for the butterfly event was 1:6.3, 0.4sec better than the 4 year old record set by Barry Munro. Robert will be a junior for the next two years, and

it seems certain, at his present rate of improvement, he will set other records.

Robert's specialty stroke is butterfly, but he is competent in all strokes. He is favourite to win the finals of the butterfly and medley events in the Age titles which start tonight.

#### TIME CUTS

Arthur Cusack said yesterday that Robert had consistently lowered his time for the 100 metres butterfly since training began in October. His time trials over this period were - 71, 69, 68.5, 67.9, and finally his 66.3 at State titles.

He said Robert's training was intensive. It was based on a high percentage of maximum effort workouts based on a long swimming-in preparation (basic workouts).

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C.M. Friday 22 January 1965

#### WON, DISQUALIFIED THEN WON AGAIN

Ayr swimmer, David Bonato, after being disqualified at the Valley pool last night in his heat of the State Under 14 200 metres breaststroke title, protested successfully and will now contest tonight's final. His time of 3m 1.5s which was 3.1sec inside the record will be submitted for recognition.

Judge Jack Taylor rules that Bonato's head did not remain above the water during the race.

The boy's coach, Phil McLeod, claimed he used the style which won him the Queensland Under 13 title last year, and lodged a protest on his behalf. It was upheld only after lengthy discussion.

Queensland Age swimming reached new heights last night when qualifiers for tonight's finals broke nine records, and equalled one.

Bulimba nine-year-old Dianne Charlton, by clocking 32.9sec for 50 metres of freestyle set the best time recorded for this age group in Australia. Dianne chopped 1.4sec off her State record, and 8/10sec off fastest Australian time established last year by Sydney prodigy Christine Deakes, who in the New South Wales championships this month posted 5m 6s for 400metres.

Jo-Anne Brough, 11-year-old daughter of former surf and rugby league star, Nev Brough of Mermaid Beach, smashed one freestyle record and equalled another. Her time of 70.2sec for 100 metres sliced three seconds off the record and was 8/10sec faster than the records also set for the same distance last night by 11-year -old boys Dan McAuliffe and Peter Stehbens.

Soon after, Jo-Anne thrashed over 50 metres for 11 and Under 12-year-olds in 32.7sec to equal Denise Edmonds' standard.

#### TWO TO GREG

Greg Cusack, a brother of another rising young champion, Robert, and a nephew of Commonwealth Games coach, Arthur Cusack, set two records in qualifying for three finals. Greg clocked 43.5sec for 50 metres breaststroke for 10 and Under 11-year-olds, 8/10sec inside his own record, and later 32.5sec for 50 metres freestyle. This lopped 9/10 sec off the old record.

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C.M. Saturday 25 January 1965

#### SWIM RECORD TO BROTHER, SISTER

A brother and sister both won races at the Age swim titles at the Valley Baths last night. They are Mermaid Beach freestyle swimmer Greg Bough, and his sister Jo-Anne. Their father, Nev Brough, was a former surf and rugby league star.

Greg swam a sensational 400 metres. He clocked 4:48.5 to win the State Under 14 title. This shaved 3/10sec off the standard set by Toowoomba's Chris Shapland four years ago.

Chris' brother Brian pushed Brough to the record. He stayed with the champion until the last 10 yards and went down by only three feet.

Brough's sister Jo-Anne who set new 50 and 100 metres freestyle standards in her heats in the 11 and Under 12 division on Thursday night, took both titles last night, the 50 metres in new record time of 32.5sec, 1/10sec inside her record.

#### TWO RECORDS

Little Fred Lizzio, 10, of Silkwood near Innisfail, won the hearts of spectators with two record swims in Under 10 finals. He won the night's first event, the 50 metres freestyle in 34.6sec, 1/10sec inside the old record, and the 50 metres breaststroke in 5.3sec, 2/10 inside the old record.

Strapping David Bonato, of Ayr, outclassed the field in winning the Under 14 200 metres breaststroke final. The time of 2:59.4 was 2.1sec inside his record heat time on Thursday night. Bonato had been disqualified in his heat on Thursday night, but after protest was reinstated.

Other records set were - John Cottee, 13, of Eastwood, Sydney (200 metres Under 14 backstroke in 2:44.9), Vivian Sammon, 14, of Brisbane (20 metres Under 14 backstroke in 2:46.8), Greg Cusack of Brisbane (50 metres 10 and Under 11 breaststroke in 43.2sec), Michael George, 11, of Brisbane (50 metres 11 and Under 12 breaststroke in 41.6sec), Jan Smith, 11, of Gladstone (50 metres 11 and Under 12 breaststroke in 42.2sec), Deborah Handley, 9, of Brisbane (50 metres Under 10 breaststroke in 47.3sec).

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 25 January 1965

#### FIVE RECORDS GO IN AGE SWIMMING

Five records crashed in individual events at the State Age group swimming championships at the Valley pool last night. Two records were also created in new events.

Swimming in the 13 and Under 14 boys' 100 metres freestyle event, Robert Cusack of the Centenary Club, clipped 1.5sec off the previous record of 1:03.0, held by Noel Horne of Toowoomba.

Greg Brough, of Mermaid Beach Club, was a length behind in second place, and Brian Shapland of Toowoomba was third.

Dianne Charlton took the girls' 50 metres Under 10 butterfly in 40.8sec, clipping 0.7sec off her own previous time. Second was Anne Powell (North Queensland), and Vicki McDowall (Leander) was third. Dianne also trains with Leander.

The boys' 50 metres Under 10 butterfly was won by Neil Martin in 40.2sec, lowering the previous record held by Robert Butcher by 1.1sec. Butcher came second in the event.

J.Cottee, of Eastwood-Epping N.S.W., won the boys' 12 and Under 13 50 metres butterfly in 32.8sec, taking 1.6sec off the previous record held by Robert Cusack.

Pamela Beasley, of Central Queensland, took the girls' 11 and Under 12 50 metres butterfly. Her time of 36.6sec was 0.9sec below the previous record held by Marilyn Stock, also of Central Queensland.

The boys' Under 12 200 metres individual medley was a new event last night. It was won by Neil Gynther of the Valley Club in 3:0.6

(Results given)  
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C.M. Thursday 26 January 1965

NINETEEN WILL PAY WAY TO SWIM

Nineteen Queensland swimmers left out of the State side for the national junior and senior championships have nominated at their own expense.

The nominations, 16 for the junior championships in Melbourne on February 6 and 7, and three for the senior titles in Hobart from February 27 to March were received within two hours of the team release. All nominations swam the qualifying times demanded by the Australian Swimming Union selectors.

Q.A.S.A. Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) last night described the rush of applicants as indicative of the revival of swimming in Queensland

Peter Murphy, Rod McLeod, and Margaret Palmer, have nominated for the senior championships.

Those who have nominated for the junior are -

Boys - R.Birch, G.Handley, N.Sweetenham, G.Brough, J.Carothers, A.Elliott.

Girls - D.Edmonds, G.Petersen, M.Power, J.Osborne, K.Rayner, L.McLay, B.Meares, V.Sammon, H.Preston, J.Matthews.

Mr McCoy said last night the Q.A.S.A. needed 500 pounds by February 24 to send away these team members whose expenses are to be fully paid "The fact we now have to finance teams to two separate championships, the junior and the senior, throws a much greater strain on our resources," he said.

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C.M. Monday 8 February 1965

ALLYSON BEATEN BY A TOUCH, BUT RECORD

Melbourne - Brisbane schoolgirl, Allyson Mabb, was beaten by a touch by Marlene Dayman when both shattered the existing Australian record for 110 yards backstroke at the Australian junior swim titles yesterday. It is the second time Allyson has been beaten by Marlene. On Saturday night she came second in the 220 yards backstroke.

Both girls were only inches apart during the race. Only the long arm of 5ft 10  $\frac{1}{2}$ ins Marlene enabled her to touch first. Marlene's time was 1m 12.5s, and Allyson who misjudged her finishing stroke, finished in 1m 12.8s, which bettered the previous Australian record by 1sec.

Allyson said after the event she could not get used to the finishing end of the Olympic pool, but her time was her best ever for the distance.

Marlene astounded swimming officials by winning four individual Australian championships and breaking three Australian records during the weekend. She was also a member of two Victorian relay teams which scored clear-cut victories and smashed two national records. Marlene swam in 10 races during the two days, often with only 15 minutes between each swim.

Seasoned officials shook their heads as Marlene competed, seemingly non-stop, in heats and finals which started at 1pm on Saturday, and ended late yesterday afternoon.

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C.M. Monday 15 February 1965

SHAPLAND CLIPPED SWIM BY 55.1 sec

Warwick - Toowoomba swimmer, Chris Shapland, clipped 55.1sec off the record of 5m 40.44s for the open 440 yards freestyle at the Darling Downs championship swimming carnival here at the weekend.

Shapland set seen of the 25 new records established during the three sessions of the carnival.

In the men's open 220 yards medley, he reduced the previous record by 29.6sec to 2m 21.3s.

In the men's open 110 yards freestyle, his time of 1:1.3 reduced the previous record by 10.9sec.

All his wins wee achieved in a very comfortable manner.

(Results given)

C.M. Thursday 25 February 1965

#### COLD IS MAIN SWIM HURDLE

Tasmania's cold weather will be the main hurdle for Queensland swimmers to overcome at the national titles in Hobart at the weekend. Members of the State team which left by air yesterday will strike temperatures up to 16 degrees below those here.

Hobart's maximum temperature of 71 degrees yesterday compared with Brisbane's 85 degrees, while the minimum fell to 55 degrees as against 70 degrees in Brisbane.

Olympic swimming coach (Mr Arthur Cusack) said the colder temperatures could adversely affect many squad members.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Treasurer (Mr L.Sanderson) said yesterday that he understood the Hobart pool, where the titles would be held, was heated. He said he had been given to understand that it would be heated to about 76 degrees, which would be of some assistance to Queensland swimmers.

Late withdrawals have narrowed the team to 13.

Our main hope seems to be in the women's freestyle and breaststroke events. Jennifer Thorn is a strong contender in the 220, 440, and 880 yards freestyle.

Good prospects are also held for Allyson Mabb in the 110 and 220 yards backstroke.

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C.M. Saturday 27 February 1965

#### MAJOR RULING ON SWIMMERS ABROAD

Hobart - Australian swimmers living overseas will not have to return home to gain selection in future Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams. This was decided at the Annual Conference of the Australian Swimming Union in Hobart yesterday.

On the motion of New South Wales it was agreed that Australian swimmers living overseas temporarily could submit their times to the selection committee. The times must have been established before the final selection date at a meeting conducted by a responsible controlling association.

New South Wales delegate, Mr R.Pegram, said that several of Australia's top swimmers were living in the United States at present. It was stupid to expect them to return home especially for selection trials. This would involve extra expense, and the long journey would disrupt their training.

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C.M. Monday 1 March 1965

#### JILL ONLY QUEENSLAND WIN IN SWIMS

Hobart - Jill Groeger, 16-year-old Brisbane typist, yesterday became the first Queenslander to win a title at the Australian swimming championships, when she won the 110 yards butterfly. Jill started swimming 7 years ago but decided two years ago to concentrate on butterfly. Her winning time yesterday was 1m 12.3s.

Jill took the lead after turning into the last lap and held off a determined challenge from New South Wales champion, Lesley George.

Rodney Walk, also of Queensland, gained third place behind Peter Reynolds and Neil Parker of NSW in the 220 yards backstroke.

#### CLOSE RELAY

The Queensland women's medley relay team was narrowly beaten by NSW. Queensland held the lead until the last lap when the Australian freestyle sprint champion, Jan Murphy, gained the lead for NSW. (Results given)

C.M. Tuesday 2 March 1965

### MABB BEATS GAMES GIRL IN BACKSTROKE

By Judy Joy Davies

Hobart - Allyson Mabb, 15, won Queensland's third national swim title when she defeated Olympic representative Nan Duncan in the 110 yards backstroke yesterday. Allyson led down the first lap in 33.2sec, and had a break on the field entering the last lap. A determined finish by Duncan drew her level with Mabb, but the Queensland girl held on to get the judges' decision in a blanket finish in 1:13.7.

John Everding, of Queensland, won back the springboard diving title he lost last year with an easy win yesterday morning. Showing great control in difficult dives, Everding won with 141.31 points from Victorian junior, Don Wagstaff.

Noel Reynolds, of Queensland, surprised by gaining third place in the 110 yards freestyle, and beating Olympic swimmer Peter Doakes of Victoria. Reynolds time was 56.8sec, 0.2sec slower than the winner, David Dickson (W.A.)

The Kieran Shield for competition among the male swimmers was won by N/.S.W. with 18 points from Victoria 4, West Australia 2, and Queensland 1.

The Corbett Shield for competition among women swimmers was also won by N.S.W. with 11½ points, from Victoria 6, Queensland 2, Western Australia 2, and Tasmania 1.

Diver John Everding of Queensland has been included in a team of four to tour New Zealand for three weeks.

(Results given)

### SWIM EXPULSIONS FIRST BY A.S.U

For the first time in the history of Australian swimming, four swimmers were expelled by the Australian Swimming Union yesterday.

The swimmers were - Dawn Fraser, Linda McGill, Marlene Dayman, and Nan Duncan.

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C.M. Thursday 6 March 1965

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary (Mr Brian McCoy) said yesterday that Australia's four suspended girl swim champions knew the charges against them. They were informed of the charges by letter.

Mr McCoy, one of the six delegates in the Amateur Swimming Union of Australia to vote unanimously for the girls' suspensions in Hobart on Monday, returned to Brisbane yesterday.

He said the charges were not confined to participation in the Olympic march in Tokyo.

Mr McCoy would not disclose the charges.

Mr McCoy said that each of the girls should have appeared at the A.S.U. meeting in person, but none had elected to do so.

Some members of the Queensland swimming team, which returned yesterday from the national titles in Hobart, questioned the severity of the suspensions, but most said the A.S.U. must have had reason for them.

Women's team chaperone (Mrs W.Nolan) said she would like to read the report of the Olympic team manageress (Miss Ann Hatton).

Pictures - Lyn Coulter, Kay Cullen and Allyson Mabb with mascot.

- Mr Brian McCoy

Courier Mail Wednesday 1 September 1965

Women's Sport - with Ruby Robinson

COUNTRY HAS THE MOST SWIMMERS

There were far more female country swimmers in Queensland than in the metropolitan area last swimming season.

Of the 4890 registered women swimmers in the State, there are 2207 juniors and 328 seniors in the country. In Brisbane there were 1457 juniors and 261 seniors. District Associations make up the total.

These figures are contained in the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual report of the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association to be presented at the Annual Meeting at 7.45 on Friday night at 697 Ann Street, Valley.

Senior swimmers were far outnumbered by juniors in every Association with the Valley Club in Brisbane leading with 54 seniors, Warwick Amateur Swimming Association next with 42. Highest Club membership went to Langlands Park, Brisbane, with 280 members, followed by Valley with 216. Townsville Gardens Club was the top Club numerically in the country with 228 members with Mackay A.S.C second with 160.

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C.M. Monday 6 September 1965

SWIM TESTS IN MEXICO "HOT AIR"

An American doctor has found that the effects of altitude on swimmers performances were "largely psychological" a Mexican Swimming Federation official said yesterday.

This was decided after intensive medical studies of Australian and Mexican swimmers, an official said. He said the tests were conducted by Dr James Counsilman who is the swimming coach for Indiana University. Australian swimmers Kevin Berry and Robert Windle have been competing in Mexico City recently. The official said, "The doctor found the physical effects of altitude appear to be negligible. However, the times put up by swimmers in Mexico City were lower than when they swam at sea level at Acapulco.

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C.M. Tuesday 21 September 1965

WILL OPPOSE SWIM PANEL

Mr Jack Taylor of the Valley Club will seek to depose one of the three members of the State swim selection panel next Monday night. Mr Taylor's nomination will force a ballot when the QASA holds its first Council meeting of the new swimming year.

Present selectors, Mr E.Theile, M Brian McCoy, and Mr Joe Emerson, have again nominated and others may be received before nominations close on Friday night.

Queensland's nomination for the Australian selection panel to be chosen in February will be named later in the year.

Monday's meeting will also re-elect Mr McCoy as Secretary and Mr Marshall Cooke as Chairman, both unopposed. Treasurer, Mr Lindsay Sanderson will be opposed by Mr Jack Carfrae.

C.M. Tuesday 28 September 1965

NO FINANCE FOR POOL

A lack of finance will prevent the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association from immediately taking over the Valley Pool.

The Association had planned improvements to the pool totalling £130,000 as part of terms of a lease from the City Council, but it was revealed last night at a Council meeting that money could not be obtained for the purpose. The bank

has refused the Association's application for a loan of £300,000, and plans to raise the money by an Art Union have had to be shelved because of a failure to obtain a permit from the Justice Department. One reason for the Department's refusal is that the money gained from the Art Union will not be used entirely for educational purposes such as the teaching of swimming. The QASA is still hopeful, however, that other negotiations with the City Council may result in the Association gaining the pool.

#### SELECTORS BACK

Last night's meeting re-elected last season's selectors, Dr E.Theile, Mr Joe Emerson, and Mr Brian McCoy, who defeated the only other candidate, Mr Jack Taylor.

Chairman Mr Marshall Cooke, Secretary Mr Brian McCoy, and Treasurer Mr L.Sanderson, were returned unopposed. Mr Bill Morell was elected as Stater though opposed by Mr Ralph Carter. The three Vice Presidents chosen last night are Mr G.Bennett of Brisbane, Mr R.J.Dunne of Toowoomba, and Mr J.McNamara of Warwick.

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C.M. Friday 8 October 1965

#### MEDLEY HIS AIM IN SWIM

Toowoomba's Chris Shapland who was edged out of the 1964 Australian Olympic team will concentrate on medley swimming this summer. He will swim for a berth in next year's Commonwealth Games team for Jamaica.

Shapland finished fourth in the 200 and 400 metres medleys at the 1964 Olympic trials. The first three in the 200, Terry Buck, Alex Alexander, and John Oravainen, were sent to Tokyo.

#### WON 200 TITLE

Shapland swam freestyle as well as medley last year and was runner-up to Oravainen who took the 200 freestyle crown in the State titles. Now he is more matured he may turn his best 400 metres medley time of 5min 11 secs into a sub 5 minutes. The best Australian 400 metres performance is 5min 0.4secs by Olympic backstroker Peter Reynolds.

The Commonwealth Games title was won by Alexander in 5min 15.3secs and he got down to 5min 5.3secs for last year's Olympic trials.

#### TWO HOPES

Chris is coached by his father, Bernie Shapland, who has what he believes are two other potential national champions. 13 year old Sheila Rose, a 5 foot 11 inches freestyler and backstroker, and Noel Horne a second year junior backstroker who was a finalist in the 100 and 200 metres Australian titles.

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C.M. Monday 11 October 1965

Picture of Jill Groeger doing Butterfly

"Jill didn't mind the weather." Yesterday's miserable weather conditions did not deter Australia's 100 metres butterfly swim champion, Jill Groeger, who worked out at Dunlop Park pool, Corinda. Jill's coach, Joe King, predicted yesterday that she would break the 70 seconds barrier at the State titles next January. Olympian, Jan Andrews, is the only Australian girl to have done this.

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C.M. Tuesday 12 October 1965

Picture - "Pool by the Surf"

Southport's new Olympic swimming pool was opened yesterday. The pool, which will cost £250,000 when completed, is near the pier theatre on the Nerang River.

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C.M. Wednesday 13 October 1965

#### KENMORE SWIM CLUB TRIALS

Newly formed Kenmore Swimming Club which is now enrolling members will hold time trials at the Kenmore Parish Pool at 7 o'clock tonight. These times will be used as a basis for handicapping when the Club begins its Wednesday night competition swimming next week.

Top coach Arthur Cusack, former lessee of the Centenary Baths, is now managing the pool at the corner of Moggill and Kenmore Roads.

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C.M. Tuesday 26 October 1965

#### ST GEORGE POOL WILL STAY OPEN

St George Shire Chairman, Councillor Bowhay, last night scotched rumours that the town's new £62,000 swimming pool will be closed for health reasons.

The Governor, Sir Henry Abel Smith, opened the pool last night.

Councillor Bowhay denied at the opening that the Council would close the baths. Before the opening he announced his intention to "scotch" the rumours. "The rumours have upset me," he said.

The rumour raced through St George yesterday that the Council was closing the baths in fear that round worm infection could be passed on from aboriginals in the district to white people. Round worm has been detected in aboriginal people in the past.

#### MEDICAL VIEW

Councillor Bowhay said that medical opinion was that there was no threat that the baths would spread the infection. The Queensland Medical School parasitologist, Dr Dorothea Sandars, said in Brisbane that the risk of infection from round worm in a properly filtered and chlorinated pool was minimal. Round worm was soil transmitted.

#### TO SWIM IN JAMAICA?

Picture - Queensland 110 yards backstroke champion Allison Mabb, 16, of Hamilton, took off at the Valley pool yesterday on one of the thousands of pool lengths she will swim in a bid to reach Jamaica for next year's Commonwealth Games.

#### WEST GERMAN SWIM TEAM COMING

The West German swim team which will compete in the Australian Championships in Brisbane next February will also be invited to swim in Toowoomba.

The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary, Mr Brian McCoy, said last night that the A.S.U. had issued the invitation.

The Germans, who in Europe last summer established a number of yardage records, may be in Queensland for eight days. They are committed to the National Championships at the Valley Pool on February 26 and 28. The A.S.U. has suggested that the Germans visit Toowoomba on Sunday February 27.

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C.M. Wednesday 27 October 1965

STATE MINISTRY OF SPORT SUGGESTED

The State Parliament decided yesterday that a State Ministry of Sport should be established to end the exodus of athletes and other sportsmen from Queensland.

The proposal came from Mr Bromley (ALP Norman) during the budget debate. He said the new Department could be financed by the £60,000 T.A.B. unclaimed dividends that went into consolidated revenue. Something should be done to induce top-line athletes and sportsmen to stay in the State, and provide better tuition.

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C.M. Wednesday 17 November 1965

TOP SWIMMERS IN ACTION AT VALLEY  
(Women's Sport - with Ruby Robinson)

The cream of the State's swimmers will be in action at the Valley pool on Friday night November 26. It is the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association championships, with 237 entries from 12 metropolitan and 7 country Clubs.

While nothing has been heard from any potential champions, nominations have come from Toowoomba, Beaudesert, Southport, Bundaberg, and Fairymead, Julia Creek (one entry), and Mermaid beach.

100 YARD BATTLE

The battle for first place in the open 100 yards freestyle between Kayleen Cullen of the Valley Club, and Jennifer Thorn of Centenary Club, could possibly result in the race record of 64.5secc, held by Robyn Thorn, being bettered

Robyn also holds the best by a Queenslander record of 62.7sec, but neither her sister nor Kayleen seems capable of that time. .

State backstroke champion, Allyson Mabb, could better the 100 metres race record of 74.5sec set by former champion Anne Nelson. The best by a Queenslander record for the 100 metres is 71.9, held by Pam Sergeant.

Australian gold medallist, Jill Groeger of Leander Club, is a certainty for the 100 metres butterfly, with Margo Manfield of Leander, and Lyn Coulter challengers for the 100 metres breaststroke.

The best race of the night could be the 4 x 50 metres De Little Cup relay. Centenary Club holds the Cup, and will meet a strong challenge from Leander, Valley, and Toowoomba.

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C.M. Friday 19 November 1965

ATTEMPT ON 200 METRE BUTTERFLY  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's 100 metres butterfly champion, Jill Groeger, will attack her State 200 metres record at the Brisbane distance championship on Sunday night.

Although she is being set for the Australian championships and Commonwealth Games trials in Brisbane next march, Jill's preparation is sufficiently advanced to suggest she will lower her State standard of 2m 45s.

RECORD ENTRY

The championships, to be held at the Valley pool on Sunday morning and evening, have attracted a record 250 entries, among them other Commonwealth Games team contenders in backstroker Allyson Mabb, and freestyle and butterfly swimmer Noel Reynolds.

The Commonwealth Games will be held at Kingston, Jamaica.

Reynolds, or Ron Birch, could set up a new 200 metres State resident butterfly record on Sunday.

Olympic breaststroker Bill Burton has been forced out of the Championships because of an operation on a hand which necessitated 16 stitches, the result of an accident at work. He has resumed training with his hand protected by a surgical glove, and expects to contest the State titles next January.

#### NEW BACKSTROKE RECORD

Last night at the Valley pool, Leander Club's Beth Grissell sliced 4.8sec off the girls' State Under 12 100 metres backstroke record. Swimming solo at a Club meet, Beth clocked 1m 25.8s.

The Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association will hold its Age titles tomorrow week (morning and evening), Sunday (morning and evening), Monday evening, and on the evening of December 3.

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C.M. Saturday 27 November 1965

#### TWO SWIM RECORDS IN BREASTSTROKE

A Queensland Age record and a race record were lowered in one final, at the Queensland Ladies Amateur Swimming Association championships at the Valley pool last night.

Denise Bauer, 11, of Bundaberg, clipped 1.6sec off the Under 13 50 metres breaststroke record on clocking 42.7sec. Second place-getter, J.Barnes, 10, of Leander, touched in 42.9sec, smashing the Queensland Under 11 race record for the distance by 1.2sec.

Seven records were broken during the carnival, and times for two new events were taken as records. National 100 metres butterfly champion, Jill Groeger, who is being groomed for a place in the Australian Commonwealth Games team to Jamaica, shattered the 50 metres open butterfly record in her heat, and lopped another 0.5sec off the time in the final.

Toowoomba sub-junior competitor, Sheila Rose, won the Margaret Sharpe Memorial Cup for the swimmers with the highest aggregate points in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly events. Sheila got a second in freestyle and a first in backstroke.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 29 November 1965

#### SWIFT SWIM BY REYNOLDS

Noel Reynolds swam within 0.5sec of David McMonagle's three year resident Queensland record for 100 metres freestyle at the Valley pool last night. He was competing in the Brisbane Age championships.

State champion Reynolds, 19, turned on a blistering pace over the last 25 metres to clock 57.1sec. Reynolds tailed G.P.S. star, John Lloyd, 16, into the end of the first lap by three feet. But a lightning tumble turn saw Reynolds emerge level with Lloyd, and he ploughed away to win by four feet. Lloyd touched in 58.3sec, and fast improving junior, Ricky Edwards in 60.6sec.

Jenny Thorn clapped on the pace over the last 15 metres of the open women's 100 metres freestyle final to down Kay Cullen (Valley) by a foot in 65.2. Kay was timed at 65.5sec.

Dynamic 10-year-old Bulimba State school pupil, Dianne Charlton, scored easy wins in the freestyle and butterfly finals in the 10 and Under 11 class. Dianne's runaway freestyle time of 33.7sec was 1.4sec better than K.Lascelles in the corresponding boys' final.

Officials will search the files today to see if Mike Cassidy broke the 14 and Under 16 butterfly record with his brilliant 29.9sec. Cassidy, 15, beat reigning State junior champion, Robbie Cusack by a foot in the final.

(Results given)

C.M. Tuesday 7 December 1965

JENNY TO ATTEMPT RECORD ON HER "400"

By Frank O'Callaghan

Jenny Thorn, State freestyle swim champion, will make a solo attack on her 400 metres record at the Valley pool on Saturday night. Jenny, 17, a sister of Olympian Robyn Thorn, aims to better her best by a Queenslander standard of 4m 59s.

The attempt will be a feature of the State Age distance championships on Saturday morning and night. Jenny set her mark when swimming into third place at the national championships at Hobart last February. She clocked 5m 6.4s at the Brisbane championships two weeks ago, 12sec better than her best effort at this time last year. The open state record of 4m 59.7s is held by Dawn Fraser.

The Age distance championships are restricted to swimmers under 14 years, and are held in all strokes and over distances from 100 to 800 metres.

KEEN CLASH

One of the keenest clashes at the championships should be between 13-year-old breaststroker, Greg Wardle, and David Blackett, coached by John Carew and Arthur Cusack respectively.

Wardle holds the State 100 metres (1m 23s) and 200 metres (2m 58.2s) records, but in the recent Brisbane championships heat was beaten by Blackett.

Talented all-rounder, Greg Cusack, 11, has been troubled by a damaged shoulder but expects to compete.

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C.M. Thursday 16 December 1965

PUZZLE OVER SWIM PROS.

By Frank O'Callaghan

A curious anomaly exists concerning the status of professional swim coaches in Queensland and New South Wales. The Queensland Amateur Swimming Association has warned its members that to compete against professional coach John Rigby, of Maroochydore Club, would endanger their amateur status.

Yet in Sydney amateur swimmers are allowed to compete against former Olympian, Alan Wood, now a professional coach, and apparently without penalty.

Yet another ex-Olympian turned coach, John Konrads, has ambitions as a surf swimmer. Konrads has joined North Bondi, and was prevented from swimming in a surf race last weekend because of a cold.

The Q.A.S.A is based on the laws of F.I.N.A., the world swimming authority, whose word is as much law in New South Wales as in Queensland.

People concerned with the future of swimming, and the value to the community of the surf life-saving movement, deplores the law which allows an amateur swimmer to compete against a professional in surf competition only when the professional is using surf lifesaving equipment.

This means that amateurs may swim against Rigby only in belt races and R & R.

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C.M. Tuesday 11 January 1966

RECORD 2126 FOR STATE SWIMMING

A record 2126 entries have been received for the Queensland age and junior and open swim Championships over the next two weekends. This betters by 150 the total entries for last year's championships

The age championships for swimmers up to 14 years, will be held from Thursday to Sunday at the Valley pool

The junior and open titles, also at the Valley pool, are from Thursday January 20 to Sunday January 23.

A total of 1432 nominations are in hand for the 68 Age title events and 694 for the junior and open.

Likely stars of the Age championships are Jo-Ann Brough, of Southport, Vince Breslin, of Gladstone, and Brisbane youngsters Jo-Anne Barnes and Dianne Charlton.

#### LIKELY STARS

Miss Brough, though only 12, last Thursday swam within 1 1/2sec of Cheryl Kensett's State Under 14 record of 5m 7.8s. As this was Jo-Ann's first hard "400" swim of the season, Miss Kensett's State junior record of 5m 3.7s also looks in jeopardy, when Miss Brough also tackles the junior title next week.

Breslin is a strong favourite for the Under 14 400 metres freestyle championship, and Misses Barnes and Charlton could pick up a swag of titles between them.

Miss Barnes is the fastest 10-year-old breaststroke swimmer in Australia, and Miss Charlton a gifted all-rounder, most proficient in freestyle.

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C.M. Wednesday 12 January 1966

#### SWIM CHIEF IS SEEKING THIRD TERM

Australian Swimming Union President (Dr D.Dowling) has been nominated for a third and final term by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association.

A.S.U. Presidents are limited to a three-year period, but must face an election every year. Dr Dowling will bid for a final term at the A.S.U. Conference in Brisbane next month.

Other Queenslanders seeking high positions are amateur coach Mr Joe King, and former Queensland Diving Association Secretary, Mr Les Krigstein.

#### GAMES POSTS

Q.A.S.A. will also nominate Mr John McNamara of Warwick, and Mrs C.Arnold of Brisbane, for the positions of manager and manageress to the Australian swim team to the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica next August.

Mr A.Gynther will manage the Queensland men's team for the Australian titles in Brisbane next month and Mrs A.Handley the women's team.

Mr and Mrs George Bennett will be manager and manageress of the Queensland swim team to the National junior swim titles in Perth on February 5 and 6.

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C.M. Friday 14 January 1966

#### TWELVE RECORDS SET IN AGE SWIMMING

Twelve records were broken at the Queensland age and junior open swim championships last night at the Valley pool.

Young swimming star, Jo-Anne Barnes cut 2.7sec off the Australian Under 12 100 metres breaststroke record, though she was a year out of her age group.

In the Under 11 50 metres backstroke G.Sanders (Toowoomba) bettered the Australian record by one second when he swam the distance in 37.5sec.

Another good swim was that of 12-year-old K.Deasy, who set an Australian record of 3:15.8 in the Under 14 200 metres breaststroke.

A notable feature of the titles was the record-breaking swims by juniors competing in higher age groups. Times were generally faster than last year's titles, and swimmers were urged on by a capacity crowd of over 1200 at the meeting. The championships will be held again tonight, Saturday and Sunday, and next weekend. (Qualifiers given)

C.M. Saturday 15 January 1966

### SEVEN RECORDS GO IN AGE SWIMMING

By Frank O'Callaghan

Seven records were smashed and eight equalled in 22 State Age championships swim events at the Valley pool last night. Six of the records tumbled in the first eight events.

Versatile 10-year-old Dianne Charlton was outstanding lowering the 50 metres backstroke record by 2/10sec. Barely an hour later she won the 50metres freestyle in her division in a smart 32.5secc.

### FASTEST GIRL

Dianne, of Bulimba, though a year younger than the previous backstroke record holder, Gai Lillyman, set a new mark of 38.2sec.

Her Leander club mate, Jo-Anne Barnes shared much of the spotlight. Jo-Anne, the fastest 10-year-old breaststroker in Australia, repeated her performance in Thursday night's heat of the Under 12 breaststroke by clocking 1m 30.6s. Tiny 10-year-old Jo-Anne went over the first 50 metres in a time one second faster than coach, Joe King, had intended for her.

Valley backstroker, Ken Nyberg, a record-breaker in his heat, clipped a further 1½ sec off that time in claiming the 200 metres Under 14 title in 2m 39.8s.

Two of the best swims were not recorded - Ken Sanderson's Under 14 400 metres freestyle win in 4m 59.1s, and Jo-Ann Brough's Under 14 400 metres freestyle in 5m 7.8s.

Sanderson staged an absorbing struggle with David Forster before taking control of the race at the 300 metre mark. Miss Brough had no such competition. An exceptionally powerful stroker, she led from the start, and finished with 20 yards between her and Toowoomba's Jenny Patterson. Jo-Ann's time is 2/10sec better than her previous best, and only one second outside the record.

LIKE MOTHER . . .

Roma freestyler, John Henderson, like Jo-Anne Barnes, had a distinguished cheer leader urging him to the Under 12 100 metres title - his mother, former Olympic freestyler, Denise Spencer. Jo-Anne's mother, the former Connie McLaughlin, is a one time team mate of Denise.

Both represented Queensland at the 1946 National titles.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 17 January 1966

### CONGO REFUGEE AMONG RECORDS IN AGE SWIMS

A refugee from Stanleyville in the Belgian Congo was among the winners at the Queensland Age swimming titles at the Valley pool last night. He is 13-year-old Lue Van Openbosch who recorded 1m 19s in the 12 and Under 13 boys' butterfly. His time set the standard for the new event.

With his parents, Dr and Mrs Jose Van Openbosch, and two brothers, Luc was expelled from Stanleyville during the Belgian Congo riots in 1964, and migrated to Cairns. However, the Openbosch family moved to the grange in Brisbane last week, and will settle here. Luc entered the titles as a North Queensland competitor.

Townsville's outstanding all-round stroker, Max Pauasci, added the gruelling 200 metres individual medley in record time to his impressive championship list. Max carved 6.4sec off Nigel Cleur's old standard, when he surged ahead of Greg Cusack (Centenary) and another Townsville member, Gary Ohlson, in the Under 12 boys' class.

#### FOUR TITLES EACH

Leander's 10-year-old, Dianne Charlton, and Commercial's Debbie Handley, 9, each scored another championship giving them four each for the four-day titles.

Dianne cleared away with the Under 12 200 metres individual medley in 3m 1.8s. Debbie touched about six feet in front of Pauline Bartaska and Sandra Murphy, in the Under 10 50metres butterfly.

#### SEVEN BROKEN

Seven records were broken and times set in two new events.

Greg Cusack (Centenary) kept the 11 and Under 12 boys' butterfly title and record in the family album, when he lowered brother Robbie's 36.8sec time by one second.

The powerful Valley Club 12 and Under 14 years boys' freestyle relay team lost the chance of taking the crown and a record when their number 2 swimmer was disqualified for hitting the water too soon. Central Queensland, second across the line, now holds the honour and the record at 1:57.8.

Lismore swimmer, Michael Creswick won the Under 10 50 metres butterfly in 41.2sec, but because of his residential qualifications, is not eligible to hold the title. David Unwin (Leander) who swam 41.7sec, was credited with the Queensland championship.

(Results given)

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C.M. Thursday 20 January 1966

#### QUEENSLAND SWIM RECORD LIKELY

A new Queensland swim record could be set in the men's 100metres freestyle event in the Queensland championship heats at the Valley pool tonight. The heats will be held tonight, and Saturday and Sunday mornings, with finals tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Favourite to win the 100 metres event tonight is Noel Reynolds, who is expected to be pressed by John Lloyd. Reynolds will be striving for selection in the Commonwealth Games team.

The Queensland open and junior teams to compete in the Australian championships will be announced after the finals on Sunday night. The open championships will be held in Brisbane on February 26 and 27, and the junior championships in Perth on February 5 and 6.

The 100 metres breaststroke heat tonight will see the return to championship competition of Allan Humphreys, and former Olympian Bill Burton.

The 200 metres women's breaststroke heats tonight should see a close struggle between Lyn Coulter and Margo Manfield, both of whom have been swimming good times.

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C.M. Friday 21 January 1966

#### JENNY SET JUNIOR RECORD FOR 200m

Fourteen-year-old Jenny Steinbeck, of Valley, last night set a new 200 metres junior women's

medley swim record at the Valley Baths. Competing in a heat of the Queensland championships, Jenny covered the journey in 2m 50s, clipping 0.1sec off the old record.

Greg Cusack, of Centenary, created a Queensland Under 12 record when competing in the 200 metres junior men's breaststroke event. Cusack covered the distance in 3m 15.7s, bettering the old time by 0.3sec.

A good performance was turned in by Chris Shapland, of Toowoomba, in the 200 metres men's medley championship. Shapland had an easy win in 2m 25.9s which was only 0.8sec outside the Queensland record. He beat the nearest rival, Marcus Ringuet, of Charleville, by 9.9sec, and should easily break the record in the final tonight if pressed.

The most disappointing heats of last night's programme were the 100 metres men's freestyle events. The best two qualifiers, John Lloyd of Valley, and Noel Reynolds of Leander, won their heats but their times were disappointing. Lloyd clocked 57.6sec, and Reynolds 57.9sec

The Queensland record for the distance is 54.6sec.  
(Qualifiers given)

C.M. Saturday 22 January 1966

#### ALLYSON BROKE RECORD OF MEDALLIST

By Frank O'Callaghan

Sixteen-year-old Brisbane backstroker, Allyson Mabb, swam strongly towards Commonwealth Games team calculations with a record-shattering performance at the Valley pool last night.

Allyson, the national 110 yards champion, retained her State 200 metres title in 2m 37.2s, lopping 1.5sec off the resident record of the 1962 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist, Pam Sergeant.

#### SEASON'S BEST

Local statisticians believe this is the fastest time recorded in Australia this season.

Allyson's record-breaking plans were obvious when she went through the first 100 metres in 73 secs, two seconds inside the time set her by coach Gordon Petersen. She burnt off all competition in the first lap, and surged home with 20 yards to spare. The sterner struggle Allyson is sure to find in the national championships next month could make a reduction of her time by three or four seconds.

Another of coach Petersen's charges, 14-year-old St Rita's Convent schoolgirl, Jenny Steinbeck, claimed two titles and the 200 metres medley record. Jenny lowered the medley record to 2m 50.2s in her heat on Thursday night, and last night ripped another 6/10sec off that mark. Less than an hour earlier Jenny took the junior 200 metres crown. She will defend her 100 metres freestyle title tomorrow night.

The Broughs, Greg and Jo-Ann of Mermaid Beach, scored well. Greg grasped his second gold medal of the championships by downing the 400 metres freestyle field in 4m 38.2s, his fastest time yet. On Thursday night he beat all comers over 1500 metres of freestyle.

Jo-Ann, 12, had little in lifting the women's junior 400 metres freestyle title, and at her third attempt in a little more than a month, cracked the State Under 14 record. Her time of 5m 4.4s was a mere 7/10 sec outside the junior (under 16) mark of Commonwealth Games representative Cheryl Kensett.

#### REYNOLDS AGAIN

Noel Reynolds retained the blue riband open 100 metres freestyle championship in 56.7sec, after trailing the fastest qualifier for the final, John Lloyd, through the tumble turn. He finished all over Lloyd, who finished in his qualifying and personal best time of 57.6sec.

Six records, four State, one race, and one under-age, were posted on the 17 event programme.

Rodney Walk's 2m 21.7s for the 200 metres backstroke, though it bettered Tony Fingleton's State resident record standard by one second, could not, because of his winning margin of 20 yards, be deemed his best.

Jenny Thorn, another Queensland hope for the Games team to Jamaica, failed to please coach, Arthur Cusack, with her record-breaking 4m 55.3s for 400 metres in freestyle. Jenny shed 4.8sec off the record her sister, Olympian Robyn, but Cusack would not be drawn the comment he was not satisfied.  
(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 24 January 1966

JILL GROEGER'S RECORDS "FASTEST IN BUTTERFLY"  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's dual national butterfly swim title hope, Jill Groeger, claimed her second State title in record-breaking time at the Valley pool last night. In adding the 200 metres title to her 100 metres crown she took on Saturday night, Jill, 17, set a new State resident standard time of 2m 43s, thus bettering her own record by 2.3sec. Her new 100 metres record of 70.8sec on Saturday night and last night's performances are believed to be the fastest recorded in Australia this season, evidence that Jill is a front-line contender for the Australian Commonwealth Games team for Jamaica next August

Her coach, Joe King, believes she will crack the State all-comers 200 metres record (2m 40.5s) of Olympian Jan Andrews, at the national championships in Brisbane next month.

CLEAN SWEEPS

Freestyler Jenny Thorn, another Commonwealth Games team aspirant, equalled a 20 year old record when she lifted the 100 metres freestyle championship, thus making a clean sweep of all the open freestyle events. By winning the 100, 200, 400, and 800 metres, Jenny matched the 1946 performance of 1948 Olympian Denise Spencer.

Brisbane's Noel Reynolds clinched the open 400 metres freestyle and his fourth gold medal of the championships, with a split decision over Toowoomba's Chris Shapland. They churned side by side through each of the eight laps and slammed the wall together through a flurry of foam.

Three of the five judges went for Reynolds, and an average taken among the clockers gave him a time of 4m 33.3s, 1/10 sec faster than Shapland.

SIX SECONDS FASTER

Kevin Daly, a junior who could not beat Jill Groeger in a club swim three weeks ago, would not bow to Robert Cusack and pipped the Centenary Club all-rounder in 2m 37.4s. This was nearly six seconds faster than Miss Groeger's swimming effort.

Ross Gynther, of Wavell Heights, who has been trying to win a State open breaststroke title for the last three years, stole last night's 200 metres event from such class company as seasoned State representative Alan Humphreys, and ex-Olympian Bill Burton.

It looked like another Humphreys - Burton struggle when Humphreys turned a foot ahead of Burton for the tough beat home. Few saw Gynther - it is certain that Humphreys and Burton didn't - make his driving finish.

CLARKE FIT

Another supremely fit champion, Steve Clarke, cut down more talented opposition in the open 200 metres butterfly. Ron Birch, a former junior champion, led by 5 yards at the 50 metres and by 2 yards at the 100, but Clarke, and then Rockhampton's Bob Beasley, pegged him back, Clarke retaining his title in 2m 33.5s, 10 sec faster than he clocked last year.

Jenny Steinbeck, another to take home four gold medals, also gained two silvers, from six starts, and her time of 65.8sec in finishing second to Jenny Thorn in the open 100 metres freestyle, represented half a second improvement on her previous best.

Only individual record-breaker apart from Miss Groeger was Wendy Oliphant, who lopped sec off Marilyn Stock's junior resident record for 200 metres butterfly Miss Oliphant finished stylishly in 2m 53s.

The David Theile Trophy for the swimmer closest to world standard was won by backstroker Allyson Mabb, and the E.J.Davis Memorial Trophy for the best performance in under-age swimming, was won by Dianne Charlton.

THESE ARE FOR TITLES

These swimmers were selected to represent Queensland in the Australian swimming championships next month. Junior championships will be held in Perth, and the senior events in Brisbane.

SENIOR

Men - N.Reynolds (B'ne), G.Brough (Mermaid Bch), R.Walk (B'ne), A.Clarke (B'ne), A.Humphreys (B'ne), R.Gynther (B'ne), C.Shapland (T'mba).

Women - J.Thorn (B'ne), A.Mabb (B'ne), J.Groeger (B'ne), M.Manfield (B'ne), H.Henderson (Gladstone).

JUNIOR

Men - D.Blackett (B'ne), G.Brough (Mermaid Bch), R.Cusack (B'ne), N.Horne (T'mba), B.Shapland (T'mba), W.Sweetenham (Mt Isa).

Women - J.Brough (Mermaid Bch), L.Doherty (B'ne), D.Edmonds (B'ne), W.Oliphant (B'ne), J.Steinbeck (B'ne).

C.M. Wednesday 26 January 1966

THEILE FOR SWIM POST

President of the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association, Dr E.Theile, has been nominated as a Vice President of the Australian Swimming Union. He will oppose Mr Syd Grange at the Union's Conference to be held in Brisbane on Thursday February 24.

Dr Theile is the father of David Theile 1956 Melbourne and 1960 Rome Olympic Games dual backstroke gold medallist. He has been nominated by the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association for the national Vice Presidency. This is the first time Dr Theile has sought an Executive position with the Australian Swimming Union.

Last week the New South Wales Swimming Association decided to nominate Mr Tom Middleton against Australian Swimming Union Secretary, Mr Bill Berge-Phillips.

Mr Berge-Phillips is also President of F.I.N.A.

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C.M. Wednesday 2 February 1966

BELGIAN REFEREE FOR WATER POLO

By Frank O'Callaghan

One of the world's leading water polo referees, Belgian Charles Augerhausen, will officiate at the National water polo championships in Brisbane from February 18 to 28. The Australian Swimming Union which will fly Augerhausen here from Europe, will receive financial assistance from a cigarette company.

The Belgian officiated at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and when in Brisbane will conduct seminars for Australian water polo coaches.

National championship water polo matches played at the Valley pool in conjunction with the Australian swimming championships late this month, will provide an innovation in Australia.

Two polo matches will be played during breaks in the 11-event Australian championship swimming programmes on the nights of February 25, 26, and 27.

GAMES VOTE

A mail vote has been taken among the Australian States to decide if the Australian swimming championships will also be the Commonwealth Games trials.

The Australian Swimming Union has already decided that special Games trials be held in early May. But the New South Wales Swimming Association is behind a move to revert to the normal practice of using the national championships as the sole Games trials.

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C.M. Monday 7 February 1966

BRISBANE GIRL'S TWO BACKSTROKE TITLES

Perth - Jenny Steinbeck, 14-year old St Rita's Convent (Brisbane) schoolgirl, claimed two Australian junior championships here at the week-end Jenny, of Clayfield, won the 200 metres championship on Saturday, and yesterday took the 100 metres. She clocked 2m 42.1s, and 1m 16.6s respectively.

The 200 metres time is 2sec faster than it took her to win the State title, but the 100 metres mark is 0.8sec slower than the Queensland championship winning time.

Jenny also won a bronze medal by finishing third in the 100 metres freestyle in 67.1sec.

The Broughs, of Mermaid Beach, Greg and his sister Jo-Anne, will each bring home a bronze medal, Greg, 14, for a third placing in the 400 metres freestyle, and Jo-Anne, 12, for a similar performance in the 200 metres individual medley. (Results given)

C.M. Monday 21 February 1966

QUEENSLAND DOWN IN WATER POLO

Western Australia piled on six goals in the last quarter to beat Queensland 12-4 in the National Water Polo Titles at the Valley pool yesterday. Queensland played with real fire until the last quarter, but then "fell apart".

It was Queensland's third defeat in the titles which started on Friday.

In another contest, New South Wales completely outclassed Tasmania 11-0.

The titles continue this week.

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C.M. Tuesday 22 February 1966

N.S.W. SHOULD TAKE MOST OF THE SWIM TITLES

New South Wales swimmers are expected to win most of the titles in the Australian swimming championships at the Valley pool starting on Friday.

Brisbane coach, Mr Joe King, said, "A lot of the events will be a re-run of the N.S.W. championships."

However, Queensland resident record-holders, Allyson Mabb and Jill Groeger, should offer the southerners tough opposition. The 100 metres butterfly and the 200 metres backstroke will be strongly contested by Jill and Allyson respectively.

Jenny Thorn, 17, is a Queensland place prospect in the distance events.

Q'LD DOWN 10-2 IN WATER POLO

Victoria, in a devastating attack, beat Queensland in the fourth round of the Australian Water Polo championships at the Valley pool last night. Queensland went down 10-2 under a barrage of goals from Victorians Ian Mills and Gary Anderson, who scored three goals each.

Bill Tilley, Queensland goalkeeper, helped prevent Victoria from widening the lead by stopping some furious shots when play was hectic around the goal.

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C.M. Saturday 26 February 1966

MABB, GROEGER, SET SWIM RECCORDS  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Two Queensland girls, Allyson Mabb, 16, and Jill Groeger, 17, took giant strides towards Commonwealth Games selection with national title wins at the Valley pool last night. Miss Groeger, a butterfly swimmer, and Miss Mabb, a backstroker, each set Queensland records.

Miss Groeger's courageous finish snatched the 200 metres title in the last 10 yards. She set a new State standard of 2m 48.4s, 3.7sec inside Olympian Jan Andrews record, and 6.9sec faster than her time at last year's national titles.

Miss Mabb, of Hamilton, laid her claim on the 200 metres backstroke crown in the first 100 metres. She flattened all opposition and streaked home eight yards clear of West Australian girl, Lyn Watson. Her time of 2m 35s lowered Commonwealth Games representative, Sue Costin's Queensland record by 1.2sec.

Miss Groeger, who will defend her 100 metres title tonight said, after receiving her gold medal, "I haven't got an ounce left, I gave it the lot over the last fifteen yards." Jill swam strictly to the instructions of her coach Joe King. She stayed behind the shoulder of her chief rival, Lesley George of New South Wales, and pulled out a paralysing finish. Miss Mabb, also the National 100 metres champion in her specialty stroke, would, in the words of her coach Gordon Petersen, have broken Belinda Woosley's Australian record of 2m 36.3s had she been extended.

FOUR OTHERS SHINE

Other outstanding Queenslanders last night were backstroker Rodney Walk, medley swimmer Chris Shapland, and freestylers Jo-Anne Brough, and Jenny Thorn.

Rodney clocked his personal best for 100 metres of 64.4sec to win a silver medal, and Chris, though outside his best time, claimed a bronze medal in the 200 metres event.

Jo-Anne became the first 12-year-old Queenslanders to break 5 minutes for 400 metres when she clocked 4m 57.7s, and Jenny's 4m 49.2s for the same event is the fastest by a Queenslanders., to gain her a third place.

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C.M. Monday 28 February 1966

REYNOLDS, SWIM OUTSIDER, SETS A RECORD  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's Noel Reynolds, a rank outsider for the Australian 100 metres butterfly championship, snatched the title in Queensland record time at the Valley pool last night.

Reynolds, now a casual club swimmer, surged past Olympian John Stark and highly-rated Graham Dunn in the second lap, and touched the wall in 60.1sec to equal Olympic champion Kevin Berry's Queensland record. Stark, the 200 metres champion, clocked 61.1sec, and Dunn, the Queensland junior, recorded breaking time of 61sec.

Reynolds nominated for this year's State and National titles as a matter of habit.

SHORT TRAINING

"I didn't really want to swim in either," he said last night. "But when the time came, I decided to give it a go." It is only in the last eight weeks that he has done any serious training, and that has been a mere mile a day, one third of his programmes of other years.

By producing form on such a skimpy preparation, Reynolds must join Jill Groeger, a girl he has trained with for the past ten years, Allyson Mabb, and Jenny Steinbeck as a Queensland contender for the Commonwealth Games team for Jamaica in August.

Miss Mabb took her second national title, the 100 metres backstroke, as she pleased. Her time of 1m 11.8s equalled her State record, and is a splendid follow-on to her 200 metres championship win on Friday night.

Miss Groeger, the dual butterfly champion, and freestyler Miss Steinbeck who turned 15 yesterday, already have laid their Games selection claims.

There was no Australian or world record in the men's 100 metres freestyle championship, but there were plenty of thrills. Sydney schoolboy, Michael Wenden, carved way clear of John Ryan and David Dickson after the turn, and slapped the wall in 54.6sec, a time which was once a world record.

Queensland's Jenny Thorn, a disappointment in Saturday night's 100 metres, swam her best yet 200 metres, a bronze medal-winning 2m 19.3s. Jenny turned up for the 800 metres where her 10m 17s earned her second place.

(Results given)

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C.M. Tuesday 1 March 1966

#### NO WINTER POOLS FOR SWIM TEAM'S TRAINING

By Frank O'Callaghan

Most members of the Australian swim team for the Commonwealth Games next August, and their coaches, are concerned about the lack of winter training facilities. For the first time since 1952, the Australian Swimming Union will not be sending its team to Townsville for pre-Games training.

On that occasion the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association undertook to finance the Australian team's training.

The Union has ruled that swimmers for this year's Games use whatever facilities are available to them, and in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, there are few.

Of the 25-strong team, 14 are from New South Wales, four each from Queensland and Victoria, and three from Western Australia. The Games team will leave Australia in July, and the Games start in Jamaica on August 4.

Western Australians are well catered for with heated long course pools.

Games team aspirants and their coaches expressed their concern about the lack of winter training facilities when in Brisbane for the national championships. Don Talbot, who has been appointed official team coach, a position he assumes on the departure date, hopes to spend some time in Townsville with at least some of the swimmers who have been chosen in the side.

#### FOUR QLD GIRLS CHOSEN

Queensland has four swimmers, all women, in the team - butterflyer Jill Groeger, backstroker Allyson Mabb, and freestylers Jenny Thorn and Jenny Steinbeck.

Miss Groeger and Mabb each won the 100 and 200 metres Australian championships in their respective strokes. On each occasion they set, or equalled, State or National records.

Few swimmers have worked under greater difficulties than Miss Thorn to make the national team. Jenny, 17, whose sister Robyn swam for Australia at the 1964 Olympics, battled through the championships with a virus complaint.

#### TWO RECORDS

Yet she finished second in the 800 metres and third in the 200 and 400 metres and set two State records. Her training venues extended from a 16 2/3 metres pool at Kenmore, to a 50 metre one at Scarborough.

Jenny Steinbeck turned 15 on Sunday, the day she was chosen for the side. She went to Perth last month and picked up the national junior 100 and 200 metres backstroke titles, and finished third in the freestyle. Less than a month later she finished fourth in the senior freestyle title in the new State record time of 63.6sec, lopping a hefty 2.2sec off her previous best.

Miss Groeger is coached by Brisbane amateur coach, Joe King, Miss Thorn by professional Arthur Cusack, and Misses Mabb and Steinbeck by Valley pool leese, Gordon Petersen.

## NOEL UNLUCKY

Queensland butterflyer, Noel Reynolds, who stole the Australian 100 metres title from the talented Olympian John Stark, and Sydney's vaunted junior Graham Dunn, is an unfortunate omission. The 20-year-old Reynolds clocked 60.1sec in what must be the skimpiest preparation of any swimmer at the national titles. His accountancy studies restricted him to one mile a day in training. Given a full training schedule, surely he would have come down well below the minute.

Reynolds, however, missed his big chance by contesting the 400 metres freestyle, and not the 200 metres butterfly.

The butterfly sprint spot was reserved for Olympic champion Kevin Berry, now studying at the University of Indiana with another Games team member, Olympic 1500 metre freestyle champion, Bob Windle. Their selection was based on times submitted to the A.S.U. on Saturday by University of Indiana coach, Dr Jim Counsilman.

(Full team named)

Courier Mail Thursday 1 September 1966

DR THEILE GOES BACK

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association President, Dr E.Theile, will be returned for his third consecutive term next Monday night.

The Association's Annual Meeting at the Builders Exchange, Wharf Street, will also discuss a recommendation for Life Membership for the Association's Registrar, Mr Malcolm Munro.

A ballot will be required to choose five Vice Presidents from seven applicants. Retiring Vice Presidents Messrs R.Dunn, E.Barnacle, G.Murphy, G.Bennett, and J.Mcnamara will be opposed by C.Arnold and A.Steinbeck.

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C.M. Friday 9 September 1966

LEANDER VOTE ON SELECTORS

Brisbane's Leander Swimming Club will move a vote of "No confidence" in the Australian selectors at the QASA Council meeting on September 26.

Leander's action has been prompted by the selector's failure to select Queensland's national butterfly champion, Noel Reynolds, in the Commonwealth team which competed in Jamaica last month. Reynolds was the only Australian champion not named in the Games team. He won the 100 metres butterfly title in 60.1 seconds from John Stark (who was unavailable for Games selection) and Graham Dunn.

BELOW QUOTA

The Games team comprised 25 swimmers when 28 were permitted, and two butterfly swimmers when three could have been chosen. The butterfly swimmers were Dunn and Olympic champion Kevin Berry, who did not contest the nationals. Berry later withdrew and was replaced by Brett Hill of Sydney. The performance in Jamaica of Dunn and Hill spotlighted the short sightedness of the selectors. The 110 yards was won by R.Jacks of Canada in 60.3 seconds. Dunn finished second in 60.9 seconds, and Hill fifth in 61.9 seconds.

It is obvious that Reynolds, with six weeks of intensive training under Games coach, Don Talbot, a butterfly specialist, was genuine gold medal material. The Leander charge showed the selectors lax in not recognising this.

Leander will also query the authority of the selectors, who when asked by a Queensland delegate to the A.S.U. why only 25 were chosen for Jamaica, replied that there were no others good enough.

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C.M. Wednesday 28 September 1966

STEINBECK IS SWIM CHIEF

Mr Arch Steinbeck is the new Chairman of the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association. Mr Steinbeck is the father of Commonwealth Games swimmer, Jenny. He succeeds Mr Marshall Cook who did not seek re-election.

The QASA Council has rejected a motion by the Leander Club seeking a vote of "No confidence" in the Australian selectors. The motion was promoted by the omission of the Queensland and Australian butterfly champion, Noel Reynolds, from the Commonwealth Games team, and the selector's failure to fill the 28 places in the Games team. It was felt that the three positions unfilled would have been occupied by potential 1968 Olympic Games representatives who would have benefited by Commonwealth Games experience. The Council which defeated the motion was obviously swayed by a speech made by Australian Swimming Union President and Queensland Life Member, Dr D.Dowling.

C.M. Thursday 29 September 1966

Picture : Jenny Steinbeck on the starting blocks

## JENNY IS OUR BIG HOPE FOR THE GAMES

Jenny Steinbeck, though only a junior, is Queensland's hope for this season's national women's 100 metres freestyle swim title and the 1968 Olympics

At the 1964 Jamaica Commonwealth Games Jenny was the second fastest Australian behind Australian champion Lyn Bell, and her coach, Gordon Petersen, is hoping she can down Lyn and break 62 seconds for this season. Last night Jenny swam easily in the Valley Pool.

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C.M. Friday 7 October 1966

## MAJOR SWIM DATES CLASH

Dates of next year's Australian pool and Queensland's surf championships will clash, but there is just a chance because of South Australia's religious influence Queenslanders who are champions in both swimming fields may contest both sets of titles.

The Queensland surf titles will be held at Bundaberg on February 25 and 26. The Australian pool titles are held traditionally on the last week-end in February, but because Adelaide will not permit the championships to be held on a Sunday, they will now run from Thursday February 23 to Saturday February 25.

If the airlines co-operate and Queensland Clubs can finance their stars, it is possible they can be flown from Adelaide to Bundaberg to start in the surf championships. In similar circumstances in 1964, Surfers Paradise junior, Grant Rayner, flew from Brisbane to Ingham and after a sleepless night won the State junior surf title.

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C.M. Wednesday 9 November 1966

## NEW SWIM SELECTOR

Mr John McNamara, a Warwick dentist, has been named the third Queensland selector. He joins Dr E.Theile and Mr Joe Emerson on the selection panel.

Mr McNamara, who is prominent in Rugby Union and swimming on the Darling Downs, managed the Australian swim team to the Commonwealth Games at Jamaica last August. It is possible he will be Queensland's nominee for a seat on the Australian selection panel next July.

## CHANGE PRACTICE

The Australian Swimming Union's practice of choosing officials at the Conference held in conjunction with the national swimming titles has ceased. They will now be chosen at the July (off season) Conference. This means that those whose terms would normally have ended next February when the national titles will be held, will continue in office until the following July.

The officials include Queensland's Australian Swimming Union President, Dr D.Dowling, as well as the current Australian selection panel, Mr W.Berge-Phillips (NSW), Mr A.Blue (Vic), and Mr J.Harrison (Tas).

## TITLE DATES

Time trials designed to give added competition to Queensland swimmers will be held at the Valley pool next Sunday, starting at 5pm.

Queensland Age Distance championships will be held on December 16, and the rest of the Age Titles from January 11 to 15. The State open titles will be held from January 19 to 22. The national junior championships are scheduled for Sydney (Feb 4-5), and the senior ones for Adelaide (Feb 23-25).

C.M. Wednesday 16 November 1966

#### NEW CLUBS ENTER FOR SWIM TITLES

Women's Sport by Ruby Robinson

More than 200 entries have been received for the Q.L.A.S.A. championships at the Valley pool on Friday night beginning at 7pm. Entries include many from newly formed clubs. These include Chermside, Aspley Marlins, Acacia, Dunlop Park, and the revived Moreton Bay Club which has been out of existence for many years.

Bundaberg has two swimmers, H.Brook and D.Sauer, the latter entered in every stroke event in the sub-junior championships. Toowoomba's entries are S.Rose and F.Rillie.

Greatest interest in the 20 events is centred in the junior and sub-junior grades. In the sub-junior freestyle 50 metres, at least five starters can be regarded as potential winners from the 25 nominations.

#### BUSY GIRL

One of the busiest swimmers will be Leander's Dianne Charlton who surprisingly has entered for the open freestyle 100 metres. She is also in the Under 12 freestyle and backstroke events.

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C.M. Thursday 17 November 1966

#### GAMES FOUR

Queensland's four Commonwealth Games swimmers will compete at the Valley pool on Sunday. The quartet is among the record 200 number of competitors who will line up in the metropolitan championships.

Freestylers Jenny Steinbeck and Jenny Thorn, butterflyer Jill Groeger, and backstroker Allyson Mabb are all keen to claim metropolitan titles.

For various reasons all but Miss Mabb have had restricted training to date, but Allyson's times indicate she is heading for her most successful season. She has already clocked 2m 39.7s for 200 metres and 1m 13.9s for the sprint. These times are only 2.5sec and 1.7sec outside her record-breaking State championship wins of last year.

National butterfly champion, Noel Reynolds, and Queensland's best-yet breaststroke prospect, Jo-Anne Barnes, will also contest the titles.

#### SHE'S ELEVEN

Reynolds' omission from the Commonwealth Games team was shabby treatment. He will contest 20 metres of butterfly and 400 metres of freestyle on Sunday.

Jo-Anne is only 11, and last Sunday week clocked 1m 27.5s for 100 metres, lopping 3.2sec off her State Age record. This was only 0.6sec slower than the time Margo Manfield swam to win the State senior title last January. Jo-Anne and Margo seem likely to be opposed in the breaststroke 200 metres on Sunday.

Heats will begin at 9.30am. The finals are scheduled for 6.30pm.

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C.M. Monday 21 November 1966

#### JO-ANNE BEAT SENIOR CHAMPION

By Frank O'Callaghan

Jo-Anne Barnes, a pert 11-year-old Oxley schoolgirl, beat State senior breaststroke champion Margo Manfield in the metropolitan distance swimming championships at the Valley pool last night. Jo Anne's time of 3m 8s lopped 7.8sec off the State Under 12 record, and stamped her as the best breaststroke prospect Australia has had. If she continues at her current rate of

improvement, she could well represent Australia at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Last night's performance was 2.7sec faster than the best and 11-year-old Australian last season. Earlier she had won the 100 metres title in 1m 27.6s, a mere 1/10sec outside her pending State record.

In the 200 metres event she led Miss Manfield by a touch at the 100 metres mark (1:31.6), nosed a little further ahead down the third lap, and when it seemed the stronger girl might wear her down, Jo-Anne produced a withering finish which would sweep her to a four yard advantage.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 25 November 1966

#### SWIM TWO TO MEET

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland Swimming's best drawcards, Jo-Anne Barnes, 11, and Margo Manfield, 18, will meet again at the Valley pool tonight.

Jo-Anne beat Margo over 200 metres last Sunday. Tonight in the Queensland Ladies Association carnival they will go over 100 metres. Margo is the Queensland champion over both distances.

Jo-Anne's sensational times stamp her as a future Olympian. She clocked 3m 8s last Sunday, only 1sec outside Margo's State championship winning time.

#### OTHER EVENTS

Tonight Jo-Anne will swim in the Under 15 50 meters event. Both girls also will swim in the Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association's championship breaststroke heats on Sunday. The finals will be held on December 2. The Brisbane titles will be conducted with heats tomorrow afternoon and night, and on Sunday morning. Finals for the freestyle, butterfly, and relay events will be held on Sunday night. Backstroke and breaststroke finals are scheduled for the night of December 2.

Commonwealth Games representatives, Jenny Thorn, Jenny Steinbeck, and Allyson Mabb, will compete tonight, but Miss Thorn is unavailable for the Brisbane titles.

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C.M. Saturday 26 November 1966

#### JO-ANNE IS SWIM STAR

Eleven-year-old Jo-Anne Barnes starred again in the State women's swim titles in the Valley pool last night. The Corinda schoolgirl gave away six or seven years to her opponents, and brilliantly captured the breaststroke 100 metres title. Jo-Anne put in a scorching finish to cut back two body lengths on the leaders in the last 30 yards. She went past Margo Manfield in the last few strokes to win by a touch. Jo-Anne, a daughter of former swimmer Connie McLoughlin, went on to take the Under 12 breaststroke title.

Jenny Steinbeck, only half-fit following Junior exams, took the overall points title. She coasted to the open freestyle title, was well beaten by Allyson Mabb in backstroke, and gave Jill Groeger a great battle in butterfly.

Susan Stewart was the top sub-junior, scoring classy wins in the freestyle and butterfly titles.

(Results given)  
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C.M. Wednesday 30 November 1966

#### "PARENTS A DRAG" ON SWIMMING

Queensland Olympic swimmer, Denise Spencer, now a mother of six, accuses doting parents of being a drag on the sport. Now Mrs George Henderson, a Taringa housewife, Denise has put her children under the exclusive authority of coach, Mr John Carew.

#### WATCH HAPPY

"There must be only one coach for a child swimmer, and a parent is too close to do the job effectively," she said. "Those stopwatch-happy parents you see charging around a pool concourse are damaging not only swimming but the swim potential of their children."

"Recently I saw a coach give good advice to a very promising young Brisbane swimmer. Her father came along and immediately afterwards and told her the opposite. Imagine her confusion."

Denise claimed that parents with lofty swim ambitions for their children are the cause of the G.P.S. carnival being discontinued.

"Their little Johnny must swim this time and that time, he must train morning and evening. He is too tired to study, his marks at school drop, and his education is being sacrificed for the sake of swimming," she said.

#### GAMES FINALIST

"The sooner parents and coaches realise that it is a summer sport, not a 10-month-a-year grind, with callisthenics and weight-lifting in the off-season, the better for the child and the sport. A happy child in swimming, as in everything, is an efficient one,"

Denise was Australian freestyle champion over all distances from 100 to 800metres from 1946 to 1950. She was a finalist in the 1948 Olympic 100 metres title in London, and finished fourth in the Empire Games title in Auckland in 1950.

She is an enthusiastic adviser-coach to the Brigidine Convent at Indooroopilly and the Commercial Swimming Club, and hopes when family commitments allow, to teach swimming to under-privileged children, particularly crippled ones.

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C.M. Wednesday 14 December 1966

#### JO-ANNE SETS TWO RECORDS

Queensland's breaststroke swim find, Jo-Anne Barnes, in 15 minutes at the Valley pool last night shattered two State Under 12 records. Jo-Anne downed the State senior champion, Margo Manfield, over 100 metres to trim one second off her previous record and 15 minutes later knocked 1.3sec off her 50 metres time by clocking 39.4sec.

She and Margo, friendly club mates and arch rivals, should have some thrilling clashes when Margo gets into full training. Margo, 18, has just completed Senior school examinations, and is about to begin her training schedule.

#### TOOK ALL FOUR

Two other young girls, Debbie Handley, 10, and Susan Stewart, 13, gave remarkable performances in winning titles in their age group in all four strokes.

Debbie, of Herston, took out the backstroke championship in 39.9sec, and the breaststroke in 42.2sec. She claimed the freestyle and butterfly titles last Saturday night.

Susan, 13, of Wavell Heights, claimed the 50 metres breaststroke title in 40.8sec, and though she posted only the third fastest time in her backstroke

heat, she downed the finalists in 37.2sec. She too, bagged her other titles last Sunday night.

(Good picture of Jenny Steinbeck)

C.M. Tuesday 12 January 1967

#### JOANNE SWIMS TWO NEW RECORDS AT AGE TITLES

Joanne Barnes established herself as Australia's fastest Under 12 breaststroker at the State Age titles at the Valley pool last night. Joanne, 11, of Leander Club, set two records.

In her heat of the Under 12 100 metres breaststroke, she set the new mark of 1m 23.9s, which was 1.2sec under her own record. Later she coasted to an effortless win in the Under 14 200 metres breaststroke in 3m 2.5s, whipping 4.8sec off Stella McCallum's record. This time also was well under her own Under 12 record of 2m 8s.

Coach Joe King said Joanne's time for the 100 metres was 4.4sec under the best time for her age group last season. With this time she could be worrying much older swimmers this season. It is only 2.9sec outside Rosemary Lassig's State open and one-time world record of 1m 21s.

(Finalists given)

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C.M. Friday 13 January 1967

#### N.Q. BOY SET SWIM RECORD

One record was bettered and one equalled in heats of the State Age swimming titles at the Valley pool last night. Three boys swam under the existing record of 1m 6.3s in the 12 and Under 13 100 metres freestyle. Townsville swimmer Michael Tavaski set the new mark at 1m 5.7s.

In the same event Michael Glancy (Langlands Park) clocked 1m 5.9s, and Greg Cusack was only 0.2sec further away in 1m 6.1s.

These three are the top qualifiers for tonight's final, and any one of them could take out the title.

Bega (NSW) visitor Michael Creswick equalled N.Martin's record of 42.1sec for the 10 and Under 11 50 metres breaststroke.

(Qualifiers named)

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C.M. Saturday 14 January 1967

#### JOANNE HAS WORLD TIME

Eleven-year-old Joanne Barnes put in a world class swim at the State Age titles at the Valley pool last night. In winning the final of the Under 14 200 metres breaststroke, she lowered her own record of 3m 2.7s set on Wednesday night, to the remarkable time of 2m 58.9s.

Followers of the sport say they cannot recall a better time being swum by a girl of Joanne's age in the world.

Joanne also lowered her other record set on Wednesday night. In the Under 12 100 metres breaststroke she set the new standard at 1m 22.7s, taking 0.2sec off her old mark.

#### EIGHT RECORDS

Eight records were broken or equalled on a night when country swimmers performed very well.

In the Under 14 400 metres, all eight finalists came from outside the metropolitan area, and they turned on one of the most exciting finishes of the night. The race went to Jo-Anne Brough of Mermaid Beach, who held off a determined challenge from Toowoomba girl, Barbara Barrett, over the final 200 metres. Another Toowoomba swimmer, Jenny Patterson, was third. (Results given)

C.M. Monday 16 January 1967

#### COUNTRY SET 10 OF SWIM RECORDS

Country swimmers triumphed in the final day of the State Age titles at the Valley Pool. They established 10 of the 19 records created during yesterday's heats and finals.

But throughout the titles metropolitan entrants won 31 gold medals for individual events against the country's 26. They broke evening the relay events, each winning six.

Townsville swimmer, Robert Carey, turned in the best individual final performance. With a flashing burst he clocked 1m 15s in the Under 12 and 13 100 metres butterfly. He lowered his previous record set in an earlier heat by 1.6sec, and clipped 4sec off last year's time.

Overall times tumbled during the titles. 47 records were broken in the 69 event programme.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 20 January 1967

#### RECORDS TOPPLED IN STATE SWIM TITLES

Five resident records were broken and one Queensland record was equalled at the State swimming titles at the Valley Pool last night.

Greg Brough (Mermaid Beach) claimed the first record in the final of the men's 1500 metres freestyle. He clocked 18m 19.6s to knock 9.1sec off John Rigby's previous record.

In a boil-over in the junior 200 metres medley, Janelle Taylor (St Bernadette's) beat Commonwealth Games representative Jenny Steinbeck to equal Deidre Pearson's Queensland record of 2m 45.3s.

#### STATE RECORD

Janelle took the race by two yards in an exciting finish. The time bettered by 2.2sec the State resident record which was held by Jo-Anne Brough.

Robert Cusack in the 100 metres junior butterfly, shattered W.Sweetenham's resident record of 65.1sec. Cusack clocked the remarkable time of 62.8sec, and coach Arthur Cusack said that Robert could have lowered his time by another 1.5sec.

Twelve-year olds, Jo-Anne Barnes and Jane Spiro, looked set to topple much older swimmers in the open 200 metres breaststroke final tonight. In their heats last night Jane was the fastest qualifier with a time of 3m 0.4sec, and Jo-Anne finished in 3m 1.7s, for the second fastest time of the night. The nearest open swimmer was Margo Manfield, 17, who clocked 3m 5.2s.

Arthur Cusack, who coaches Margo and Jane, predicted that Jo-Anne would beat his two swimmers in the final tonight.

Dianne Charlton, 11, swimming in the junior 200 metres backstroke, established a new Under 12 record of 2m 50.9s.

The only other record set in last night's heats was by Greg Wardle (Langlands Park). This was a Queensland resident record of 2m 52s - 0.1sec faster than Alan Humphrey's old mark for the junior 200 metres breaststroke.

(Qualifiers given)

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C.M. Saturday 21 January 1967

#### NEW WORLD CLASS SWIM BY JOANNE

Brisbane's Joanne Barnes, 11, swam further into world class by smashing the State senior 200 metres breaststroke record at the State championships at the Valley Pool last night. Joanne's classic stroking swept her to the title in 2m 56s, 1/10sec inside the record set six years ago by Olympian Lassig. There is little doubt this is a world record for an 11-year-old.

The best time for an 11-year-old in Australia last year was 3m 11.2s, and the best Under 16 time was 2m 56.9s. Joanne now seems certain to become the youngest swimmer to represent Queensland in a senior championship.

#### TWO GREAT

So great was Joanne's swim that two other grand performances in the race went unnoticed.

Jane Spiro, 12, clocked 3m 0.2s, and the champion, Margo Manfield, 3m 2.2s. Margo sought compensation for surrendering her crown by posting her best time yet. Jane, like Joanne, has a wonderful future. She has had only four weeks of serious training and so lost considerable ground at the turns.

Joanne followed coach Joe King's instructions to the letter. She stayed with Jane for 100 metres and then cut loose. She opened up a five yard lead at the 150 metres mark, and had increased it by another 2 yards at the finish.

#### OTHER STARS

Commonwealth Games swimmer Jenny Steinbeck, and the Cusack brothers Robert and Greg, were other stars in a night when six records fell.

Jenny, a Commonwealth Games representative at Jamaica last year, won the 200 metres junior backstroke as she liked, and then in the junior medley peeled 1.9sec off Rosemary Lassig's senior 200 metres medley record. Jenny swam 2m 42.9s to beat Jan Taylor, her conqueror in the previous night's heat.

#### FIRST GOLD

About 40 minutes later Jan went out and claimed the open 200 metres medley title in 2m 48.2s.

Greg Cusack, 13, brought the first gold medal into the family with a record-breaking 2m 50.4s for the 200 metres breaststroke.

Three events later, Robert, 16, lowered the junior 100 metres butterfly time to 62.3sec, and later in the night bagged another gold medal for his junior 200 metres medley swim. His time of 2m 30.5s was only 1/5sec outside the record.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 27 January 1967

#### LORRAINE COULD BE OUR FIRST OLYMPIC DIVER

Queensland looks like having its first woman representative in an Olympic Games diving team, in Mexico City, next year. She is Lorraine McArthur, 20, of Toowong, Queensland's open women's champion for six successive seasons.

Her coach, Olympic representative Graham Deuble, yesterday predicted Lorraine's selection after she beat the Australian champion, Sue Knight, last week-end.

#### N.S.W. TITLE

Lorraine won the New South Wales 3 metre championship with 148.83 points, 1.33 ahead of Sue, who was third.

But first, Deuble said, Lorraine must "polish up" some of her dives. One was the reverse 1½ somersault with 1½ twist, which gained her only 5½ points out of a possible ten, in Sydney.

Lorraine will defend her Queensland title at the championships in Warwick this week-end.

Her main rival will probably be former New Zealand champion, Gay Morely, who was fourth in the New South Wales titles.

The men's championship could be between Gavin Pascoe, of Brisbane, and Bill Robinson, runner-up in last year's New Zealand championships. Absence of the current champion, John Everding, through a foot injury, has limited this field.

The three metre championships will be staged tomorrow afternoon and the one metre title on Sunday.

C.M. Saturday 28 January 1967

#### WIND MAY HIT DIVERS

Wind may lower the standard of diving in the State titles at Warwick this afternoon and tomorrow. Queensland Amateur Diving Association President (Mr Jack McArthur) said last night that any wind could upset competition.

Many of the 25 competitors - one and three metre - were visibly upset by wind yesterday during a torrid 12-hour workout.

Mr McArthur said the unusually long training period was necessary because of the new board in use. Of American design, it was the only one in Queensland and strange to all contestants.

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C.M. Monday 30 January 1967

#### SIX DIVERS NAMED TO GO TO TITLES

Warwick - Three men and two women will represent Queensland at the National diving championships at Adelaide next month. They are Bill Robertson, Gavin Pascoe, John Kellett, Lorraine McArthur, and Gaye Morely.

Jeff Abrahams will represent the juniors in Sydney.

At the State titles here yesterday, Brisbane diver, Aye Morely, injured herself in a dive, but had scored enough points to be runner-up in the one metre springboard titles to Brisbane's Lorraine McArthur. Gaye struck the board and sustained a suspected wrist fracture and was unable to complete her two remaining dives.

(Results given)

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C.M. Friday 3 February 1967

#### MARGO FOR SWIM TITLES

Queensland breaststroke swim champion, Margo Manfield, a discard from the State side, will contest the national titles as an individual. Margo's Club, Leander, will pay half her fare to the championships in Adelaide on February 23, 24, and 25.

Although she is State 100 metres champion, Margo missed selection in the State side for the nationals. Her times for 100 and 200 metres are well within national championship standards.

She retained her 100 metres title in 1m 23.9s, a time she has since bettered by 1/10 sec. In surrendering her 200 metres crown to 11-year-old sensation Joanne Barnes, Margo clocked her personal best time of 3m 2.2s.

#### BEST CHANCE

Her best national place prospects are in the 100 metres championship. The Victorian title was won in 1m 21.6s when Margaret Kaghin beat the Australian champion Heather Saville. Judy Playfair, a junior, won the New South Wales title.

The Queensland junior team left yesterday for the national junior titles in Sydney on Saturday and Sunday.

#### TEAM STRONG

The team is one of the strongest in years. Commonwealth Games representative Jenny Steinbeck, breastroker Joanne Barnes, Freestyler Fay Rillie, and all-rounder Jo-Anne Brough are leading girl contenders for national championships.

Of the boys, the Cusack brothers, Robert, a butterflyer, and Greg, a breastroker, carry Queensland's strongest hopes.

Joanne Barnes and Miss Playfair should dispute the 100 metres championship. Joanne's best 100 metres time is 1m 23.7s, or 0.7sec slower than Miss Playfair's.

Jenny Steinbeck's 62.6sec for 100 metres of freestyle at the State championships equalled Ilsa Konrads Australian junior record. There is not a junior in the country likely to touch her.

Neither is there a junior or a senior likely to match Joanne's best 200 metres time of 2m 56s.

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C.M. Monday 6 March 1967

#### RECORD RELAY BY QUEENSLAND GIRLS

Sydney - Queensland girls, Jenny Steinbeck, Barbara Barrett, Jo-Anne Brough, and Fay Rillie, smashed the Australian junior freestyle 4 x 100 metres relay record yesterday. Their 4:22.8 took 1.4sec off the Australian record and 9.9sec off the N.S.W. record.

The Queensland girls beat Victoria by only a narrow margin, with New South Wales third, in the national junior titles at Drummoyne. Victoria appeared to have the title in its grasp going into the final leg. Jenny Steinbeck was giving nearly two yards start. Jenny put in her best swim of the series to record a fantastic 61.5sec and snatch the spoils.

This was faster than the new national record of 62sec set up by Julie McDonald (Vic) in Saturday night's final. It was some compensation for Jenny, who had to be content with minor placings in her individual events.

Queensland's other win at the titles had been on Saturday, when Robert Cusack won the butterfly 100 metres. Cusack finished a creditable second in yesterday's 200 in 2:20.5, just six seconds faster than his previous best.

A badly overweight Graham White was much too good for the cream of Australia's junior talent in the freestyle 400 metres. White, with a big-hearted finish, over the final lap spreadeagled the field to retain his junior 400 metres title. White beat a determined challenge from Queenslander Greg Brough.

Brough, Wilkinson, and White, tumbled almost together for the final lap. White sprinted, and half way down the pool had a commanding lead, which he maintained to the finish.

(Results given)

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C.M. Saturday 25 February 1967

#### JENNY WON IN WORST SWIM MIX-UP IN YEARS

Adelaide - In one of the worst mix-ups seen at an Australian championship for years, judges and timekeepers altered their decision before finally settling on the winner of the women's 110 yards freestyle last night.

The final judges' result was Jenny Steinbeck of Queensland being declared the winner from Lyn Bell of N.S.W., with Victorian junior, Julie McDonald third, ahead of French and European champion, Claude Mondonnaud, fourth. Janet and Lyn turned first, with Claude and Julie close behind.

#### FOUR CHANGES

Coming into the finish the powerful stroking of Lyn seemed to gain her the advantage over Jenny.

The judges altered their minds four times before finally settling on the winner - Jenny.

But the first results from the timekeepers showed that Lyn Bell was first with a time of 63.3sec, ahead of Jenny who clocked 63.4sec. To coincide with the judges' result, the timekeepers had to add 0.1sec to Lyn Bell's official time to give her 63.4sec, the same as Jenny Steinbeck.

The times of all the girls were well outside their best, indicating the slowness of the badly constructed pool.

(Results given)

C.M. Friday 3 March 1967

#### JENNY WON, NO DOUBTS

Doubts on Jenny Steinbeck's rights to the Australian 100 metres freestyle swim title were banished last night.

Queensland team manager to the title in Adelaide last week, Joe King, refuted a report that the judges changed their minds four times before giving Jenny the decision over defending champion, Lyn Bell. "That report was bunkum," King said. "I spoke to Bill Slade the referee of the tournament after the race, and he told me the judges were at all times unanimous that Jenny had won."

King said that Jenny's time of 62.4sec was excellent under the conditions. "Apart from a cold wind and rain, the pool facilities were well below championship standard," King said.

Queenslanders won seven gold medals, six silver, and five bronze.

Jenny, a junior, took her second gold medal when she, and backstroker Allyson Mabb, butterflyer Jill Groeger, and breaststroker Joanne Barnes, combined to win the medley relay title.

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C.M. Tuesday 11 April 1967

#### FOUR RECORDS AT LEANDER

Leander Club swimmers wound up the season by getting four State records in under age groups.

At the Valley pool, Helen Willis, 12, set a new Under 14 backstroke 200 metres standard of 2m 48.2s, which is 0.6sec inside Vivienne Sammon's record.

Dianne Charlton lopped 2.1sec off Jo-Anne Brough's Under 12 freestyle 200 time when she clocked 2m 31s.

Eleven-year-old Sue Funch sensationally lowered the Under 12 butterfly 100 record. Her 1m 24.5s chopped 5.1sec off her own record.

David Unwin, 10, posted a particularly creditable Under 12 record, by covering the butterfly 100 in 1m 20s. The previous record holder, Rob Carey of Ingham, set his time of 1m 20.8s when a 12-year-old. Rob's birthday is just outside the recognised limit date, which gives him an advantage over most under-age rivals.

C.M. Saturday 2 September 1967

Picture; Jill Groeger doing butterfly

#### EYE ON MEXICO

Last night was hardly the night for swimming, but Commonwealth Games representative, Jill Groeger, was training hard at Holland Park aiming for selection in the Australian Games team for Mexico.

While Jill was training Queensland swimming officials were up in arms about the projected increase in admission charges to certain Brisbane pools.

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association president, Dr E.G.Theile, last night criticised the decision of some pool lessees to raise their prices. Some lessees are expected to raise their prices 100%, and charge adults 20c and children 10c. Dr Theile deplored the fact the City Council took little notice of the QASA views which he said were made available to Council officers. "There is no justification for such a large increase," Dr Theile said. He also indicated that because of increased charges the Association would be forced to move some carnivals away from the Valley Pool, one pool expected to increase its charges. "We may have to go to Scarborough or Ipswich to stage carnivals outside the State championships," he said.

The Valley Pool is considered one of the best competition pools in Australia. It is a favourite pool for world record-breaking aspirants.

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C.M. Friday 8 September 1967

#### HONOUR TO DR THEILE

Queensland Amateur Swimming Association President, Dr E.G.Theile, has been made a Life Member of the Association. Dr Theile has been returned as President for the fourth successive year. He was a Vice President from 1953 to 1965, the last five years of which he was Association Chairman. He has managed Queensland swimming teams, was a 1956 Olympic Games official, and in 1961 took an Australian team to Japan. His son, Dr David Theile, won the 1956 and 1960 Olympic backstroke titles.

The QASA will move to promote winter swimming competition next year. The first step in this direction is in future to convene Annual Meetings in April instead of September.

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C.M. Thursday 21 September 1967

#### LESSON BY THE CHAMP

Olympic swimming champion, Donna de Verona, claims intense competition for the United States swimming world domination. Donna, 20, United States medley champion and holder over the years of a number of world records, said this yesterday.

She was here as part of an Australia wide coaching tour. Yesterday at the Valle Pool she demonstrated all four strokes and answered a running fire of questions from coaches on the techniques of each. She will perform similarly at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast today.

#### TWO REASONS

She said the United States resurgence after Australia's near clean sweep of the 1956 Olympics could be traced chiefly to two things - apart from the competition there were splendid occupational opportunities for swimmers. Universities with high academic records were anxious to attract champion swimmers - hence the incentive to swim. Once a youngster was swimming competitively the fierceness and regularity of competition thrust him to a high standard.

Donna is a student at the University of Southern California.

C.M. Thursday 28 September 1967

Picture ; Jenny Steinbeck leaving the blocks.

#### MEXICO ON HER MIND

International swimming all-rounder and national freestyle champion, Jenny Steinbeck, hurtled onto the Valley Pool blocks at the start of a Club swim last night.

Jenny is Queensland's strongest hope for 1968 Olympic swim selection.

To increase her prospects of getting to Mexico, Jenny, now 16, will concentrate on freestyle. She holds State backstroke, medley and freestyle titles and records, but last year in Adelaide though still a junior swept to the Open national freestyle championship. In doing so she downed 1964 Olympic representative Lyn Bell. Consequently Jenny's backstroke and medley swimming this season will be strictly for relaxation. Her best freestyle time of 62.2 seconds suggests she will go close to breaking the minute this year, and her coach Gordon Petersen claims she is stroking better than ever.

Jenny's Club, Valley, has introduced a new system for Club swims which brings girls into competition with boys. Handicapping has been scrapped and swimmers are now graded on their times. Girls and boys now compete against each other. This ensures hard racing for the outstanding girl swimmers. It is a system successfully adopted by the United States and is now used almost universally in the south.

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C.M. Tuesday 10 October 1967

#### SWIM POOL DEFICIT Goondiwindi

In the 1966-67 financial year the Goondiwindi District Memorial Swimming Pool showed a deficit of \$6,800. The Mayor, Ald H.T.Piddington, stated this in his Report.

Ald Piddington said that if depreciation was included, the total cost to Goondiwindi ratepayers in the last financial year was \$9,275.

The City's Council had decided to lease the pool but no tenders were received though the matter was extensively advertised. Council had now invited applications for the position of pool manager and a number of applications had been received. "If a suitable applicant can be found, steps would be taken immediately to re-open the pool," he said.

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C.M. Saturday 21 October 1967

#### ROOM FOR THAT SWIM By Frank O'Callaghan

Brisbane swimming public could find ample opportunities for a dip any night of the week. A Mt Gravatt reader "Swimming Fan" complained in a letter to the Courier Mail that he could not have a swim on a Thursday night because the pools he visited were only open for Club swimming.

Thursday is a night heavily favoured by Clubs, but a check of Brisbane pools revealed that Yeronga, Spring Hill, Centenary, and Chermside pools are open to the public on Thursday nights. The only pools heavily booked by Clubs are Toowong (Monday to Thursday), and Valley (Tuesday to Thursday). Spring Hill, though booked from Monday to Thursday, is open to the public on each of these nights from 9pm to 10pm. Most pools close from 6pm to 8pm at this time of the year, but in warmer weather they are open in many cases to 10pm.

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C.M. 30 October 1967

#### SEVEN RECORDS TO JOANNE

Joanne Barnes broke seven records in two swims at the Valley Pool at the week-end. Joanne, 12, is a Corinda schoolgirl. She was swimming for her Leander Club.

Swimming in a 4-way meet between Toowoomba, Commercial, Ipswich, and Leander, Miss Barnes shattered the State's U/13, U/14, and Junior breaststroke 100 metres records with a swim of 1min 22.3 secs - 30 minutes later she lined up for the Open breaststroke 100 metres and churned through the two laps in 1min 21.9secs. This set a new time for the Open and broke the time for the U/13, U/14 and Junior she had set earlier in the night.

#### FOUR OTHERS

Four other records were broken at the meeting. Brisbane's Dianne Charlton, 12, set new records for the U/13 and U/14 freestyle 100 metres. Toowoomba's Graham Sanders broke the U/13 backstroke 100 metres record with a time of 1min 16.8secs. Helen Willis of Brisbane swam a new record of 1min 15.4secs for the U/14 backstroke 100 metres.

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C.M. Saturday 4 November 1967

#### JOANNE GETS AUSTRALIAN RECORD

Queensland's Joanne Barnes, 12, last night took a step nearer to Olympic team selection by shattering the Australian junior (under 16) swim record at the Valley Pool.

By streaking over 100 metres of breaststroke in 1m 19.4s, Joanne lopped a full 2sec off the old mark of Victorian Heather Saville set when 15. Joanne was swimming for Leander Club in a four-way meet. She covered the first 50metres in 37.2sec, a shade faster than her coach, Joe King, had wished.

This was because Jane Spiro, another outstanding breaststroke prospect, pushed her over the first lap. Jane, however, folded in the second lap and Joanne continued to a comfortable win.

Joanne's time is 1.8sec inside her previous best. An improvement of about 3sec in the next three months would well win her Olympic selection.

Her Leander club mate, Dianne Charlton, was another outstanding competitor in last night's inter-club meet. Dianne, also 12, swam 100 metres of freestyle in 65.8sec, new Queensland Under 14 and Under 13 records. She trailed Jenny Steinbeck (64.3sec), but beat Commonwealth Games freestyle representative Jenny Thorn.

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C.M. Wednesday 8 November 1967

#### JOANNE AFTER 200 RECORD

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's newest swim sensation, Joanne Barnes, will attack the State 200 metres breaststroke record.

In recent weeks she has set staggering breaststroke sprint times for a 12-year-old. She climaxed these performances at the Valley Pool last Friday night with an Australian junior (Under 16) 100 metres record of 1m 19.4s.

On Saturday night at the Brisbane Amateur Swimming Association's distance championships at the Valley, Joanne will chase her own State senior 200 metres record of 2m 56s. In setting this time last year, she snipped 1/10sec off the time of 1956 Olympian Rosemary Lassig.

Joanne already has clocked 2m 56.5s in club swims this season.

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C.M. Friday 10 November 1967

QUEENSLAND FOUR BID FOR OLYMPICS

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's four international swimmers will contest the Brisbane distance championships at the Valley Pool tomorrow night. Freestylers Jenny Thorn and Jenny Steinbeck, backstroker Allyson Mabb, and butterflyer Jill Groeger, Commonwealth Games representatives at Jamaica last year, are bidding for 1968 Olympic selection.

All are posting their best times for this period of the season.

In addition, Allyson is blossoming as a butterfly threat to Jill Groeger. There was little between them in a recent 100 metres clash. Tomorrow night they will meet over 200 metres.

PERT PAIR

Other attractions will be a pert pair of 12-year-olds - breaststroker Joanne Barnes and freestyler Dianne Charlton. They also are aiming at Olympic selection. Joanne, probably the fastest in the world for her age, will attack the State open 200 metres record of 2m 56s.

The Cusack brothers, Greg and Robert, of St Bernadette's Club, also are expected to perform well.

Breaststroker Greg is training better than ever after treatment for a spinal complaint. Robert, an all-rounder, is in his first senior year.

Steven Smith, 11, of Leander Club, last night set a new State Under12 400 metres freestyle record of 5m 15.9s.

Championship heats will be held tomorrow morning and finals tomorrow night.

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C.M. Tuesday 14 November 1967

MABB, BUTTERFLIER, AGAINST GROEGER

By Frank O'Callaghan

Commonwealth Games backstroke swimmer, Allyson Mabb, will challenge Games team-mate Jill Groeger at her own stroke on Saturday night. The girls will meet in Jill's specialty, butterfly, in the Brisbane sprint championships at the Valley Pool.

Jill did not contest the last national championships, where Allyson, after winning the 220 yards backstroke title, claimed a third in the 110 yards butterfly. Both girls are swimming around 72sec for the 100 metres.

A heavy cold forced Allyson out of last Saturday night's Brisbane 200 metres championship which Jill won comfortably.

BEST HOPE

Queensland's best hope of Olympic selection, freestyler Jenny Steinbeck, will bid for the open 100 metres freestyle championship. As a junior last February, Jenny won the Australian Open 110 yards championship in 63.4sec. She has, however, clocked 62.2sec for the 100 metres, and her coach, Gordon Petersen, is setting her to break 61sec this season.

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C.M. Saturday 2 December 1967

TWO STATE TIMES GO

Two State swim records fell at the Brisbane sprint championships at the Valley Pool last night. Back-stroker Helen Willis again sliced her 100 metres Under 14 record, and Jim Seymour set a new Under 14 backstroke standard. Helen's time of 1m 14.7s clipped 7/10sec off her own mark. Seymour, by clocking 72sec for 100 metres, came 3/10sec inside the old mark. Helen was pressed to the

record by Commonwealth Games representative and national 220 yards champion, Allyson Mabb.

#### TOT'S DOUBLE

Of the tots, seven-year-old Stephen Harris, of Banyo, was outstanding. Stephen took two titles last night, the 50 metres backstroke and breaststroke. He added these to his 50 metres freestyle title and second placing in the butterfly, performances he established last week.

Joanne Barnes' 100 metres breaststroke time of 1m 19.7s was another fine effort. It was only 3/10sec away from her own record.

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C.M. Saturday 9 December 1967

#### BARBARA FOR AGE TITLES

An attack of measles earlier this week will not keep Toowoomba's Barbara Barrett out of the State Age swim championships. Barbara, 13, one of the State's outstanding distance freestyle prospects, will go over 800 metres at the Valley Pool tonight. She contracted measles last Monday and has not been in the water since. (Barbara did swim and retained the 800 metres title she won by a touch from Jo-Anne Brough the previous year. Ed)

Gold Coast coach, Nev Brough, will bring up three hopefuls. They are Peter Ramsay, 13, Rhett Graham, 12, and Ian Want, 11.

Ramsay and Graham will contest the Under 14 200 metres freestyle championship, and Want, the Under 12 200 metres breaststroke and Under 14 400 metres freestyle. Ramsay and Graham are capable of clocking 10m 25s, only 8sec outside the record.

Want is son of Gold Coast golf professional, Reg Want.

#### LEAGUE FATHER

Another interesting country visitor is Des McGovern, whose 11-year-old son, Des, will contest the 400 metres freestyle.

Queensland's most exciting 12-year-old swimmers, Dianne Charlton and Joanne Barnes, are not expected to crack records. Coach Joe King felt they were jaded and has exempted them from training this week.

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C.M. Thursday 19 December 1967

#### THREE RECORDS BY BROUGH

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland's middle distance and distance freestyle champion, Greg Brough, bettered three Queensland records in Sydney last week. Brough, 16, of Mermaid Beach, is training in Sydney under Don Talbot.

In time trials last Friday night, he covered 800 metres in 9m 7s, six seconds inside Olympic 1500 metre champion Bob Windle's Queensland record. His respective 400 meter times were - 4m 33s for the first 400, and then 4m 34s.

#### GAMES TWO

He won the event downing Commonwealth Games representatives John Bennett and Ronald Jackson. Bennett won a silver medal at the Jamaican Games in the 440 yards event, and Jackson is the Commonwealth 1650 yards champion.

In the 400 metres swim, Brough's time of 4m 24s, bettered his Queensland record by one second.

On Sunday night over 1500 metres Brough was a huge 22 sec inside his State standard when clocking 17m 27s.

Brough will return to Brisbane on Saturday, and will contest the State championships at the Valley Pool in mid January. Continued improvement will bring him into calculations for the Mexico Olympic Games.

C.M. Monday 8 January 1968

#### TWO STATE TIMES IN ONE SWIM

De La Salle schoolboy Paul Stapleton yesterday cracked two State swim records in the one performance. He set out in the Scarborough pool to lower Greg Brough's 400 metres freestyle mark of 4m 48.5s. At the end of the swim he had not only set a new 400 metres standard, but had lopped 1sec off Brough's 200 metres record.

He covered the 400 metres in 4m 43.5s, five seconds inside Brough's time, and passed through the 200 metres mark in 2m 17.8s.

In a St Bernadette's Club championship 200metre swim 25 minutes later, Stapleton and Greg Cusack swam stroke for stroke until Stapleton got up in the last yards to win in 2m 17.2s. Cusack was clocked at 2m 17.7.

Neither time is likely to be recognised as a record, because notification of an attempt had not been given.

Later Cusack swam 2/10sec inside the State Under 14 breaststroke record of 1m 20.7s, another time for which no record could be claimed.

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C.M. Thursday 11 January 1968

#### JOANNE SETS AUST. RECORD

Brilliant young Brisbane breaststroker, Joanne Barnes, 13, enhanced her Olympic prospects with an Australian junior record swim at the Valley Pool last night.

In her heat of the Under 14 200 metres breaststroke at the State Age titles, she swept through the distance in a fantastic 2m 50.6s, in seemingly easy fashion. This shaved 2.2sec off Heather Saville's national junior standard set in Hobart in 1965. The time was also a State Open record, and was 3.8sec better than her own State Under 14 record.

#### PLAN ASTRAY

A pace plan set by coach Joe King went astray in Joanne's remarkable performance. King had planned fractions of 40sec for the first 50 metres, and 44's for the remaining three lengths. But Joanne, according to King, showed poor pace sense in splitting her time at 38.8sec, 44.5sec, 45sec, and 42.6sec

Joanne must now be favourite for the breaststroke berth in the Olympic team for Mexico.

National 100 metres and 200 metres champion is Heather Saville, whose record Joanne toppled, and Joanne's time last night was the best recorded in Australia this season.

#### GAME EFFORT

In the other heat of the event, Jane Spiro recorded a game personal best of 2m 58.8s.

Greg Cusack in the boys' Under 14 200 metres breaststroke toppled his own record with an unextended 2m 45.1s. This beat his old mark by 5.2sec, and was the best time recorded by a Queensland junior. The record was imminent when Greg scorched through the first 50 metres in close to 37sec.

#### SET RECORD

Helen Willis achieved her expected record for the 200 metres Under 14 backstroke with a time of 2m 41.3s - 0.7sec better than her own previous record.

In Greg Cusack's heat of the Under 14 breaststroke, C.Riley, of St Bernadette's Club, bettered the Under 12 record for 200 metres in swimming 3m 13s.

Toowoomba's third member of the champion swimming Shapland family, Rondah, 9, was fastest qualifier in the Under 10 freestyle and breaststroke, both over

50 metres. She was close to Debbie Handley's record with a time of 45sec and should be untroubled to win the final.

Townsville's M.Tavasci won his heat of the 200 metres Under 14 backstroke in effortless fashion, and coach Laurie Laurence expects him to really extend favourite, Graham Sanders, of Toowoomba, in the final. Tavasci's time of 2m 38s was only 0.5sec slower than Sanders. (Finalists given)

C.M. Friday 12 January 1968

#### ADD FIVE RECORDS TO AGE SWIMS

Five more records fell in heats of the State Age championships at the Valley Pool last night. The most remarkable performance was that of Brisbane girl, Debbie Handley. On a limited preparation Debbie sliced 8/10sec off Joanne Barnes Under 12 200 metres medley time.

Debbie swims for pleasure and training is incidental. So she took a month off recently for a motoring holiday with her parents. The fact that she can still break a State record indicates her considerable potential. She did, however, lose her Under 10 backstroke record to Townsville sprite, Lisa Cooper. Lisa clipped 6/10sec off Debbie's 50 metres standard.

Glen Patching, 9, of Scarborough, could not swim a year ago. Last night he cut 4/10sec off S.Mewing's 50 metres Under 10 backstroke record.

Other records fell to Jos Van Opdenbosch, formerly of the Belgian Congo, and Ipswich girl Sue Fraser.

#### LOWERS TIME

Jos, one of a talented swimming family, lowered the Under 12 200 metres medley record to 2m 50.1s, or 3.3sec inside Gladstone boy L.Dooner's old mark.

Susan skipped over the 50 metres of butterfly in 36.1sec, half a second faster than potential Olympic freestyler Dianne Charlton did when she set the record two years ago.

Dianne was fastest qualifier in the girls' Under 13 freestyle, clocking 64.8sec, only 4/10sec outside her State record.

There could be true championship class swimming tonight when Miss Barnes, Miss Charlton, and last night's record-breakers chase titles.

Toowoomba coach Bernie Shapland believes his Under 14 freestyler, Barbara Barrett, will lower Jo-Anne Brough's record of 4m 58.9s.

A keen clash is expected in the boys' division of the event between Paul Stapleton of St Bernadette's Club, and Ayr's Mike Tavasci.

(Qualifiers given)

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C.M. Saturday 13 January 1968

#### JOANNE GETS INTO WORLD OPEN CLASS

Brisbane's 13-year-old breaststroke swim prodigy, Joanne Barnes, swam into open world class at the Valley Pool last night. In one breath-taking performance at the State Age championships, Joanne claimed five Queensland and Australian records. Her time of 2m 47.4s lopped 0.6sec off the Australian open record of Marguerite Rygrok, Australia's 1964 Olympic representative.

#### STAGGERING

It also bettered Joanne's Australian junior and Queensland Open, junior, and Under 14 records of 2m 50.6s which she set in last Wednesday night's heat. Her improvement of 3.2sec in 48 hours is staggering.

Joanne's coach (Joe King) was happy with her heat time. "I merely wanted her to win," he said after Joanne's triumph. Joanne, normally obedient, had other ideas. "I wanted to break 2m 50s," she said, "I wasn't really chasing the record."

Her performance puts her in the front rank of Olympic team contenders.

Only one girl in the world has broken 2m 40s, Cathie Ball of the United States, who holds the world record of 2m 39s.

Joanne's performance overshadowed that of another outstanding breaststroker, Jane Spiro, whose 2m 56.6s would have won her an Australian title a few years ago.

Nine swimmers, other than Joanne, broke State records in one of the most successful age championship nights staged.

Caroline Dalby was taught to swim last year by Townsville coach Laurie Lawrence. Last night her 37.5sec for 50 metres backstroke, clipped 0.1sec off Dianne Charlton's record.

Another of Lawrence's charges, Rodney Buchanan, cut 1sec off the Under 10 50 metres freestyle mark by clocking 32.6sec.

#### CUSACK BEST

Helen Willis set a new junior 200 metres backstroke record of 2m 38.4s, and automatically reduced her Under 14 standard for the ninth time this season.

Greg Cusack, of St Bernadette's Club, set out to break his 100 metres Under 14 breaststroke record of 2m 45.1s. Instead he bettered his 100 metres mark by clocking 1m 19.8s. His 200 metres time equalled his standing record.

#### OTHER RECORDS

Other record-smashers were Toowoomba's Graham Sanders in the 200metres Under 14 backstroke (2m 35.1s), Steven Smith, 100 metres Under 12 freestyle (67.2sec), Paul Stapleton, 400 metres Under 14 freestyle (4m 42.4s), Clinton Riley, 200 metres Under 12 breaststroke (3m 16s), and Jos Van Opdenbosch, 200 metres Under 12 medley (2m 47.7s).

(Results given)

#### NSW RECORD BY BROUGH

Sydney - Queensland youth Greg Brough last night won the 1500 metres final at the New South Wales swim championships. Brough intruded on an event that has been labelled the property of New South Wales since 1938. He won the 1500 metres final in 17m 3.9s to move into the top half-dozen in the world.

Brough, a strapping 16-year-old, has been coming to Sydney for his Christmas holidays for the last few years for coaching by Don Talbot. Brough, from Mermaid Beach in Queensland, won from Len Hizson of Ryde, with R. Wilkinson of Auburn, third.

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C.M. Monday 15 January 1968

#### NINE MORE SWIMMING RECORDS AT AGE TITLES

By Frank O'Callaghan

The State Age swimming titles ended at the Valley Pool last night with another nine records, a climax to the most successful Age titles yet held. Some of the individual performances were sensational.

Brisbane all-rounder, Debbie Handley, 11, Commercial Club had six starts and took home five gold medals and a silver. Ashgrove stylist Steven Smith bagged his third freestyle title last night and his third record, and Greg Cusack, of St Bernadette's Club, a swag of five gold medals, five records, and another equalled.

#### TREBLES

Trebles were relatively common. The most impressive treble winners, barring Smith, were nine-year-old Rondah Shapland, Toowoomba, and Rodney Buchanan, Townsville.

Miss Handley, in suffering a defeat, created something of a record. She was touched off in the 100 metres butterfly championship by Dianne Trecco, of Townsville. It was her first beating in a final for at least two seasons. Both girls bettered Sue Funch's record of 1m 24.5s, Miss Trecco reducing it to 1m 22.9s.

Steven Smith won the Under 12 200 metres freestyle championship last night in a record-breaking 2m 25s. His best effort, however, was his 400 metres win on Saturday night in 5m 2.2s. This is believed to be the best time yet for an Australian 11-year-old. His third title was the 100 metres sprint, proof of his versatility.

Cusack, 13, won the 100 metres freestyle in his age group, the 100 and 200metres breaststroke, and the 200 metres medley, and he shared in a freestyle relay championship. He could probably have had the 100 metres butterfly crown, too, had he wished. He was the fastest qualifier for the final but with-drew to concentrate on breaststroke. Records were apparently his for the taking. He shattered them in heats and finals.

#### STAGGERING

Buchanan's 73sec for 100 metres of freestyle, was another staggering performance for a 9-year-old. It was 2.5sec inside David Unwin's record. In five starts Buchanan, a protégé of Laurie Lawrence, won three gold medals and a bronze, and set four records.

The pert Miss Shapland, the last of the outstanding swim family, took out the Under 10 50 and 100 metres freestyle, and the 50 metres breaststroke, her pet event. Her breaststroke time of 4.4sec was 1/10sec faster than that of the Under 10 boys' champion.

Another of last night's record-breakers, Gympie butterflyer John Leyden, has concentrated for only six weeks on the stroke. Yet Leyden, one of Arthur Cusack's string, clipped 6/10sec off Robert Carey's record of 75sec.

(Results given)

#### GAYE DEFEATED STAR DIVERS

Sydney - Queenslander Gaye Morley defeated a strong line-up to take the N.S.W. women's three metre springboard title yesterday.

Miss Morley beat Madeline Bollinger, with Ann Roby third, and Sue Knight, fourth.

Miss Knight, dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist, was in leading position until she executed a poor somersault dive to put her back into fourth place.

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C.M. Tuesday 16 January 1968

#### YOUNG SWIM STAR AFTER NEW TIMES

Brisbane's sensational 13-year-old breaststroke swimmer, Joanne Barnes, will seek to further cut her State and Australian records this week.

Joanne, Jen Steinbeck, and Greg Brough are expected to shine in the State senior and junior swim championships which will start at the Valley Pool on Thursday. All three are strong contenders for the Mexico Olympic Games.

#### CONCERNED

In the Age championships last week, Joanne, in two swims, sliced 7sec off her State senior record to set a new national senior standard of 2m 47.4s. Her Queensland junior record is 1m 19.4s

Her coach, Joe King, said she would be aiming to reduce both times in the senior title swims.

King expressed slight concern with the form of his classic freestyler Dianne Charlton, also 13. Dianne is expected to extend Commonwealth Games representative Miss Steinbeck over 100 metres.

In the Age titles last week, however, she could not better her State Under 14 record of 64.4sec which she set last November.

Big drawcard of the championships will be 16-year-old Greg Brough, who leaped into Olympic team calculations by winning the New South Wales 1500 metres championship in 17m 3.9s - one of the world's six fastest times. Brough was dissatisfied and is determined to break 17min at the Valley Pool on Sunday morning. He will also bid for the other freestyle titles, 100, 200, 400, and

800 metres championships. At 6ft 2in and 12½ stone, Brough is in the pink of condition.

#### SENSATION

His 1500 swim is the more sensational because his times at the 100 metres (58.9sec), 200 (2m 5.1s), 400 (4:18.9), and 800 (8.54.5) are all personal bests.

He will taper only slightly for the State titles, reducing his training to five miles a day at his father's Mermaid Beach pool. As he is only 16, his potential is impossible to guess.

C.M. Friday 19 January 1968

#### TWO GIRLS RAISE SWIM HOPES

Commonwealth Games swimmers, Jill Groeger and Allyson Mabb, at the Valley Pool last night, raised Queensland's possible Olympic contingent to five. Each swam Australian resident records in heats of the State championships. They now join, Jenny Steinbeck, Joanne Barnes, and Greg Brough, as front-line Olympic team contenders.

Allyson pushed Jill to a new national resident 100 metres butterfly standard of 69.5sec, or 9/10sec inside her previous best. This time also clipped 2/10sec off Japanese girl Takashi's Queensland record.

Inside an hour Allyson lined up for the 100 metres backstroke, and in clocking 1m 10.4s, posted the best known time by an Australian, and bettered her own State resident record (1m 11.2s).

Jill's record, however, lived briefly. Minutes later in Melbourne Pauline Gray reduced it to 69.1sec.

There should be spirited competition between these two in the national championships in Melbourne next month.

Jill and Allyson will clash again in tonight's butterfly final, after which Allyson will again bid for a new backstroke mark.

Other record-breakers last night were Gympie's John Leydon, Townsville's Wendy Way, and Brisbane juniors Arthur Sheahan and Greg Cusack.

Leydon's 1m 13.8s was a new high for Under 13 100 metres butterflyers, and Sheahan's 2m 28.3s, a new 200 metres junior backstroke mark.

Cusack's 100 metres breaststroke in 1m 16.6s set fresh standards for State juniors and 13-year-olds.

(Results given)

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C.M. Saturday 25 January 1968

#### GREG BROUGH BROKE ROSE RECORD

Queensland's main Olympic hope, Greg Brough of Mermaid Beach, shattered world champion Murray Rose's Queensland 400 metres freestyle record at the Valley Pool last night.

In the State championship final, the brilliant 16-year-old streaked away to beat Toowoomba's Chris Shapland in 4m 18.4s, chopping 2.9sec off Rose's 1960 record. He won by about 25 metres. Brian Shapland, 16, from a long way back finished strongly to just fail to catch older brother Chris for second.

Brough's time was well outside Michael Wenden's national record. But Brough's Mexico Games target is the 1500 metres, for which he holds the national record.

#### BOILOVER

Fay Rillie, of Toowoomba, caused a slight boilover when she toppled the big names Jenny Thorn and Jenny Steinbeck, both Commonwealth Games swimmers, in the 200 metres final. In the best time recorded by a Queenslanders of 2:17.8, Rillie came from behind to beat Thorn in a great finish.

Australian 100 metres champion, Jenny Steinbeck led clearly at the half way mark, but Rillie and Thorn were too fast over the final 100.

Thorn's Olympic prospects are best at 800 metres, and Steinbeck's main hope is the 100 metres.

Swimmers had a splurge on the records setting 11 new standards.

Jo-Anne Brough, younger sister to Greg, went powerfully through the junior 400 metres in 4m 56.2s, the best time by a Queenslander.

Robert Cusack, after faulting his stroke counts in laps three and four, swam the fastest 200 metres butterfly in Australia this season, with a best by Queenslander time of 2m 17.3s. Coach Arthur Cusack said his nephew had lost about six seconds through dropping five strokes in the middle laps.

Jill Groeger, in winning the open 100 metres butterfly in 1m 10s, was 0.9sec outside the Australian record set in Melbourne on Thursday night.

Allyson Mabb won the 100 metres backstroke in 1m 11.3s, 0.9sec outside her national best recorded on Thursday night.

Joanne Barnes put in another classy performance in winning the Open 200 metres breaststroke in 2m 48.9s, just 1.5 sec outside her own national record. She was not pushed to win by about ten yards from Jane Spiro.

Other record-breakers were Dianne Charlton, of Brisbane, Wendy Way, of Townsville, Ken McGregor, of Toowoomba, Helen Willis, of Brisbane, and R.Carey of Townsville.

(Results given)

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C.M. Monday 22 January 1968

#### BROUGH CUTS TIME FOR 100m FREESTYLE

Sixteen-year-old swimmer, Greg Brough, established a Queensland resident record of 56.5sec for the men's Open 100metres freestyle at the Valley Pool last night. The 12½ stone, 6ft 2in youth slashed 0.7sec off Noel Reynolds previous record of 57.2sec. Earlier in the day Brough clocked 17m 20.5s for the 1500 metres breaking the standing Queensland record of 17m 37.3s held by R.Jackson.

This amazing tally of successes brought to his credit either a Queensland or Queensland resident record in each of the 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 metres freestyle events that he has contested during the four-day titles.

Brough has been named in the Queensland senior team to compete in Melbourne for the coming national titles. With this string of records he is strongly favoured to represent Australia in the Mexico Olympics.

Allyson Mabb established an early lead in the women's 200 metres backstroke to easily beat Leander youngster, Helen Willis, in a Queensland record time of 2m 32.5s. This time is also the best by an Australian swimmer, and is only 4sec slower than the Australian record of 2m 28.5s held by S.Tanaka, of Japan.

Jenny Steinbeck, 13-year-old Valley swimmer, established a Queensland resident record for the women's individual medley with a 2m 40.6s for 200 metres.

Sixteen-year-old Greg Cusack swam the junior men's 200 metres breaststroke in 2m 44s to set a new resident record.

Both Steinbeck and Cusack are in the Queensland team for the national titles.

(Results given)

#### FOR TITLES

Queensland's team for the Australian swimming titles in Melbourne late in February is -

G.Brough, J.Barnes, A.Mabb, J.Groeger, R.Cusack, F.Rillie, J.Thorn, D.Charlton, J.Steinbeck.

The State team for the junior titles in Hobart in early February is -

J.Barnes, W.Way, K.McGregor, D.Charlton, G.Cusack, S.Rose, J Van Opdenbosch, J.Brough, G.Short, R.Risson, J.Taylor, L Van Opdenbosch.

### 3-METRE DIVE TO MORLEY

Local diving champion, Gaye Morley, won the 3-metre springboard at the Centenary pool yesterday to take the Queensland title, topping national holder Lorraine McArthur. Gaye's 429.50 points for the title was even better than the men's champion, Gavin Pascoe's 409.45 points.

John Kellett gained second place in the men's 3-metre springboard championship with 384.90 points.

Officials said no junior representative would be sent to the National diving titles in Hobart.

Queensland high board championships will be held at the Centenary Pool on February 3, and representatives will then be chosen for the Nationals.

C.M. Thursday 25 January 1968

### GAMES SWIMMERS TO TRAIN HERE - TOGETHER

The Australian swimming team for this year's Mexico Olympics will train again in Queensland - and will not be segregated. Queensland Swimming Association President (Dr E.Theile) said this yesterday.

Dr Theile said the decision whether the team would train in Brisbane or in Townsville would be made after the Conference of the A.S.U. in Melbourne next month. The 1964 team was segregated. The men trained at Ayr, and the women at Townsville.

Secretary of the A.S.U. (Mr Syd Grange) said in a report from Melbourne the A.S.U. had decided to let the men and women train together. According to the report, Mr Grange said, "The A.S.U. is satisfied that the advantages of the men and women training together clearly outweigh the disadvantages."

Dr Theile said yesterday that the reason why the men were separated from the women in 1964 was that it divided the work of the coaches to separate pools. He said he hoped the team would train in Brisbane.

\*The atmospheric temperature in Brisbane during the training months would be similar to that in Mexico City.

\*Sending a team to Townsville would mean unnecessary additional expense.

The Valley Pool is expected to be heated by mid-winter (the training period), and the De La Salle College at Scarborough has a heated 55 yard pool also available for Olympic team training.

Dr Theile said the Q.A.S.A. would recommend at the A.S.U. Conference that the training be done in Brisbane for the above reasons.

C.M. Monday 5 February 1968

### PASCOE IN DIVE TREBLE

Gavin Pascoe, already one-metre and three-metre open diving champion, on the high board championship at the Centenary Pool yesterday. Pascoe is the first diver to make a clean sweep of the men's open titles since Graham Deuble achieved this in 1963.

Deuble, who was national champion at 18, represented Australia at the Rome Olympics and in Perth and still holds the highest number of points for a national champion.

### BOY OF FUTURE

Second was John Kellett, Pascoe's consistent rival. Kellett is considered by State officials to be the boy of the future. He came second to Pascoe in each of the three events.

Lorraine McArthur won the women's high board. She won the State one-metre event, but was second to Gaye Morley in the three-metre.

Lorraine, who is national champion, increased her chances of Olympic representation.

(Results given)

C.M. Thursday 8 February 1968

GAMES SWIM MANAGER JOB  
QUEENSLAND BACKING FOR HOLLAND  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Former Australian Olympic swim coach, Bill Holland, is Queensland's nominee as the 1968 Olympic swim team manager. Holland beat prominent Brisbane amateur coach, Joe King, for the official State blessing.

The manager will be named at the A.S.U. Conference in Melbourne on February 21 and 22. There will be six votes, one from each State. Holland's chief rivals are Stuart Aldritt of New South Wales, and Noel King of Victoria.

IMPRESSIVE

Holland's credentials are by far the most impressive. He was manager and official coach of the 1956 Olympic swim team, coach of the 1950 Commonwealth Games team to Auckland, and manager-coach of the 1954 Commonwealth Games team to Vancouver. He was manager-coach of the 1961 Australian swim team to South Africa and Rhodesia, and of the 1963 side to Japan, Russia, and Europe.

He was also Queensland Amateur Swimming Association Secretary and an Australian selector for 17 years. Holland is Secretary of the Queensland Olympic Council.

Seven more Queenslanders have nominated for the Australian championships in Melbourne from February 23 to 25. This brings the Queensland contingent for the championship to 16.

The nine who will not be part of the official team are breaststroker Greg Cusack, Marcus Ringuet, Ross Gynther and Jane Spiro, freestyler Margaret Palmer, and all-rounders Joanne Brough (freestyle and medley), and Sheila Rose (freestyle and backstroke).

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C.M. Thursday 15 February 1968

COACH HITS AT SWIM PANEL  
By Frank O'Callaghan

Leading Queensland swim coach Arthur Cusack had sharp criticism of the Queensland selectors when he returned from the national junior championships.

Queensland performed reasonably well in Hobart last week-end but Cusack claimed that three swimmers in Hobart were not fairly treated by the selectors. They are breaststrokers Greg Cusack and Jane Spiro, and freestyler Sheila Rose.

WON MEDAL

Cusack deplored Jane's omission from the team. She competed as an individual and gained a bronze medal in the 110 yards and fourth in the 220 yards in personal best times.

Cusack stated that Greg Cusack, his nephew, should have been allowed to contest the individual medley events. "He has the fastest medley team of the season," Cusack said, "and though committed to both breaststroke events, the programme was so well arranged that he could have swum in the medley." Cusack won the 110 yards and finished third in the 220. He is considered by some to be an even better prospect at his age, than Olympic champion, Ian O'Brien.

Coach Cusack was particularly critical of Sheila Rose's omission from the 110 yards title field. "She is the second fastest sprinter in the State," he said. "She took a mouthful in the State 100 metres championship which kept her out of a place." Sheila, of Toowoomba, helped Queensland to second place in the 4 x 110 yards relay.

## JOANNE'S TIME

Coach Joe King explained what some might have thought was a disappointing swim by his Olympic breaststroke prospect, Joanne Barnes. Her 220 yards time of 2m 53.2s was some five seconds outside her best. King explained this by saying that Joanne had not tapered off for the championships.

"I sent her over a mile training swim on Friday," he said. "She went to Hobart merely to win. She is being set for the Olympic swim team trials in Melbourne from February 23 to 25."

C.M. Thursday 20 February 1968

## MEASLES PUTS JOANNE OUT

By Frank O'Callaghan

Queensland and Australian breaststroke swim star, Joanne Barnes, has German measles on the eve of the Olympic team trials. She has been ordered out of the water for ten days. Joanne will miss the trials in Melbourne at the week-end and has only the slimmest prospect of being chosen for Mexico.

When her form fell away last week her coach, Joe King, attributed it to a cold she had caught. He put her on light work and she appeared to be recovering until yesterday when the measles spots appeared. A doctor confirmed King's fears last night.

Joanne, 13, was probably Queensland's strongest candidate for the Olympic swim team. At the State championships in January she set a national open record for 200 metres of 2m 47.4s. Only Sue McKenzie's 2m 49.6 can compare with this.

If her record is not broken at the trials and the Australian Swimming Union waives the rule demanding that Olympic team candidates swim in them, Joanne might just be chosen.

King, shocked by Joanne's illness, confessed to another worry last night. He is concerned that his other Olympic team hopes, butterflyer Jill Groeger, and freestyler Dianne Charlton, are not infected. They have been training daily with Joanne.

The Queensland team, minus Joanne, will leave for Melbourne tomorrow.

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C.M. Friday 25 February 1968

## CHOICE OF POOL IDEAL

If the Australian swimming team fails at the Mexico Olympics, it won't be the fault of the training venue - St Bernadette's Pool, Scarborough. The St Bernadette's Parish pool selected by the Australian Swimming Union on Wednesday as the winter training location, has every luxurious facility possible at a swimming pool.

It is the only 50 metre heated pool in Queensland, and during the South Queensland winter a heated pool will be vital to successful training. The pool is a full eight lanes wide, which means there will be stacks of room for the team to train. There is a unique movie projection set-up. Built into the impressive spectator stand, which accommodates 1000 people, is a 16mm projection box, and the screen is the white wall of the dressing shed across the pool.

These facilities, plus the quiet relaxing atmosphere of the Redcliffe peninsula, will make an ideal training location.

Australian Olympic Council Queensland branch Secretary, Mr Bill Holland, said yesterday that it was possible that the swimming squad would consist of 34 swimmers.

"That includes the diving team. The average size of the last two Olympic squads was 34," he said.

"The squad would be billeted by family members of St Bernadette's Club," Mr Holland said.

The film facilities might be used to show movies of modern techniques to the squad.

C.M. Saturday 24 February 1968

#### BROUGH THIRD

In the fastest 200 metres freestyle ever seen at the Melbourne Olympic Pool, Australian and Commonwealth champion, Michael Wenden, stormed away from his rivals to win in 1m 57.9s. This equalled his own Australian record, and shattered the Victorian record he set last year by 2.2sec.

Second to Wenden was Olympic 1500 metres freestyle champion, Robert Windle, of New South Wales. Young Queensland champion, Greg Brough was third, a touch behind Windle.

In the women's 200 metres backstroke, Allyson Mabb finished third behind L.Watson (W.A) and J.Menere (N.S.W). the winner's time of 2m 28.9s was an Australian open and junior record.

The Queensland women's team won the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay from New South Wales and Victoria in 4m 14.3s. Jane Spiro, Joanne Barnes shadow during the Australian record-breaking swims this summer, has replaced Joanne in the Queensland team at the championships.

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C.M. Monday 26 February 1968

#### GAMES BOOST TO BROUGH, CUSACK

Melbourne - Queensland swimmers Greg Brough and Robert Cusack virtually clinched Olympic places with sizzling wins at the Australian swimming championships here yesterday. Brough won the Australian 1500 metres freestyle in record time, and Cusack took the 100 metres butterfly in 59.1sec - the first Australian swimmer to break the minute since Olympian Kevin Berry.

Brough, 16, and 17-year-old Graham White, of Victoria, staged a tremendous 30-lap battle in the 1500 metres freestyle. Brough led narrowly all the way, with White one or two yards behind for the thirty laps. White turned on a great finishing burst down the last lap, but failed by a length to catch the Queensland boy.

Both shattered the Australian 1500 metres record. Brough's time of 16m 51.9s slashed 6sec off the Australian record, and White bettered the old time by 4.2sec. Both boys now seem certain for the Olympic team for Mexico in October. Brough's time was the third fastest recorded in the world in the last 12 months, and White's time the fourth fastest.

#### MABB SECOND

Lyn Watson, brilliant 15-year-old West Australian champion, smashed the Australian open and junior records in easily winning the 100 metres backstroke. Her time of 69.1sec took 0.7sec off her own national records.

Allyson Mabb, of Queensland, was second, with Jane Menere (N.S.W.) third.  
(Results given)

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C.M. Thursday 2 May 1968

#### BAN ON DAWN LIFTED

Sydney

Dawn Fraser said last night she, "would coach any team that wanted me" at the Mexico Olympic Games in October. Miss Fraser revealed she had been freed from her disqualification by the Australian Swimming Union.

Miss Fraser was expelled by the ASU in 1965. It was resolved by the ASU at that time that Miss Fraser could apply for readmission to the Union after ten years. The decision was unanimous.

The triple Olympic 100 metres freestyle champion had her disqualification removed yesterday by the unanimous vote of all State Associations. Because the disqualification imposed in 1965 was not lifted in time, Miss Fraser did not apply for a coaching appointment with the Australian Olympic team for Mexico.

Yesterday, thrilled with the news her ban had been lifted, she declared herself available to coach any foreign team for whom a coach may be required.

The lifting of the ten year ban on Miss Fraser closes the stormiest chapter in Australian swimming history.

Her suspension, with three other Olympians after the Games in Tokyo in 1964 caused world-wide controversy. The other swimmers barred at the same time were Linda McGill (4 years), Marlene Dayman and Nan Duncan (2 years).

The suspensions were imposed by the ASU Conference in Hobart in 1965. Miss Duncan's ban was lifted the following year.

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QUEENSLAND GETS FOURTEEN  
IN AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR GAMES

By Frank O'Callaghan

Twelve Queenslanders won selection in the Australian team for the Olympic Games in Mexico in August. Two others, Miss Ruby Robinson and Mr T. Moessenger, were chosen as officials. Robert Cusack, Greg Brough, Joanne Barnes, and Jenny Steinbeck are the swimmers.

The youngest, Miss Barnes, Australia's outstanding breaststroke swimmer, won selection without contesting the national championships. An attack of German measles kept her out of the titles and she won selection on previous performances. At 13 she is the youngest member of the Games team, possibly the youngest Australian chosen to compete at an Olympiad.

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FOUR SWIMS IN WINTER MEETS

Three Brisbane swimming Clubs have combined to form the first winter swimming competition in Queensland. The swim meets are made possible by the recent completion of heating at the Valley Pool. The Clubs, Valley, Commercial, Leander, and Centenary, will start Sunday meets starting on Sunday week.

This brings the number of heated public pools in Brisbane to four - two 50 metre and two 25 metre pools.

The QASA will hold a swimming carnival at which other States and country centres will be competing on August 24 and 25.

On the first day of that month the Australian Olympic swimming squad will arrive in Brisbane to wind up their training for Mexico Olympics. The team will be accommodated at Scarborough and will train at St Bernadette's pool. All members of the team will have to cover 300 miles in training swims before August 1.