

BONDI  
AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

A HISTORY





## BONDI AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Founded in 1892, the Bondi Amateur Swimming Club is one of the oldest amateur sporting bodies in the Eastern Suburbs, and among the oldest swimming clubs in the Commonwealth. It is numbered amongst the oldest established amateur bodies in New South Wales. The Club has operated at Bondi Baths since its inception, and is still happily in residence at the same venue.

The foundation of the club is believed to have come about through the natural rock pool which occupied almost the same position as the present day baths. Seventeen young men were the first members who housed themselves in a shed, which was built at the end of a track which threaded its way down the rough hillside covered with scrub. At that time Bondi was nothing but sand dunes and desolate waste. This track apparently came from the Cliff House Hotel, later to become the Astra Hotel, where members and committee of the club retired, according to records, to hold meetings with the aid of good brew. The membership grew quickly, so much so, that it attracted the notice of the Waverley Municipal Council who improved the rock pool for the public, extending it to 33 yards in length in 1899. It remained that size for about 20 years.

Various ambitious plans seem to have been formulated for remodelling the Baths, and just as often these plans were abandoned or shelved. Finally the baths were lengthened in 1911 to 50 yards, and in 1931 to 55 yards, in accordance with Olympic requirements. In 1979 the baths were amended to 50m to keep in line with current standards.

By raising funds from subscriptions, donations and social functions, the club purchased material and members built their first clubhouse, a double-decker weatherboard structure, which stood through the years until the erection of the present concrete building.

Foundation members of the Club included Frank Coulson, Albert Coulson, Edward "Tibby" Coulson and Charles "Gunner" Griffiths. The first Hon Secretary was Mr. F. L. Chambers, the first Club Captain was Jimmy Chambers, "Tibby" being the first Club Champion.

In briefly turning back the pages of the history of the Bondi A.S.C. one place of honour must be filled by Mr. G. H. Alderton whose membership as a competitor dated from 1893 to 1917 and afterwards he was President of the Club from 1917 to 1950.

This Club combined with the Bondi Ladies Amateur Swimming Club in 1969, and the amalgamation was a happy and successful one. Before and after the amalgamation the Club was always a force to be reckoned with. We participated in all the the NSW Association promotions, i.e. swimming, water polo, diving, Learn-to-swim campaign and synchronised swimming, and also in Royal Life Saving activities. We supplied both competitors and officials. For some years our Membership was over 700 - we were the largest club in Australia.

The Club banner of a Red Rampant Lion on a white background has been proudly carried by many Bondi A.S.C. club members.

## THE BONDI LADIES AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Was first formed in 1907 by Mesdames A. Bentley, D. Jones and K. Musgrove (later Mrs. K. Buckle). The Club badge was a white crescent with green letters. The first Patroness was Mrs. Macarthur Onslow, the first President Mrs. F. B. H. Gaden, the first Hon. Secretary was Miss Grace Stirling, and the first Captain was Miss. K. Musgrove.

This Club also operated at Bondi Baths throughout its entire history.

The Club lasted till 1912 and during that time some of its noteworthy swimmers were Dorothy Cadden, the three Corbett sisters, Amy Cutler, Ruby Stirling, Lily and Evelyn Yates, Jessie and Winnie Kerr (later Mrs. C. G. Terry), Alice Bain (who was also Hon Treasurer for some time), and Mrs. Cocks.

The club went out of action for some time, and at the end of the year 1920 it was re-formed by Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Buckle, together with Mesdames Anderson and Griffith (formerly Gladys Tate) and Nellie Mead. The new Patroness was Mrs. C. Oakes, the President was Mrs. A. Bentley and the Hon Secretary was Mrs. K. Buckle. The Club badge was a pair of white wings, with the lettering B.L.S.C.

The club steadily progressed until its membership reached over 200 members - the largest of any women's swimming club in Australia. Among its champions then will be remembered Claire Cauldwell, Jean Cocks (one of the most outstanding swimmers at that time), Kitty MacKay and Pat Norton.

Bondi Ladies Swimming Club won its first Premiership of NSW in 1928-29 and the Junior Premiership in 1933.

The Club was especially proud of its Olympic Representatives - in the 1936 Berlin Games, Kitty MacKay (later Mrs. B. Hodgson), and Pat Norton (later Mrs. Down), and in the 1956 games in Melbourne Miss Pam Singleton (later Mrs. Hutchings) who at that time was the Captain of the Bondi Ladies club, was also Captain of the women swimmers at the Games.

Then in Tokyo in 1964 we were represented by Jan Cortis, and in the 1968 Mexico games by Judy Playfair.

In 1937 the club, with over 300 members, was claimed to be the largest women's club in N.S.W. and these numbers continued to rise. In 1954 membership was 370.

When the two clubs combined in 1969 the Ladies Club contributed about 230 members to the union, and the membership in the first combined season was 576.

Even before the official combination the two clubs always joined forces in such activities as Royal Life Saving carnivals and the brother and sister clubs were a force to contend with. Annual Club Championships were sometimes a combined event and two happier, more compatible and more enjoyable clubs would be difficult to find.

Bondi A.S.C. and Bondi Ladies A.S.C. held their first combined carnival in 1952.

The backbone of both clubs, who made it WORLD FAMOUS, were its Life Members:

G. H. ALDERTON	J. CHAMBERS	J. H. HELLINGS
L. MOGG	A. COULSON	E. W. COULSON
F. COULSON	W. C. HAYMAN	H. KELSO
W. J. GORMLEY	E. H. SANDELL	A. P. RENNIX
C. SANDELL	H. RATHBONE	T. W. MEAGHER
R. HART	A. P. HART	F. R. CLIFT
L. D. WALSH	J. B. AGNEW	L. C. B. WALSH
W. J. FARTHING	A. E. NEWCOMBE	B. McDONALD
P. ROTHMAN	F. MOON	F. T. LINDSAY
D. J. E. EMERY	B. R. GALLAND	J. A. SHAW
	C. SEABROOK	

(Life-members of the Bondi Ladies ASC were incorporated into the combined club)

K. BUCKLE	1928
A. COCKS	1936
B. ETHERIDGE	1940
W. LEE	1951
R. SIMPSON	1957
L. PHILLIPS	1957
G. GREAVES	1960
J. PHILLIPS	1961
M. KAYES	1961
E. MIDDLEMASS	1962
D. FLAUS	1965
B. DOBSON	1965

R. CARROLL	R. MULHOLLAND	M. KEEBLE
M. TANNER	G. M. MYERS	

Then of course you cannot forget the coaches - names like Sep PROSSER, who coached at Bondi Baths for many years and was the coach of the 1948 London Olympic swimmers, Claude SEABROOK, Harry NIGHTINGALE and Tom WALSH. They were the masters to bring out the best in their pupils!

**LIFE MEMBERS NSWASA & NSW LADIES ASA**

Bernard R. GALLAND  
Mrs. Katie BUCKLE  
Mrs. Beryl PRYOR  
Miss Leah PHILLIPS

**LIFE MEMBERS NSW AMATEUR WATER POLO ASSN**

Hermie DOERNER  
Asher HART  
William JONES  
Ray SMEE

**LIFE MEMBERS OF EASTERN SUBURBS ASA**

Derek EMERY  
Leah PHILLIPS OAM  
Jess PHILLIPS  
John SHAW  
Phillip ROTHMAN BEM

DISTRICT PREMIERS

Bondi A.S.C. held both the Senior and Junior District Premierships from 1927 to 1967.

Bondi Ladies A.S.C. took the Senior & Junior Premierships of the Eastern suburbs A.S.A. many times, and held numerous championships and records of that Association.

N.S.W. JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

B.A.S.C. Junior Premiers 1930-31  
 1940-41  
 1942-43  
 1949-50  
 1953-54

B.L.A.S.C. Junior Premiers 1933-4-5-6-7-8-9-40-41-42  
 1950-1-2

N.S.W. CLUB PREMIERSHIPS

B.A.S.C. State Club Premiers 1896-97  
 1930-31

B.L.A.S.C. State Club Premiers 1928-29  
 1934-5-6-7-8-9-40-41

STATE AGE CHAMPIONS - B.A.S.C.

1928-29	Asher HART	50yds F/S	U/12	32.4
1931-32	Asher HART	100yds F/S	U/15	1-01.2
1934-35	Leon FERGUSON	50yds F/S	U/12	32.6
1935-36	A. COHEN	50yds F/S	U/12	32.4
1940-41	R. WILLETT	55yds F/S	U/12	34.2
	R. WILLETT	55yds F/S	U/13	34.2
	C. STEWART	55yds Breast	U/14	40.6
1941-42	R. WILLETT	55yds F/S	U/13	31.6
	R. WILLETT	75yds F/S	U/14	1-12.0
1942-43	J. TAYLOR	55yds F/S	U/12	37.2
	R. WILLETT	75yds F/S	U/14	1.12.4
1944-45	V. MAY	55yds F/S	U/12	36.6
	B. NEESON	55yds BR.	U/14	42.0
1945-46	R. PARKES	55yds F/S	U/13	34.8
	B. NEESON	55yds BR.	U/14	39.4

1947-48	C. SMEE	55yds F/S	U/12	34.2
1948-49	C. SMEE	55yds F/S	U/13	29.6
1949-50	M. ROSE	55yds F/S	U/12	34.2
	C. SMEE	110yds F/S	U/14	1.07.2
	C. SMEE	55yds BR.	U/14	37.2
1950-51	M. ROSE	55yds E/S	U/12	34.2
1951-52	M. ROSE	55yds F/S	U/13	30.6
1952-53	M. ROSE	110yds F/S	U/14	1.04.0
	M. ROSE	440yds F/S	U/14	5.05.9
1953-54	M. ROSE	110yds F/S	U/15	1.01.1
	D. GOODMAN	55yds F/S	U/13	31.8
1954-55	D. GOODMAN	55yds F/S	U/13	29.3
	D. GOODMAN	110yds F/S	U/14	1.05.6
1955-56	D. GOODMAN	110yds F/S	U/14	1.03.7
1960-61	J. PICK	110yds F/S	U/14	N.T.
1963-64	M. LINCOLN-SMITH	55yds F/S	U/10	N.T.
	M. LINCOLN-SMITH	55yds Back	U/10	N.T.
1972-73	D. SKILLING	100m Back	12yrs	N.T.

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONS - B.A.S.C.

1930-31	Vic BESOMO	220yds F/S		2-26.4
1937-38	Edward LEVY	110yds BR.		1-27.2
1938-39	Edward LEVY	110yds BR.		1-28.8
1942-43	Trevor PHILLIPS	110yds BR.		1-24.6
	C. STEWARD	110yds BA.		1-22.0
1943-44	D. McDOUGALL	220yds F/S		2-35.6
	D. McDOUGALL	440yds F/S		5-34.4
1944-45	Bryson LAING	110yds BR.		1-30.4
1949-50	J. PROCTOR	220yds F/S		2-29.9
	C. SMEE	165yds MEDLEY		2-03.9
1950-51	C. SMEE	165yds MEDLEY		2-01.2
1952-53	P. COPES	110yds BR.		1-27.1
1953-54	M. ROSE	110yds F/S		1-00.6
1954-55	M. ROSE	220yds F/S		2-18.4
1957-58	D. GOODMAN	220yds F/S		2.12.1
1972-73	S. BADGER	100m F/S		N.T.
	S. BADGER	200m F/S		1.58.5 NSW Record
	S. BADGER	400m F/S		4.09.7 NSW & Aust Rec

STATE OPEN CHAMPIONS - B.A.S.C.

1891-92	J. HELLINGS	200yds F/S	2.46.5
1892-93	J. HELLINGS	100yds F/S	1.07.5
	J. HELLINGS	300yds F/S	4.05.0
	W. J. GORMLEY	200yds F/S	2.32.1
	W. J. GORMLEY	1000yds F/S	14.04.4
	W. J. GORMLEY	1760yds F/S	27.03.5
1893-94	W. J. GORMLEY	300yds F/S	3.59.0
1894-95	J. HELLINGS	100yds F/S	1.05.2
	J. HELLINGS	200yds F/S	2.35.2
1895-96	J. HELLINGS	220yds F/S	2.52.0
	J. HELLINGS	100yds F/S	1.05.2
	W. J. GORMLEY	440yds F/S	6.08.0
1896-97	J. HELLINGS	100yds F/S	1.06.5
1923-4	A. COPPLESON	100yds	
1928-29	A. BESOMO	100yds F/S	56.4
1930-31	V. BESOMO	100yds Back	1.08.6
	V. BESOMO	220yds F/S	2.25.0
1932-33	V. BESOMO	100yds Back	N.T.
1933-34	V. BESOMO	110yds Back	1.15.8
1938-39	J. FERGUSON	330yds Medley	4.34.6
1941-42	J. FERGUSON	330yds Medley	4.28.8
1942-43	T. PHILLIPS	220yds Breast	3.03.6
1943-44	T. PHILLIPS	220yds Breast	3.02.6
1944-45	T. PHILLIPS	220yds Breast	3.07.0
1945-46	R. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE	110yds Back	1.14.6
	R. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE	330yds Medley	4.34.8
	T. PHILLIPS	220yds Breast	3.06.0
1948-49	G. TAYLOR	220yds F/S	2.19.8
1953-54	M. GARRETTY	1650yds F/S	19.44.0
1954-55	M. ROSE	880yds F/S	10.07.0
	M. ROSE	440yds F/S	4.37.2
	G. WINRAM	1650yds F/S	18.58.9
1955-56	M. GARRETTY	1650yds F/S	18.36.3
	M. ROSE	440yds F/S	4.32.5
	M. ROSE	880yds F/S	9.34.3



1956-57	G. WINRAM	880yds F/S	9.49.5
	M. ROSE	440yds F/S	4.27.1
	M. ROSE	220yds F/S	2.06.5
	M. ROSE	1650yds F/S	18.04.5
1957-58	G. WINRAM	1650yds F/S	18.14.8
	M. GARRETTY	440yds I.M.	5.29.0
1961-62	C. STAPLES	110yds F/S	56.3
1969-70	A. SHAW	800yds F/S	9.16.3
1972-73	S. BADGER	1500m F/S	16.37.5
	S. BADGER	800m F/S	8.39.0
	S. BADGER	400m F/S	4.10.5
1973-74	S. BADGER	800m F/S	8.35.3
	S. BADGER	400m F/S	4.06.1
	S. BADGER	200m F/S	1.57.0
1974 Winter	S. BADGER	200m F/S	N.T.
1979-80	S. BADGER	100m Fly	59.12

**JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAYS, B.A.S.C.**

1949-50	4 x 110yds F/S	4.30.8	EQUAL RECORD Col Smee, John Proctor, Jim Mooney, David Emanuel
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**STATE OPEN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS...B.A.S.C.**

1896-97	5 x 100yds F/S	5.49.8	
1929-30	5 x 100yds F/S	4.56.4	AUSTRALIAN RECORD. Tom Meagher, Bruce Willson, Reg Stevens, Arthur Besomo, Bruce Hodgson
1930-31	5 x 100yds F/S	4.54.0	RECORD B. Hodgson, A. V. Besomo, R. Stevens, F. Griffiths, A. Besomo
1930-31	4 x 220yds F/S	9.49.6	RECORD A. Besomo, B. Hodgson, A. V. Besomo, F. Griffiths
1931-32	5 x 100yds F/S	4.48.2	
1932-33	5 x 100yds F/S	4.42.2	

1933-34	5 x 110yds F/S	5.27.4	RECORD Flying Squadron B. Wilson, I. Wyatt, A. Besomo, V. Besomo, B. Hodgson
1942-43	5 x 110yds BREAST	7.26.0	
1944-45	5 x 110yds BREAST	7.23.6	
1945-46	5 x 110yds BREAST	7.20.2	
1946-47	5 x 110yds BREAST	7.22.8	
1954-55	4 x 220yds F/S	9.08.9	
1955-56	4 x 220yds F/S	9.01.9	RECORD Murray Rose, Murray Garretty, Brian Hutchings, Gary Winram
1957-58	4 x 220yds F/S	8.41.4	

JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAYS, B.A.S.C.

1949-50	4 x 110yds F/S	4.30.8	EQUAL RECORD Col Smee, John Proctor, Jim Mooney, David Emanuel
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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS B.A.S.C.

1896-97	J. H. HELLINGS	100yds F/S	1.05.8
		220yds F/S	2.52.0
1953-54	Murray ROSE	Jnr 440yds F/S	4.49.8
1954-55	Murray ROSE	220yds F/S	2.11.6
		440yds F/S	4.47.3
		880yds F/S	9.51.3
	Jnr	110yds F/S	59.9
	Gary WINRAM	1650yds F/S	19.14.8
1955-56	Murray ROSE	440yds F/S	4.33.0
		880yds F/S	9.36.4
1956-57	Murray ROSE	400m F/S	4.27.3 Record
1957-58	Gary WINRAM	880yds F/S	9.46.0
	D. GOODMAN	Jnr 110yds F/S	59.2
1959-60	Murray ROSE	400yds F/S	4.15.9
1961-62	Charles STAPLES	110yds F/S	56.4
1972-73	Stephen BADGER	1500m F/S	N.T.
		15/16yrs 400m F/S	N.T.
	Daryl SKILLING		
		12 & U 200m Back	N.T.

STATE AGE CHAMPIONS - B.L.A.S.C.

1953-54	Robin CARROLL	U/14	55yds F/S	32.2 Record
1957-58	Dixie KENNEDY	12yrs	55yds F/S	
1958-59	Sue FLAUS		Back	
1960-61	Cathie TAYLOR	U/10	55yds F/S	
1961-61	Jane CORTIS	U/14	F/S	
1966-67	Judy PLAYFAIR	U/14	100m Breast	1.20.6
1967-68	Judy PLAYFAIR	U/14	50m Breast	37.0
1967-68	Lyn TREWHELLA	U/12	3m Springboard Diving	
	Lyn TREWHELLA	U/12	1m Springboard Diving	
	Lyn TREWHELLA	U/13	3m Springboard Diving	
1969-70	Lyn TREWHELLA	U/14	1m Springboard Diving	
	Lyn TREWHELLA	U/14	3m Springboard Diving	
1972-73	Kerri SKILLING	15yrs	100m F/S	NSW Record
		15yrs	200m F/S	NSW Record
		15yrs	400m F/S	NSW Record

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONS B.L.A.S.C.

1936-37	Thelma BRYCE			
1941-42	June MULLINS	110yds	Breast	1.34.4 Record
1950-51	Pam SINGLETON	55yds	F/S	
1951-51	Pam SINGLETON	110yds	Back	1.22.0 Record
	Julia FORSYTHE	110yds	F/S	
1954-55	Robin CARROLL	50m	F/S	30.6
1955-56	Robin CARROLL	50m	F/S	31.6
1963-64	Peta TERRY	200m	I.M.	
1963-64	Jane CORTIS	400m	I.M.	
1967-68	Judy PLAYFAIR	100m	Breast	1.20.1
	Judy PLAYFAIR	200m	Breast	2.53.4 U/14 Record
	Judy PLAYFAIR	220yds	Breast	2.56.3
1969-70	Maree ROBINSON	200m	Fly	2.29.9 NSW & Aust Rec.
	Lyn TREWHELLA	1m	Springboard Diving	
	Lyn TREWHELLA	3m	Springboard Diving	

JUNIOR TEAMS - B.L.A.S.C.

1941-41	275yds	Team of:- Barbara Lee, June Mullins, Elaine Cocksedge, Gilda O'Brien, and Sheila Hunter, broke its own record of 3.10.0 with 2.58.8
1951-52	275yds	Team of:- Pam Singleton, Julia Forsythe, Jean Marwood, S. McCulloch and A. Ross 2.52.53

STATE TEAMS - B.L.A.S.C.

1945-46	330yds	Medley Team, Barbara Lee,
1950-51	440yds,	Diane Dewar, Joyce Snell,
1951-52	440yds,	J. Snell, P. Singleton, J. Marwood, J. Forsythe, 6.04.0 RECORD

STATE OPEN CHAMPIONS B.L.A.S.C.

1933-34	Pat NORTON	100yds F/S	1.04.40
	Kitty MacKAY	220yds F/S	2.46.00
1934-35	Pat NORTON	100yds F/S	1.07.00
1935-36	Kitty MacKAY	100yds F/S	1.03.00
	Kitty MacKAY	440yds F/S	6.11.80
	Pat NORTON	100yds Back	1.14.40
1936-37	Pat NORTON	100yds F/S	1.04.60
	Pat NORTON	100yds Back	1.14.20
	Kitty MacKAY	220yds F/S	2.44.60
1939-40	Pat NORTON	110yds F/S	1.09.80
	Pat NORTON	440yds F/S	5.51.20
	Margaret DOVEY	220yds Breast	3.30.00
1943-44	Barbara LEE	220yds F/S	2.44.40
	Barbara LEE	440yds F/S	5.53.20
	Barbara LEE	880yds F/S	12.35.00
	Berice SMITHAM	110yds Back	1.29.40
1944-45	Barbara LEE	110yds F/S	1.12.60
	Barbara LEE	220yds F/S	2.46.00
	Barbara LEE	440yds F/S	6.09.80
	Barbara LEE	880yds F/S	13.13.60
	Emmeline ORRIDGE	110yds Back	1.27.00
1945-46	Barbara LEE	110yds F/S	1.14.00
1947-48	Pat MCHUGH	220yds F/S	
	Pat MCHUGH	440yds F/S	
	Pat MCHUGH	880yds F/S	

1948-49	Joyce SNELL Pat McHUGH	110yds F/S 220yds F/S	1.14.00 2.44.60	
1952-53	Pam SINGLETON	110yds Back	1.20.80	
1953-54	Pam SINGLETON Pam SINGLETON	110yds Back 440yds Back	1.18.20	Record
1964-65	Peta TERRY	I.M.	2.43.20	
1966-67	Judy PLAYFAIR	100m Breast	N.T.	
1967-68	Judy PLAYFAIR Judy PLAYFAIR	100m Breast 200m Breast	1.19.10 2.50.10	Open & Jnr Rec Jnr Record
1969-70	Maree ROBINSON	200m Fly	2.27.90	NSW & Aust Rec
1970-71	Maree ROBINSON Maree ROBINSON	100m Fly 200m Fly	1.08.50 2.25.30	

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS B.L.A.S.C.

1928-29	Jean COCKS	100yds F/S 110yds F/S 150yds F/S 220yds F/S 330yds F/S	1.04.6 1.13.0 1.45.2 2.45.4 4.20.3	Record Record Record Record Record
1930-31	Jean COCKS	440yds F/S 880yds F/S	5.50.8 12.30.2	Record Record
1933-34	Kitty MacKAY	110yds F/S	1.11.6	Record
1934-35	Pat NORTON	110yds F/S	1.10.4	Record
1935-36	Pat NORTON Kitty MacKAY	110yds Back 110yds F/S	1.19.6 1.09.0	Record Record
1937-38	Pat NORTON	110yds Back	1.19.5	Record
1945-46	Barbara LEE	member of 440yds Relay team member of 220yds Medley Relay team		
1953-54	Pam SINGLETON	220yds Back	2.47.6	Record
1963-64	Peta TERRY	Jnr 200yds I.M. member 4x100yds F/S jnr Relay team		
1963-64	Jane CORTIS	400yds F/S		
1967-68	Judy PLAYFAIR	100m Breast 200m Breast	1.16.8 2.46.1	
1969-70	Maree ROBINSON	Jnr 200m Fly	2.28.3	
1969-70	Maree ROBINSON	200m Fly	2.27.0	C'wlth, Aust, NSW Record
1970-71	Maree ROBINSON	200m Fly	N.T.	

COMMONWEALTH (BRITISH EMPIRE) GAMES REPRESENTATIVES

1938 Sydney PAT NORTON 110yds Backstroke GOLD MEDAL 1.19.5  
 330yds Medley Relay BRONZE MEDAL  
 4x110yds F/S Relay SILVER MEDAL

1938 Sydney MARGARET DOVEY 220yds Breaststroke -6th final

1938 Sydney MARGARET RAWSON 110yds F/S  
 4x110yds F/S Relay - SILVER MEDAL

1938 Sydney PAT HUNT Highboard diving - 5th (26.10 pts)

1938 Sydney Mrs. KATIE BUCKLE - Manageress swimming team

1938 Sydney ROTHE BASSINGTHWAIGHTE 110yds Backstroke

1950 Auckland HERMIE DOERNER - Water polo team, capt.- GOLD MEDAL  
 LEON FERGUSON - Water polo team  
 OWEN DOERNER - Water polo team

1958 Cardiff GARY WINRAM 440yds Freestyle BRONZE MEDAL (4.32.4)  
 1650yds Freestyle SILVER MEDAL (18.17.2)

1962 Perth MURRAY ROSE 440yds Freestyle GOLD MEDAL (4.20.0)  
 1650yds Freestyle GOLD MEDAL (17.18.1)  
 4x110yds F/S relay GOLD MEDAL  
 4x220yds F/S relay GOLD MEDAL

1962 Perth BARBARA NICOL 110yds BUTTERFLY - 4th heat (1.15.4)

1962 Perth JANE CORTIS 440yds Medley - 5th final (6.00.2)

1966 Jamaica LEAH PHILLIPS Manageress swimming team

1970 Edinburgh MAREE ROBINSON 100m Butterfly - 7th final (1.09.29)  
 200m Buttefly - GOLD MEDAL (2.24.67)  
 Games record....

1974 Christchurch  
 STEPHEN BADGER 200m Freestyle GOLD MEDAL (1.56.72)  
 400m Freestyle BRONZE MEDAL (4.04.07)  
 1500m Freestyle BRONZE MEDAL (16.22.23)  
 4x200m F/S relay GOLD MEDAL

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVES.

1936	Berlin	Kitty MACKAY	100m Freestyle, 5th heat 100m Backstroke, 5th heat
1936	Berlin	Pat NORTON	100m Backstroke, 6th semi-final
1948	London	Jack FERGUSON	Water Polo team
1948	London	Leon FERGUSON	Water Polo team
1948	London	Hermie DOERNER	Water Polo team (Captain)
1952	Helsinki	Hermie DOERNER	Water Polo team
1952	Helsinki	Ray SMEE	Water Polo team (Vice Captain)
1956	Melbourne	Ray SMEE	Water Polo team (Captain) -9th
1952	Helsinki	Doug LAING	Water Polo team
1956	Melbourne	Doug LAING	Water Polo team - 9th
1952	Helsinki	Keith WHITEHEAD	Water Polo team
1956	Melbourne	Keith WHITEHEAD	Water Polo team - 9th
1960	Rome	Keith WHITEHEAD	Water Polo team
1956	Melbourne	MURRAY ROSE	400m Freestyle - GOLD MEDAL 1500m Freestyle - GOLD MEDAL 4x200m F/S relay - GOLD MEDAL
1960	Rome	MURRAY ROSE	400m Freestyle - GOLD MEDAL 1500m Freestyle - SILVER MEDAL 4x200m F/S relay - BRONZE MEDAL
1956	Melbourne	Gary WINRAM	400m Freestyle - 6th final 1500m Freestyle - 8th final
1956	Melbourne	Pam SINGLETON	100m Backstroke - 6th heat -Capta
1956	Melbourne	Murray GARRETTY	1500m Freestyle - 4th final 4x200m F/S relay - 3rd heat
1964	Tokyo	Jane CORTIS	400m Ind medley - 5th heat
1964	Tokyo	Alex KOSEGI	Water Polo team - coach
1964	Tokyo	William PHILLIPS	Water Polo team
1968	Mexico City	Judy PLAYFAIR	100m Breaststroke -7th semi-fin 200m Breaststrike -2nd heat 4x100m Medley relay -SILVER MEDAL

Stephen Badger was a Bondi ASC club member who competed in the 1976 Montreal Olympics under the Canadian banner.

Graeme Brewer was a club member for a short period though not still with us when he competed in the 1980 Moscow Olympics, bringing home a Bronze medal and 2 final placings.

THE LEARN-TO-SWIM CAMPAIGN

The Learn-to-swim Campaign all over New South Wales was started in the 1938-39 season by **Allan RENNIX**, assisted by Fred CLIFT and Ted LEVER, all of Bondi Club, and Neville CARROLL of Bronte, who went to country towns demonstrating and lecturing. Allan was the first Learn-to-swim Secretary of N.S.W. The "Free Learn-to-Swim Campaign" has been a big asset to our club, and this is a great source of new recruits for the club.

Both the Bondi A.S.C. and the Bondi Ladies A.S.C. taught youngsters to swim free, with Instructors such as Pam Singleton, Joyce Snell, Leah Phillips, Robin Carroll, and many others.

We have always been fortunate that we have had capable and willing Honorary Instructors.

Probably our most well-known Chief Instructor has been **Phil ROTHMAN** who has been steering our yearly Learn-to-Swim Campaign and our complement of Honorary Instructors through many years of teaching hundreds of young pupils to swim.

He joined the Bondi A.S.C. in 1944, and was always an active participant in every facet of club activities, and also at N.S.W.A.S.A. and District level.

He was made a Life Member of the Club in 1962, and was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1972 for his services to Swimming. At the time of writing, the 1991-2 season, he holds the position of President of this club.

Other "Chiefs" to follow Phil have been Robin CARROLL, Alice MOORE, Kay KEEBLE, Judy SIBILIA and Robert KEMENY.



WATER POLO

There are many early Water Polo team photographs on the walls of our Club Room of which we are proud.

They show our teams of the 1930's with members

- W. E. Pearce, C. Jardine, A Hutchin, A Elm, A. Hart,
- W. Parkinson, C. J. Daly, B. McDonald, O. Doerner,
- M. Phillips, L. Walsh, H. Steel, W. B. Phillips,
- A. W. Magee, W. H. Butler, R. Napier, A. G. Fisher,
- J. Harrison and A. Alsop.

The 1940's include - O. Doerner, H. Doerner, L. Ferguson, A. Cooke, J. Ferguson, C. Walsh, A. Hart, & K. Erickson. A. Kirkman and R. Smee.

The 1950's show - W. Jones, K. Whitehead, R. Smee, J. Gillies, D. Laing, J. Ferguson, G. Taylor, C. Smee & P. Bennett.

Then into the 60's - E. Fitzgerald, B. Hutchings, R. Smee, A. Kosegi, A. Langford, N. Sydney, W. Lamb, K. Whitehead, D. Laing, P. Waterman, W. Jones and R. de Groot.

Our Men's team were the N.S.W. Water Polo Premiers

- 1931 to 1938
- 1942-43
- 1947 to 1957
- 1960-61            Joint Premiers
- 1962-63            Joint Premiers

Bondi A.S.C. has supplied both players and officials of high calibre to this sport, even to the extent of several Olympic Representatives.

1948	LONDON	Jack FERGUSON Leon FERGUSON Hermie DOERNER..Captain
1952	HELSINKI	Hermie DOERNER Ray SMEE Keith WHITEHEAD Doug LAING
1956	MELBOURNE	Ray SMEE            ..Captain Doug LAING Keith WHITEHEAD
1960	ROME	Keith WHITEHEAD
1964	TOKYO	William PHILLIPS Alex KOSEGI        ..Coach

Our Officials were of equal ability and our participation in the N.S.W. Amateur Water Polo Association included

LIFE MEMBERS	Hermie Doerner Asher HART Ray SMEE Bill JONES	
PRESIDENTS	Asher HART Bill JONES	(5 years) (5 years)
CHAIRMEN	Hermie DOERNER Asher HART	(4 years) (9 years)
SECRETARYS	Hermie DOERNER Pat JONES	(5 years) (2 years)
ASSIST/SECRETARYS	Hermie DOERNER	(8 years)
TREASURERS	Ray SMEE	(9 years)
COMPETITION SEC.	Pat JONES	(2 years)
REGISTRARS	Mark PHILLIPS	(3 years)
SOCIAL SEC.	Doug LAING	(10 years)

The first Ladies Water Polo Competition was held in 1963/64 and Bondi Ladies were there - the original "Bluebottles" were Sue Flaus, Dorothy Flaus, Colleen O'Leary, Marilyn Myers, Pam O'Reilly, Leonie Stokes, Pam Hedger, Leonie Cronk, Lyn Saunders and Robin Carroll - and the girls were coached by the indomitable Graeme Gairns.

The ladies were no doubt inspired by the feats of the Men's teams before them and they went on to be a strong force in the Ladies Competitions and supplied members to the State teams -- Robin Carroll, Marilyn Myers, Pam O'Reilly and Julie Barnard.

Water Polo requires a lot of dedication and time involved and unfortunately our teams finally dropped out of the competition. The men played their last game in 1979-80, and the ladies in 1983/84.

## ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The Club has always been a strong and successful competitor in this facet of our operations.

The Ladies Club first competed, in conjunction with the Bondi A.S.C. in 1963-64.

We were State Premiers from 1963 to 1976.

We have had many "State Champions" in all age groups from "midgets" to "seniors".

Members who have been selected for N.S.W. Teams include:

Paul PETTIFORD,	Neil PARKER,	Leigh EMERY,
Marilyn MYERS,	Judith PETTIFORD,	Colleen O'LEARY,
Stephanie EMERY,	Sue CRATES,	Gai McLEAN,
Julie BARNARD,	Terry ANDERSON.	

Particularly outstanding was **Judith PETTIFORD**, who won the Water Skills Championship so many times. She carried her skills into the Synchronised Swimming Championships and in 1969-70 won the NSW Stunts, Solo and Teams championships, and in 1970-71 and 1971-72 was again in the NSW winning team.

-**Neal PARKER**, who won the Senior Mens Rescue Race continuously year after year, sometimes with **Josh BATTAIN**, **Paul PETTIFORD**, sometimes with **Leigh EMERY**, or **Doug GREVETT**.

-**Marilyn MYERS** (now Mrs. Tanner) who paired with Judy to win many State Championships, and also won many in her own right.

**Graeme GAIRNS** was responsible for many of our successes. He was Junior Club Captain in 1961, and Club Captain from 1963 till 1967 and was behind most of our Royal Life Saving activities, coaching both boys and girls and enthusing them in his own special way. He took an interest in everyone and everything involving the Bondi clubs and he was a captain second-to-none. Graeme died in 1983.

The Nielsen Park Carnival, hosted by Bondi A.S.C. for many years was always the highlight of our calendar.

Those who were involved still remember the 1976/77 carnival. The weather and tides were not kind during the week preceding our Carnival date and on Sunday morning the beach sand was piled into three mountains, with valleys in between. In the early hours of the morning, barely light, Bondi members were hard at work with shovels etc. and at starting time of 9.00am the beach was rearranged and ready for anything. The Bondi members then competed, blistered hands and all, and even won the Carnival! The Bondi Spirit prevailed again!!!

The Vaucluse Trust Trophy was the annual reward for the Nielsen Park Carnival, and it was won by Bondi for 12 out of 13 years, then we lost it for 3 years successively and unfortunately then the carnival also faded out, 1981 being the last year it was held. The Trophy now sits in our Club Room trophy case.

So many of our club members - both past and present - are worthy of special mention that it's hard to know where to start. A club needs good administrators, good officials and good workpeople as well as top competitors to make it a top club, and we have had them in abundance.

In no order of importance, nor in chronological order, but purely as they come to mind:

**JACK HELLINGS:** Won the "All England Handicap" Jubilee Prize, in July 1897, and brought home the wonderful silver shield which now holds a place of honour in our club room. On his return from his European trip the Club presented him an "Illuminated Address" to commemorate the honour he had brought to his club, and this also hangs on our clubroom wall. Both these items are well worth a look. A Life member of the Club.

**G. H. ALDERTON:** Joined the Club in its second year of operation, 1893, Honorary Secretary from 1900 to 1917, and a very active President for 33 years, 1917 to 1950, and then became Patron till his death in 1956. A Life member of the Club.

**W. C. HAYMAN:** Joined the Club in 1893. He held various official positions and was a Water Polo player of some repute. He was regarded as the hardest and longest ball thrower in the game at that time. A Life Member of our club, he died in 1956.

**TOM MEAGHER:** joined B.A.S.C. in 1918, Vice-Captain 1922-23, Captain 1924-30, Life Member 1926. Mr. Meagher was the first swimmer in N.S.W. to break 60 seconds for 100yds swimming the Trudgeon Freestyle stroke. He represented N.S.W. in Water Polo 1927-30. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1963.

**BERNARD R. GALLAND:** was a hard-working office bearer of the NSWASA, he was Honorary Treasurer from 1928 to 1940, and Honorary Secretary from 1940 to 1947, and a Life-Member of that Association. A Life member of the Bondi Club.

**KATIE BUCKLE:** (nee Musgrove) was a foundation member of the Ladies Club in 1907, and the first Club Captain. She also won the first 50yds Championship of the B.L.A.S.C.

She was the inaugural Secretary of the re-formed Club in 1920 and held that position for all but 1 year till she retired in 1956. She taught the young members, she trained the promising ones for inter-club and State competition, and called the heats for races each week. A much loved personality, she WAS B.L.S.C.

For many years she was Chairwoman of N.S.W.W.A.S.A., Secretary of E.S.W.A.S.A., President of S.S.W.A.S.A., and a Referee for the N.S.W.W.A.S.A. She was honoured with a well earned decoration from Her Majesty the Queen.

In 1938 she was Manageress of the Empire Games swim team.

Mrs. Buckle was known to relate the story of an incident which happened during her first year as Secretary. She was at that time hot favourite for the Club 100yds Championship. Thinking her first place was assured and having the job of selecting the trophies, she chose her prize of 4 teaspoons in advance. However, after rushing around and starting races prior to her own, Mrs. B. only managed second place - beaten by her own daughter!

**RITA SIMPSON:** joined the Ladies Club in 1921/2 and was a member till she moved away to Melbourne for 10 years. On her return she re-joined the club and was elected Vice-President. In 1947 she became President, a position she held till 1960. She was elected a Life Member in 1957.

**MARJORIE KAYES:** (nee Buckle) an inaugural member of the re-formed Ladies Club, and as well as her many official duties in our club she was also a prominent member of the N.S.W.W.A.S.A. She was elected as a Life Member of the Bondi Ladies A.S.C. in 1961.

**LEAH PHILLIPS, O.A.M.:** joined the Ladies Club as a young swimmer in 1922. Always a participant in everything she was involved in all Club activities from Learn-to-swim to Water Polo. She not only took an active role in the B.L.A.S.C. but also in the District and State level Associations. She was made a Life Member of the B.L.A.S.C. in 1957, and was that Club's Secretary from 1961 to 1969. She was Registrar of the N.S.W.A.S.A. from 1964-69. She was Manageress of the Swimming team at the Jamaica Olympics in 1966. She was made a Life Member of the NSWASA in 1974. She is also a Life Member of the Eastern Suburbs A.S.A. Leah was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1980.

**BERYL PRYOR:** Joined the club in 1926 and was made a life member in 1940 under her maiden name of ETHERIDGE. She was still actively participating in Saturday morning club races as a Judge in 1969 when she accepted the position of Patron. Indeed she was still active in Club activities for many more years, and she retired as Patron in 1985. We all enjoyed the surprise 50 year membership party we gave her in 1976. She was a Life Member of the NSW Ladies ASA.

**BAZ McDONALD:** Member of the club since 1926, Mr. McDonald was a very well known personality of Bondi. Always an asset to his Club, he was handicapper for many years, Honorary Secretary from 1954 to 1956, and President from 1956 to 1961 - he was made a Life Member in 1961. He was awarded a "Medal of the Order of Australia" in 1980. He died in 1986.

**FRANK (Blade) GRIFFITHS:** son of foundation member Charles (Gunner) Griffiths, and nephew of another foundation member Edward (Tibby) Coulson, and Frank and Albert Coulson, Frank was a member of the club in the 1930s and represented in District and State Championships. Swimming with Ettalong club in 1988 he established 7 world long course records in the 80/84 years events in the Masters Championships.

**ARTHUR ERIC NEWCOMBE (Chummy):** another long-time member of the Bondi A.S.C. and always an active Official. He was Treasurer during the War years till 1944, Secretary from 1945 to 1950, and President from 1950 -56. He was made a Life Member of the Club, and became Patron in 1956 till 1973. He died in 1977.

**JESS PHILLIPS:** Jess was involved in all aspects of Club activities and was also an Official in the E.S.W.A.S.A., the E.S.A.S.A. (being a Life Member of this Association), the N.S.W.W.A.S.A. and the N.S.W.A.S.A. She was Treasurer of the Bondi Ladies A.S.C. from 1951 till the amalgamation in 1969. She was made a Life Member in 1960.

When the Clubs combined I did hear that it was because the Men's Club wanted all those wonderful Officials the Ladies Club had, headed by the world's greatest Treasurer! Jess took over the purse strings of the combined club and held them till 1985. She became Patron of the Club in 1990.

**DOT FLAUS:** was a very popular Social Secretary of the B.L.A.S.C. for several years and President from 1960 till the amalgamation in 1968, when she retired. Daughters **Dorothy** and **Sue** were always involved, particularly in stroke correction, tuition and winter calisthenics for the younger members, Sue being Club Captain for some time. Mrs. Flaus died in 1984.

**Mr. H. V. JACQUES:** was Patron of the Ladies Club for 25 years, till 1949.

**Mrs. Jean COCKS:** 20 years the Treasurer of the B.L.A.S.C.

**MURRAY ROSE:** Murray's Olympic deeds are listed elsewhere. Some of the Club records he created at Bondi Baths still stand. In 1960 he became the first swimmer to win successive 400m Olympic titles.

**THE EMERY FAMILY:** Derek was a very active Official in all aspects of the Club activities. He was not only a Life Member of our Club but also of the Eastern Suburbs ASA, an Association of which he was President for some years. He was President of our Club from 1962-67, and became Executive Director of the Royal Life Saving Society in 1973, a position he carried out with all his usual enthusiasm till his death in 1975. He was one of the most loved Officials ever to serve this Club and his leadership helped to keep us to the fore in all our activities. In 1971 he was awarded the "Russell Crane Cup" - the R.L.S.S.'s most highly prized award.

Sons **BROOK** and **LEIGH** were both prominent in Surf Life Saving and in R.L.S.S. activities. Leigh was Club Captain of Bondi ASC for several years, 1967 to 1971.

Daughter **STEPHANIE** was Junior Captain of the Ladies Club and then of the combined club. She was always a strong competitor and excelled in R.L.S.S. and in Water Polo. In 1972 Stephanie was awarded a special plaque by the Bondi A.S.C. for her part in the rescue of two men in rough seas at Valla Beach.

**JOHN O'NEILL-SHAW:** A member since the early 1960's Mr. Shaw was Club Secretary, then President from 1967 and he continued in that position in the combined club. He was made a Life Member in 1972. A most popular, well respected and well loved President, he retired in 1985 and became Patron till his death in 1990.

**ROBIN CARROLL:** Joined the Ladies Club as a young swimmer in 1951. A very talented Water Polo player she has Captained the State team and was always ready to help coach and encourage our other budding Polo players. Robin has worked hard for our Club in everything from Club Captain, to "Learn-to-swim" Chief Instructor to Secretary. She became a Life Member in 1977 and now, in 1991/92, is still to be found "starting" our races each Saturday morning. Robin is still trying to get the white wings of the BLASC club badge added to the red rampant lion.

**MARILYN MYERS** (now Mrs. Tanner): Joined the Ladies Club in 1960. Marilyn was a very popular and capable Captain of the Ladies Club and then of the combined Club. Her ability to enthuse others was in a large way responsible for our prominence for many years in R.L.S.S. activities. Also a capable Water Polo player, Captain of the State team, Marilyn represented N.S.W. in both these sports for several years. She was made a Life Member in 1981, and she is presently Vice-President.

**MARGE KEEBLE:** Joined the Ladies club in 1967, became Secretary in 1970, a position she still holds now in 1991/92. She became President in 1985 but resigned in 1989 and went back to the Secretary's position as no one else could be found willing to do that job. Always very involved in all aspects of Club activities from R.L.S.S. to Water Polo and to the District Association, she is still actively teaching Learn-to-swim at the Club each week. She was made a Life Member in 1979.

Marge must have sewn millions of miles of life saving caps, R & R caps, Water Polo caps, and everything from the Club room curtains to our Club Banner (the Banner incidentally is something of which she is very proud).

There would be a story about each of our Life Members - if only we knew them all.

Life Membership is not awarded lightly in our Club and each of those people who have been so honoured were outstanding in their service to our Club.

**Frank MOON** - still donates his trophy each year to the youngest competitive member - the "Tiny Tot" Trophy.

**Gladys MYERS** - apart from all her other work, must have sewn a lot of costumes and caps in her time. She was always adept at organising us for fund raising or social functions.

**Ron MULHOLLAND** - the Pied Piper of Bondi, who always knew just where any club member was at any given moment on a Saturday morning.

The Ladies Club was particularly fortunate over the years in the very high standard of its Club Captains. **Joyce SNELL** was outstanding in her term from 1949-56, taking in her stride teaching young swimmers and being involved in all facets of the club's activities. She was extremely popular and set a high standard for members to follow.

After several years as Joyce's Vice-Captain **Pam SINGLETON** took over as Captain in 1956 to 1959. She also was a most popular, capable and hard working Captain.

Many members of our club have been prominent in the Surf Life Saving Movement. Some of these include:

**VIC BESOMO** - was both a successful competitor and then a very capable and respected organiser and official over a long period.

**HERMIE DOERNER** - won 9 Australian Surf championships including the Jnr Surf/Jnr Belt double in 1932-33, and 5 R & R's and 2 Teams titles.

He captained Australian Water Polo in both Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

**BRIAN HUTCHINGS -**

National Surf titles: 1954 Senior surf - 1st  
1956 Senior surf - 1st  
1957 Open surf - 2nd  
1958 Senior surf - 3rd  
1959 Senior surf - 1st  
1960 Senior surf - 2nd  
1961 Senior belt - 1st  
1963 Senior belt - 1st  
1975 Veterans - 2nd

plus a string of Club, Branch and State titles.

Brian was a regular competitor in R & R's, representing both N.S.W. and Australia.

**HARRY NIGHTINGALE** - was a swimmer, team man, coach and official. A member of winning surf teams in 1934, winning R & R squads in 1932, 35, 36 and 40. He coached 4 Junior R & R winning teams in 1958, 59, 60 and 63 and a Senior side in 1972. He was a legendary swimming coach and died in 1980.

**LEN HARRIS** - won National R & R honours in the 1963 Junior and 1972 Senior teams, and went on to be a most respected R & R coach, with successes over many years.

**LEIGH EMERY** - won the very first National Cadet Surf race in 1966, and later the Senior Belt and Senior R & R. Leigh was also very active and successful in Royal Life Saving carnivals, holding many State titles over many years.

**CLAUDE SEABROOK** - was a member of Bondi's R & R team during their winning run of 1922-23-24-26 and 29.



The Winter of 1969 saw a new innovation in the Club. Though not yet officially combined, this was a joint BASC and BLASC venture. A group of hardy souls, led by John Shaw and Derek Emery, commenced a winter group which swam each Sunday morning, from April to September, and this group became known as the "Minibergs".

Like all winter swimming groups this one had lots of camaradie - perhaps you do have to be "mad" to be a winter swimmer.

There were lots of family groups participating, and some of the foundation members were - Derek & Stephanie Emery, John & Jon Shaw, Marge, Sue, Kay & Graham Keeble, Marilyn Myers, Joyce, John & Sue de Cean, Julie & Vickie Blenkinsopp, and Lyn Saunders. Other who joined in over the years were - Gordon & Gai McLean, Kevin, John, & Joanne Walker, Wendy & Anne Purdy, Lyn, Lyn & Peter Smith, Angelina Marchello, and Bill, June, Cathy & Peter Morris, and lots more.

In the second year of its operation the Officials joined in the swimming too, and soon, tiring of being beaten by the younger (and smaller) members, organised their own event. This soon became known as the "Old & Bold" event - also sometimes referred to as the "Ruthless & Toothless", or the "Rugged & Bugged". This group swam regularly till 1982, and then they disbanded due to lack of patronage. What a pity!!

- Some of the social milestones along the way of our Club have been
- a Reunion Dinner to honour George H. Alderton, on 15th June 1951, at Park View. (who remembers where that was?)
  - the Men's Club held a 75th Anniversary Dinner on 27th May 1967, hosted by President Derek Emery, at the Astra Hotel, Bondi.
  - in 1972 we held an 80th Anniversary Carnival, to which we invited all the other Eastern Suburbs Clubs. This was a great success, particularly as a few Bondi waves broke over the pool wall and startled some of the opposition who were not used to such things.
  - in 1979 a Tenth Wedding Anniversary Dinner at Rose Bay RSL Club marked the 10 years since the Ladies and Mens Clubs amalgamated.
  - and NOW - we are organising our 100th Birthday Party, which will be held on the 14th March 1992 at the Ramada Grand Hotel, Bondi, followed by a carnival at Bondi Baths on Sunday 15th to complete our "Back-to-Bondi" weekend.

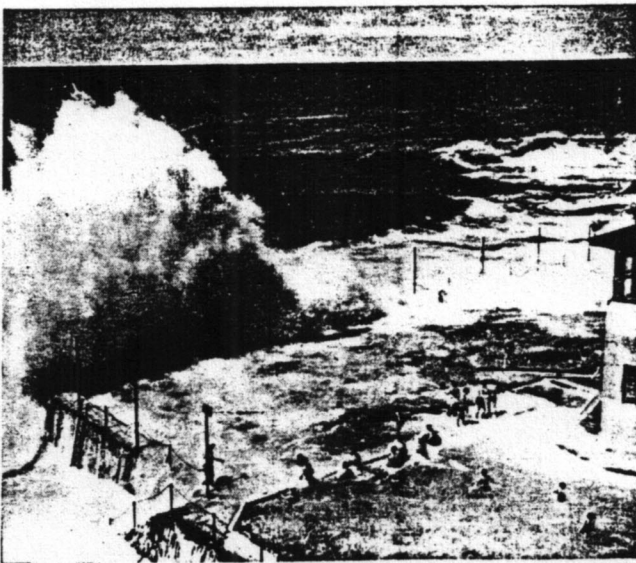
Not to be overlooked also were the annual visits between our Club and the Hawthorn A.S.C. from Melbourne. These visits commenced in 1971, and every Easter from then till 1977, either a large contingent of Hawthornites descended on Bondi or our Bondi contingent descended on Hawthorn. Either way it was always a happy event, Bondi always won the carnival, and many friendships were started.



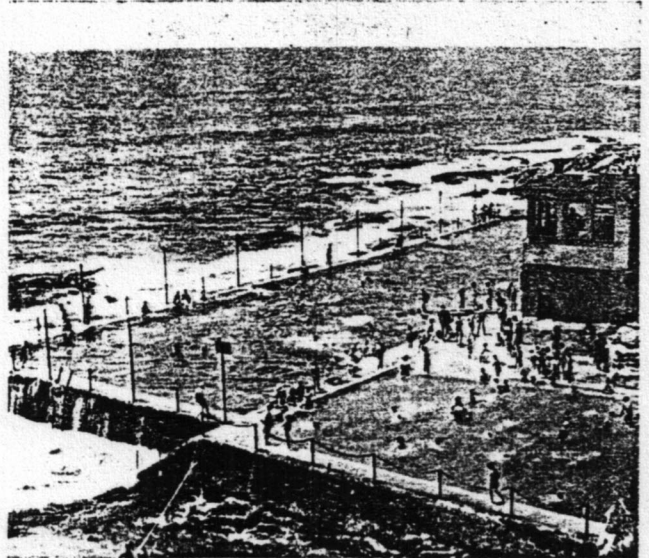
## BONDI SWIMMING BATHS



*Early morning at Bondi Baths in December, 1901, when the temperature was 104 degrees in the shade.*



*Heavy surf breaking over the Bondi ocean Baths. (Photo: Aust. News and Information Bureau.)*



*Bondi Baths during calm weather in 1958 showing main pool used for racing and children's pool.*



● Bondi's Miniberger getting ready for a winter swim. From left to right Marilynne Myers, Julie Blenkinsop, Lin Bishop, Graham Keeble, John De Cean, Kay Keeble, Vicki Blenkinsop, Sue De Cean, and the little Miniberger in front is Sue Keeble. 1970



Leo is the most exponent of the crawl stroke in South Africa  
 W.J. Gormly  
 Champion and Ex-Champ of the East  
 ern Suburban Swimming Club, N.S.W. A.S.A.

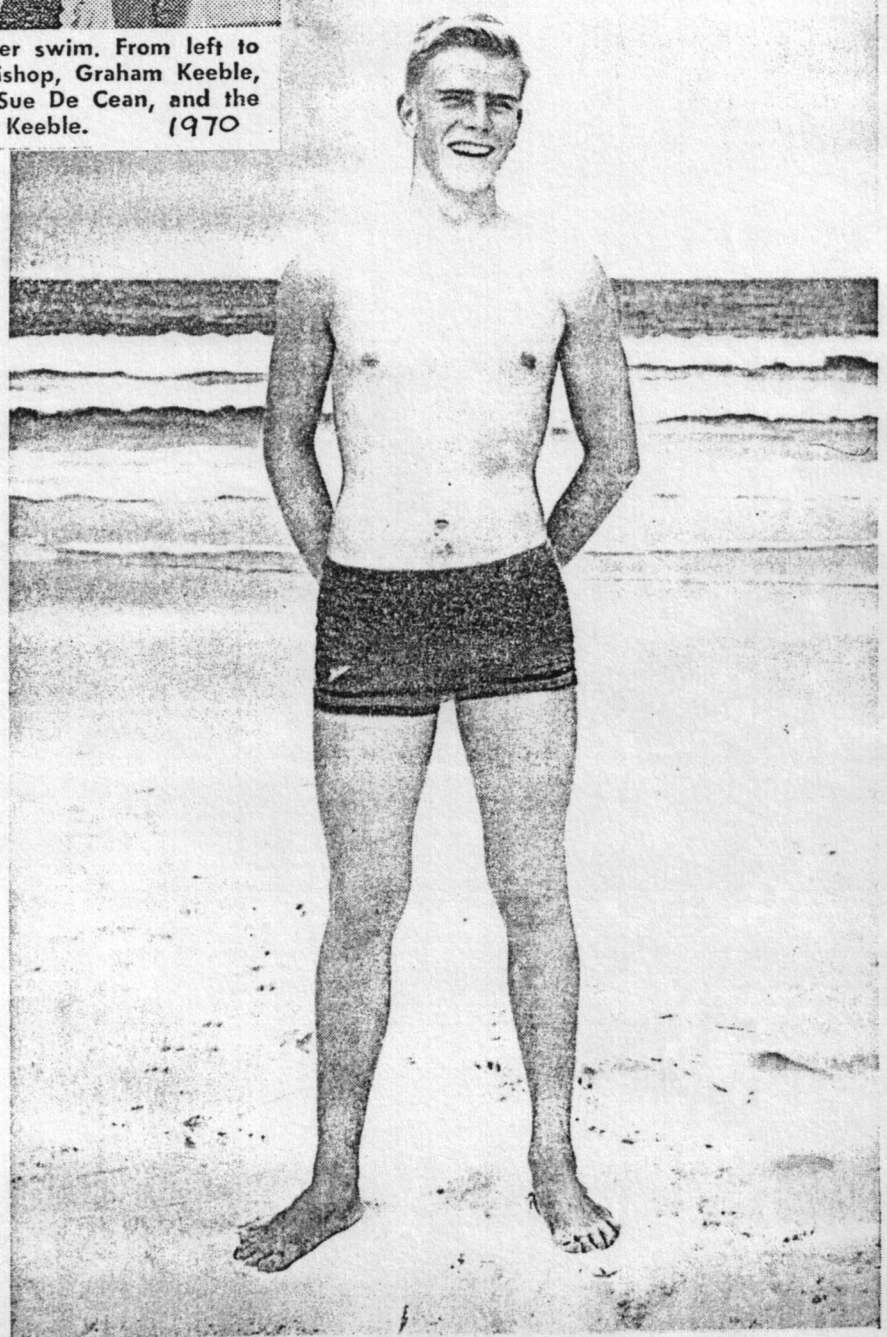


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W.J. Gormly — once held 220 yards world record (2m 38.5s)



Pat Norton.

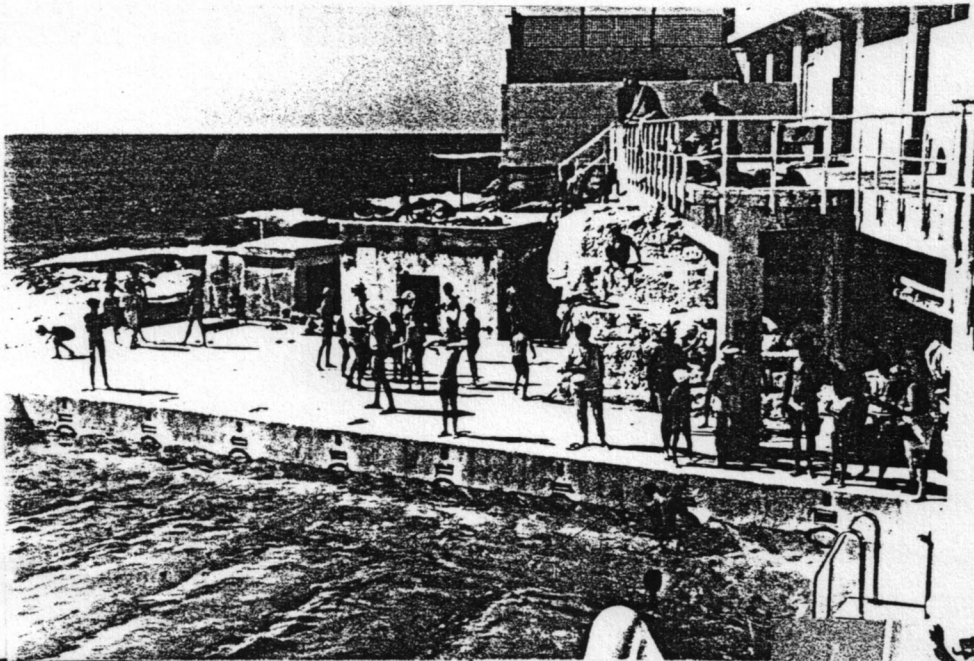


MURRAY ROSE  
 880 yds. World Record Holder.  
 SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION, 1955-56.

BONDI A.S.C. — N.S.W.A.W.P.A. 1st GRADE PREMIERS, 1962-63.



Left to Right: E. Fitzgerald, B. Hutchings, R. Smee, A. Kosegi, A. Langford, N. Sydney, W. Lamb.  
Inset (left to right): K. Whitehead, D. Laing, W. Jones, P. Waterman.



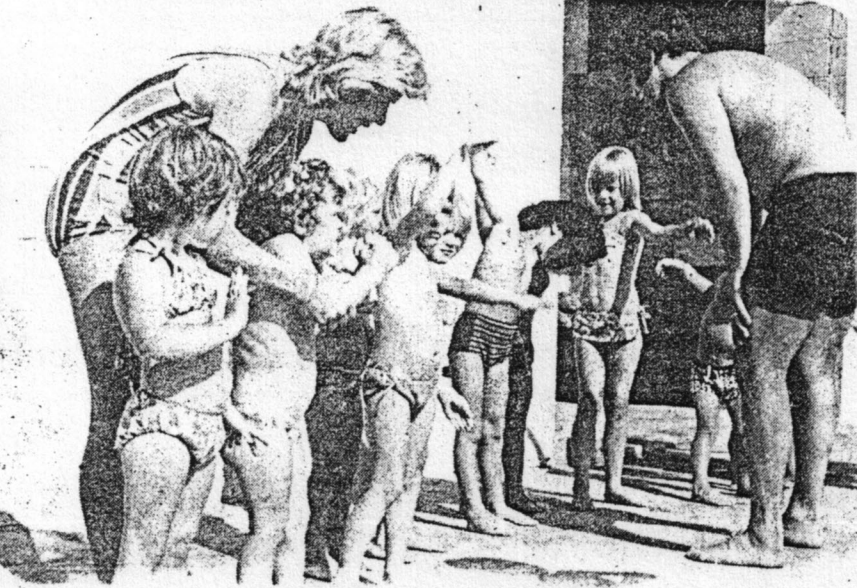


# 'TINY TOTS' LEARN TO SWIM CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

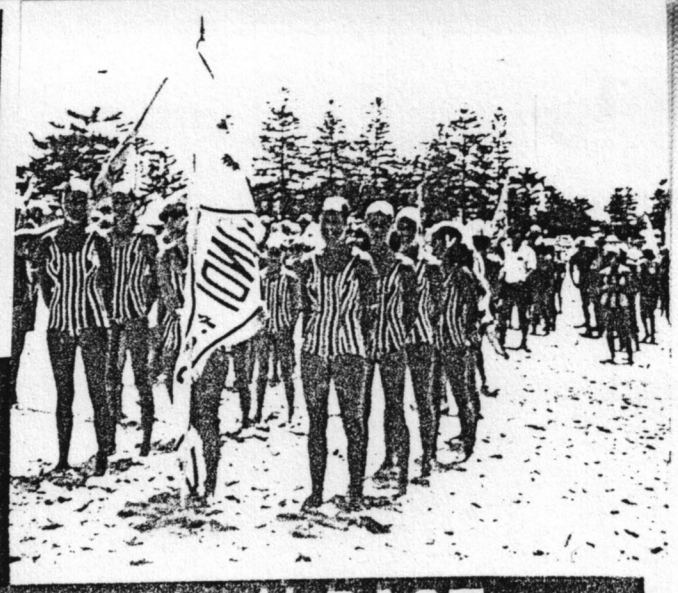
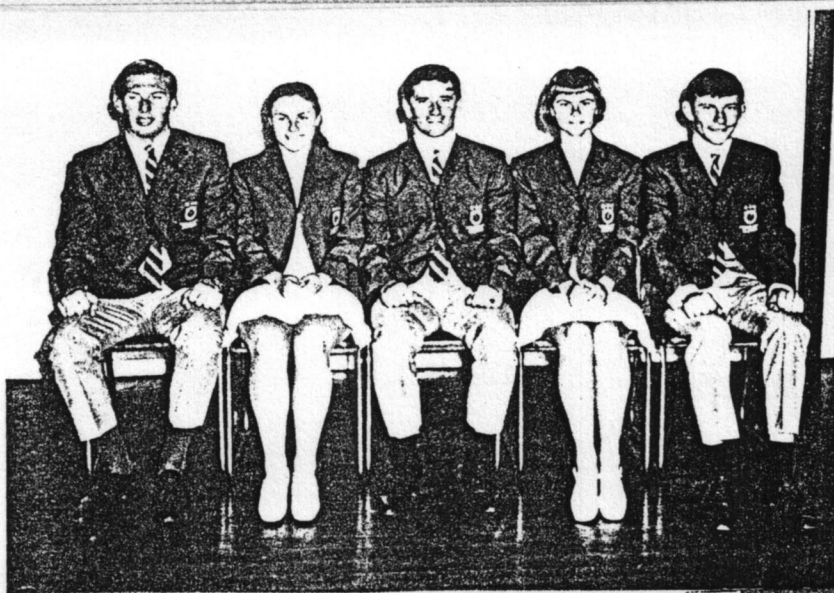


★ Phil Rothman and some of the tiny tots who turned up at Bondi Baths last Sunday for the opening of the 1973 Learn to Swim campaign.

# ALL IN THE SWIM



SUSAN Keeble of the Bondi A.S.C. with a small group of the hundreds of youngsters who turned up to the annual 'Learn-to-Swim — Free' classes which was officially opened at the Bondi Baths on Nov. 16, 1973.

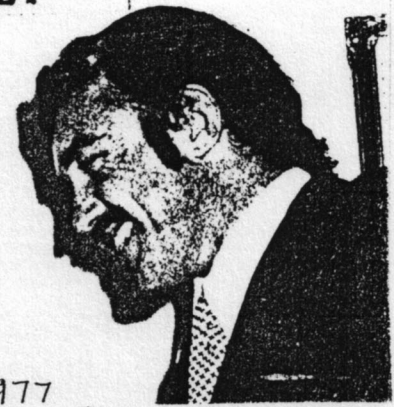


# MARCH PAST



☆ **GIRLS** of the Bondi Amateur Swimming Club who won their section of the March Past at the Ramsgate Royal Life Saving Surf Carnival on Sunday, February 24. The lasses in stripes were most prominent in all events at the carnival.

**CHAMPIONS ALL!**



## ROYAL LIFE, N.S.W. JUNIOR R&R CHAMPIONS



B. Campbell P. Meehan. C. Butt. G. Gairns (Captain-Coach), B. Emery, L. Emery, R. Leitch

1984



Bondi champion, Brian Hutchings.

1977



Murray Rose after one of his record breaking swims during a career in which he won four Olympic gold medals

