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Message from the CEO

FINA World Open Water Championships

Secretary of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, Australia's **Shelley Taylor-Smith** has reported to Australian Swimming that the 2004 FINA World Open Water Championships are now to be swum in Dubai and not Abu Dhabi as originally planned. The reason for the change of venue is not known. Dubai has hosted a good number of international open water swims over the past five years and most of the national open water team has competed there.

Vale

Australian Swimming was sad to hear of the passing of former President of New South Wales Swimming, **Ron Faraday OAM**. Ron was a school teacher and rose to the position of principal of Cessnock High School in the Hunter Valley. Ron refereed many school meets in his retirement thus ensuring a high standard of officiating. Ron worked tirelessly for swimming in his district and was President of the Northern District Swimming Association for 37 years. Ron served two terms as President of his state association. The first was between 1976 and 1982 and his second brief term was between 1985 and 1986. In 1983 he became a life member of New South Wales Swimming and in 1998 deservedly received his OAM. Australian Swimming deepest sympathy goes to Ron's family and friends.

Glenn Tasker

Chief Executive Officer

[Athens 2004 Countdown](#)

www.athens2004.com

Athens 2004 Olympic Games 4 days to go
Athens 2004 Paralympic Games 39 days to go

Athens Olympics - TV coverage

Both the Seven Network and SBS are covering various aspects of the Athens Olympic Games. Their broadcast schedules are at www.sbs.com.au/olympics and www.seven.com.au/seven/olympics_daybyday

You can keep up with all the results and daily reports at www.athens2004.com
The Australian Swimming website www.swimming.org.au will also be linking to results and reporting daily

Message from Athens – Lynne Bates

Sunday 8 August

“The Weather is warming up today. We have outfitted half the team so far and we have a high number of arrivals today and tomorrow. The Swimming, Diving and Water Polo teams arrive today. Synchro are already here and training.

Aquatics venues are looking good. Swimming Managers **Karen Stephenson** and **David Wilson** arrived on Friday night and have investigated the Village, transport and the venue in preparation for the team arriving this afternoon. After checking into the Village the swim team will do a tour of the aquatics venue and have a swim in the warm up pool. On return to the village they will have dinner and then attend the briefing at 8pm. The swim media conference is scheduled for Tuesday morning.

The Village is becoming more populated, however being so spacious and with few vehicles on the roads it is easy to get around. Food is improving in the Dining Hall (that seats 5000) with more variety and the fruit is really good.

The Team Village ceremony is on Wednesday followed by the Team Reception where the Flag Bearer is announced.

Hope all is well and not too cold in Australia.”

Lynne Bates

Assistant Chef de Mission, Australian Olympic Team

University of Canberra

Australian Swimming has taken on 2 new students this semester as part of its internship with the University of Canberra. ASI wishes to ensure the ongoing development of the sport management industry by providing opportunities for work experience for senior Sports Studies students. This semester **Beth Rider** and **Jennifer Holland** have taken on roles in our Sport Development Unit and Events Team respectively. While the students will carry out specific projects for us, we take every opportunity to expose them to the ‘warts and all’ workings of a national sporting body. Fellow UC Sports Management student **Matt Myers** is also working as a casual in the Events Team. We thank **Sandy Daley** at the University of Canberra for the ongoing support of this program.

NSW Swimming – Positions Vacant

NSW Swimming has just advertised these 2 positions.

- **High Performance Director** - The High Performance Director will develop age group swimming within New South Wales. This is a newly created position that presents great potential and opportunity for the successful candidate to take Swimming within New South Wales to the next level.

Further information can be obtained by contacting **Stuart Dutton**, Executive Director on (02) 95522966 or email stuart.dutton@nsw.swimming.org.au

Applications close Friday 17 September 2004

- **Swimming Development Officer** -The Swimming Development Officer will have responsibilities in the areas of formulating, implementing and administering athlete development, talent ID, coach education and development, participation and club development, including visitations to all regions of NSW.

Further information and the job description can be obtained by contacting **Matt Harris**, on (02) 9552 2966 or at matt.harris@nsw.swimming.org.au

Applications close 12noon Friday 20 August 2004

Please visit the website on www.nswswimming.com.au for more information about NSW Swimming

ASI Database

A vote by all the State IT/membership coordinators has come up with a name for the new ASI database: "**SwimNet**".

Last week the Results and Entries phase of SwimNet went live. Already Swimming Tasmania has done some online entries for their meet last weekend and will be uploading results today. Initially States will be using the system to manage entries and results for state level meets, then clubs will be given access to enter meets online. Results will also be available to the public via the State web sites in several months. Thanks must go to the State IT/Membership Coordinators for their work in testing and their help designing the system.

Additionally, the ASI homepage now has 2 new links in the right hand column. Firstly there a direct link to the Telstra HeroMessage site - you can refer any enquiries about HeroMessaging to this site.

Secondly there is a link to download a special swimming Windows Media Player "skin". If you click on the link in the right hand column to download and install the "Goggles" media player skin, you can launch all AV files using the goggles and stopwatch rather than the standard windows look. It has all the same functionality as the standard media player but with a swimming "look ". If you have any questions about this download call Australian Swimming on (02) 6256 9666.

Club Development Network

Club Development goes to the Olympics

When they're not working to help grass roots sport in Australia grow and prosper, two of the Australian Sports Commission Club Development Network's small but dedicated team members have been putting in the hours swimming laps in the pool and their hard work has taken them to the Athens Olympics.

Australian Olympic Swim Team members **Adam Pine** and **Linda Mackenzie** carry their strong work ethic from the pool into the office, according to **Colin Lane**, Manager of Club Development and Membership Growth. Adam prepares and delivers presentations, produces Club Development E-news and is also responsible for promotional material and collateral. Linda does a lot of the 'leg work' for the Network and maintains the integrity of the databases. Both Adam and Linda know what it takes to succeed and they bring this and much more to the clubs they work with across the country.

To find out more about the **Club Development Network** go to the website at www.ausport.gov.au/clubs

Junior Sport Policy

Following the extensive national consultation with the initial draft of the Junior Sport Policy conducted by ASI Sport Development Manager **Len Yeats**, the second draft of the Junior Sport Policy is now ready for comment. Copies of the second draft have been sent out to all stakeholder offices and it is also on the ASI Website in *Inside Swimming* with a dedicated email response capacity for comments which are very welcomed.

Deadline for Final Comments is 10 September 2004

ASCTA NSW Website

Jon Shaw from ASCTA NSW has let us know they have revamped their website. The new site is more user friendly and will be regularly updated and added to. Please log on to www.asctansw.com and have a look. Jon would welcome any feedback or suggestions.

AGM Timelines

Notice of Meeting was sent out	20 July 2004
Agenda items and nominations for President and Board Directors, as well as Committee Members due into ASI	9 August 2004 (TODAY)
Agenda and Annual Report distributed to stakeholders	19 August 2004
Annual General Meeting	18 September 2004

Olympic Quiz

Last week we asked: *Tokyo was originally awarded the 1940 Olympics but had them taken away in 1938. What city was re-awarded the 1940 Olympics, but then be unable to stage them because of World War II?*

The answer: It was **Helsinki**, which eventually held the Games in 1952. Congratulations to **Sharon Kirk** and **Natalie Menzies** who were in early with the right answer.

With the 2004 Olympic Games now upon us, *Olympic Quiz* is going to take a break so you can enjoy all the new milestones and records about to be set in Athens.

Thank you to all those who took part in the quiz this year in the lead up to the Games and a special thanks to Olympic historian **Bruce Coe** for providing the questions. Let the Games begin.

2004 Telstra Australian Short Course Championships

Many of Australia's top swim stars will be competing in the 2004 Telstra Australian Short Course Swimming Championships from **25-29 September** in Brisbane. The event will include some members of the Australian Swim Team on their return from their feats in Athens. This important championship for Australian Swimming is a selection event for the 2004 World Short Course Championships in Indianapolis, the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, the 2005 Australian Youth Olympic Festival and the Junior Pan Pacs.

Ticketing Information

Heats start at 9.00am Finals start at 6.00pm

Heats

- General Admission Adults \$ 5.00 Conc. \$ 3.00
- Heat tickets will be available at the door on the day of competition only.

Finals

- A Reserve Adults \$15.00 Concession \$ 7.50
- B Reserve Adults \$10.00 Concession \$ 5.00
- Family (A Reserve) - 2 adults and 2 children \$35.00
- Each finals ticket will admit you to one final session on the day designated. All entry prices include GST (Note Booking Fees may apply).
- Tickets are on sale now by phoning Ticketek on 131 931 (QLD) or visit www.ticketek.com

Telstra HeroMessage™

Telstra's HeroMessage™, HeroNet® and HeroSMS® services are now open, giving Australians the opportunity to send messages of support via email and SMS to their favourite athletes competing at the 2004 Athens Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Telstra's HeroMessage™ service has helped Australian athletes competing abroad achieve success at various Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games and World Championships over the past decade and is part of the support Telstra provides as the Official Telecommunications Services Sponsor to the 2004 Australian Olympic and Paralympic Teams.

Australians will be able to send their messages to the team in Greece by logging on to www.heromessage.telstra.com or by SMS on **0427-672-946#**

Messages sent via SMS are charged at standard carrier rates, and can be sent until the conclusion of the Paralympic Games on 28 September 2004.

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Reminders

- **The Roger Smith Official of the Year Award** – Nominations are due to State Swimming Associations by **30 September 2004**. More information from Len Yeats on 02 62569666 or visit www.swimming.org.au
- The National Leaders in Sport Conference will be held in Perth on **11 & 12 November 2004**. For more information on the program and registration details go to www.dsr.wa.gov.au/events/leaders/index.html
- **WA Swimming Executive Director** - applications for this position close Monday 16 August. For more information contact WA Swimming on (08) 9328 4599 or go to www.wa.swimming.org.au
- Swimmer's Reunion - Saturday 25 September 2004 – contact **Julie McDonald** at julie@juliemcdonald.org or phone **0414 333 338**
- The Australian Sports Commission's **Our Sporting Future** conference will be held from **2 to 4 March 2005** at the Sydney Convention Centre. For more information go to www.ausport.gov.au/events/osf2005
- Swimming clubs can join the **Club Development Network** by visiting www.ausport.gov.au/clubs and clicking on 'free membership'. For more information or assistance with registration please phone 1300 130 121 or email club.development@ausport.gov.au
- For information on **GO Club** resources and workshops go to www.ascta.com or email goclub@ascta.com
- **Aspire - Career Assistance for Olympians** – for more information contact Hudson Global Resources on **(02) 8233 2297** or visit the Aspire website at www.aspire.olympics.com.au

- **Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games** - the 20th Summer Deaflympic Games will be staged in Melbourne from 5 to 16 January 2005. For ticket information go to http://www.deaflympics.com/mel2005/sport_ticketingfinal.asp
- For the latest Federal Government travel advisories go to www.dfat.gov.au/travel
- Recent editions of *ASI Update* are now available on our website at www.swimming.org.au in *Inside Swimming*>*Resources and Publications*

That's it for this week. Please continue to distribute *ASI Update* through your networks and send us anything you would like circulated through the Australian Swimming community.

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