

# Melville Aussi News

**February 2012**

**Marlin of the Month**

**Congratulations go to.....**

**Charles Renner!!**

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(Apologies to Pam – this article should have appeared in last month's edition!)

## Australia Day Swim – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012

It was with some slight concern that I went to Scarborough beach for this swim considering the shark sightings recent accidents in the surf. However, as I had my cheer squad of Jane, Mel and Jess with me there was to be no backing out. The water conditions were pretty calm with only low waves rolling onto the beach so it all looked good. Rowena had also entered the swim so the two of us represented Melville again. The actual swim was easy and I did not have any problems until I turned at the last buoy. As I headed for the finish I got caught up in a large wave and was tumbled around until I managed to get my feet on the bottom. Not what I needed after a 2km swim! Rowena was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> of 23 swimmers and I was 1<sup>st</sup>, being the only one in my age group.

## Mandurah Masters Alcoa Ocean Swim – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012. (from Pam Walker)

This was a great swim as the weather was ideal so the sea was calm and the big red buoys were easily seen. Doug, Rowena and I were the Melville swimmers who participated in the 1500m. Others went around the course again to complete 3000m.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Barrett Bunbury Swim-Thru – Leschenault Inlet, Bunbury 3<sup>rd</sup> March (also from Pam)

Four Melville swimmers took part in this event: Ivan Martinovich, Peter Harvey, Julie O'Connor and Brendon Bunning. Even though I didn't swim this event, I was support crew for Julie and Brendon in that I took my car to the finish to pick them up. It looked like an interesting swim with the wind behind the swimmers.

## Masters WA State Championships – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 (from our intrepid reporter, Pam Walker!)

This event was held in the South West Sport Centre, Bunbury. Sadly, there were only about 140 competitors, so there was plenty of room in the spectator stands. A new innovation was the timing system which was the responsibility of Peter who had the job of instructing the Chief Timekeepers in its use. In turn the CTKs had to instruct the timekeepers and even though it was new to all of us, including Sandra Much the Recorder, there were few mishaps.

Melville competitors were: Gordon and Noela Medcalf, Charles Renner, Tony Renner, Doug Mclean, Ivan Martinovich, Nina Morrow, Eddie Smith, Rowena Burch, Pam McHugh, and Pam Walker and of course Peter Maloney, who was the meet referee. Melville was able to form eight relays. Tony and Rowena were age group winners. The meet ran over two days and was fun as all clubs participated and many friendships were renewed. Some of the officials only went to Bunbury to do their jobs while others swam as well. There was a bit of excitement on Sunday when the main car park was blocked off by the police as it had been the site of a murder during the night and it was then a crime scene.

(Thanks to Greg for the following:))

### These are the results for the State Swim in Bunbury.

Melville came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 20 clubs.

Age Group winners for the meet included 2 Melville  
Marlins: Female (25-29) Rowena Burch

Male (55-59) Tony Renner

“Have a Go” Encouragement Award: Pam McHugh

Podium Winners in Events:

**Pam Walker** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Free, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Back, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m  
Free, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Back, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Free and 1<sup>st</sup> 50m

**Ivan Martinovich** – 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Free, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Free, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
100m Free

**Rowena Burch** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Breast, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m IM, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m  
Fly, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Back, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Free, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Fly.

**Eddie Smith** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Breast, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Back, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m  
Breast, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Back, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Breast.

**Nina Morrow** – 1<sup>st</sup> 200m IM, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Fly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Free.

**Noela Medcalf** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Back, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Free, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m  
Back, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Back.-

**Tony Renner** -1<sup>st</sup> 100m Back, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Free, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m  
Back, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Free, 1<sup>st</sup> 50 m Back

**Doug McLean** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Back, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Free, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m  
Back

**Charlie Renner** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Free

**Gordon Medcalf** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Free, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breast, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m  
back

### RELAYS

**Women’s 4x50m Free** – 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Pam W, Eddie,  
Rowena and Nina.

**Mens 4x50m Men’s Free** – 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Doug,  
Gordon,Ivan and Tony

**Women’s 4x50m IM** – 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Noela, Eddie,  
Nina and Rowena

**Mens 4x50m IM** – 1st place went to Doug, Tony, Ivan  
and Charlie

**Mixed 4x50m Free** – 3rd place went to Eddie, Rowena,  
Ivan and Tony

**Mixed 4x50m Free** – 3rd place went to Noela, Pam,  
Doug and Gordon

**Mixed 4x50m IM** – 3rd place went to Charlie, Eddie, Pam  
and Gordon.

**Overall a fantastic result. Well done to all these  
swimmers!** 😊

### RECORDING (From Pam Walker)

A good start has been made to the Aerobic season and  
at last the new points tables are available. I have a  
copy (thanks to Greg) in the Aerobic Folder. There  
is a **blue** folder for boys and a **red** one for girls. The  
**red** folder also has the rules and information about  
the new Endurance 1000 system. This information  
and the Points Table are also available on the  
Internet on the Masters Swimming Australia web-  
site.

As Open Water Swims are still going on I will give  
Aerobic session times next newsletter. There will  
also be information regarding a new weekday  
aerobic session next time.

Thanks again Pam!

## Alice Springs Masters Games

(By Noela Medcalf)

It's March and Gordon and I are just filling in our entry forms for the biennial Alice Springs Masters Games.

This year they are to be held from the 13th-20th of October. We enjoy participating in this in this event, in fact since the inaugural event in 1986 we have only missed the 1988 games. The swimming this year will take place from 13-19th and includes swims ranging from 25m in all 4 strokes to a 1500m freestyle and will be in a brand new 25m indoor pool and an outdoor 50m pool. On most days the swim meet starts at 3.30 in the afternoon, which gives you time to go sightseeing in the morning or participate in one of the other sports on offer.

There will be 32 sports to choose from which include regular sports such as athletics, cricket, golf and tennis, but why not have a go at darts, ten pin bowling or mountain biking? We have had good representation from Melville on various occasions, and they always come home with a swag of medals to show off and talking about their early morning balloon flight over the McDonnell ranges. It's a very friendly event and is known as *The Friendly Games*. The swimmers are not all members of Masters clubs – some are water polo or

athletes or even just Alice Spring residents who want

to be involved in their town's big event. You're not representing a Masters Club, so relays can be made up with any other swimmers, and this adds to the friendly atmosphere.

We have a lot of new members in Melville now who probably haven't heard about the Alice Springs Masters Games, and of course there are old members who need reminding. Think about it – you'll enjoy it, but don't delay too long as accommodation does become a problem. The Games Hotline freecall number is 1800 658 951.

Gordon and I will be glad to answer any queries you may have.

Noela Medcalf

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Thanks very much to Noela for this very informative article.

And now for some funnies.....

(Thanks John for this one!)

**To all Silver Surfers out there...**

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday so I called the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over.

Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID ten error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Eric grinned....."Haven't you hear of an ID ten error before?"

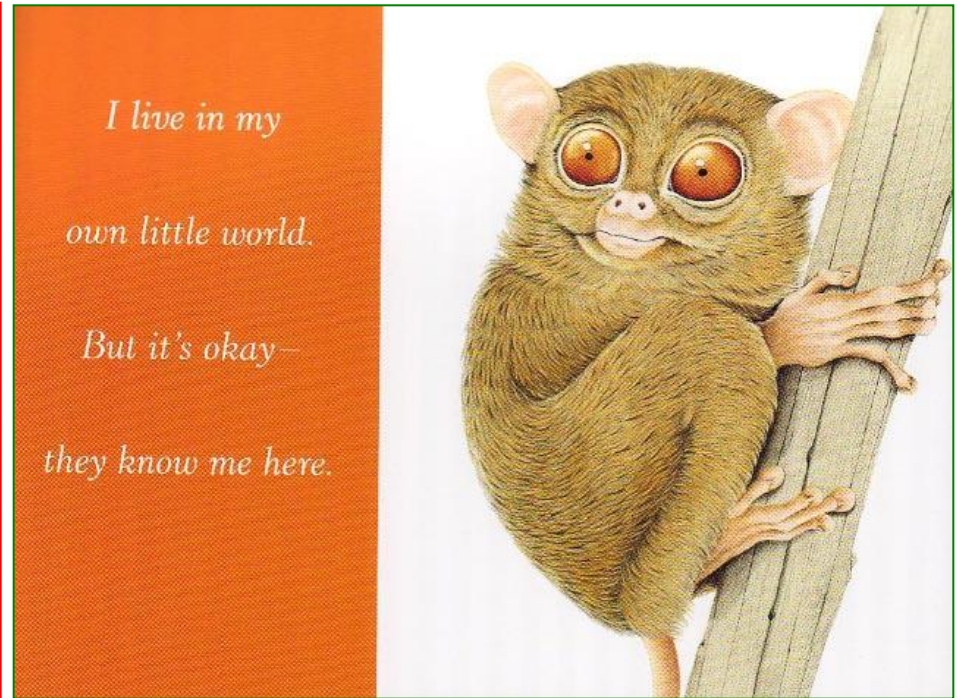
"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote it down:

**ID10T**

I used to like Eric, the little B@#\$\$%^\*.



And that's all folks! I'm going to save my Article on the Coogee Jetty to Jetty for next month's issue, so that I can include one of the great photos taken on the day. Yep...still without the Internet! Thanks go to Pam, Greg, Noela, and John for their contributions this month. ☺ (The Ed)