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# World Swim for Malaria 3 December 2005

This is a million person global fundraising swim from which 100% of the money raised buys mosquito nets. Millions of them. And every net matters. Why?

- The equivalent of 7 jumbo jets full of children die every day from malaria (3,000 children per day, every day).
- Malaria is preventable.
- The single most effective way of preventing malaria is to have people in affected regions sleep under a US\$5 mosquito net.

The swim happens on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005. How is AUSSI involved? Collectively, our members, family, friends and anyone else who registers to swim for AUSSI will "Swim Across Australia", a distance of 4025km. This can be done:

- As a specific swim of any format on 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- As a training swim of any format around that date (the organisers are not fussy about the exact date)
- By school students in your area, whose school is affiliated with AUSSI for World Swim for Malaria
- By family and friends who register for World Swim for Malaria in an AUSSI organised swim

Why should you do it? A few simple reasons:

- To make you feel good about helping people in need
- To coincide with an Aerobics swim
- To add metres to your Million metres total
- To get a tan (the weather is warming up)
- For fun, fitness and friendship!
- For club publicity...you might attract members
- Because you like the feeling when your hair is wet

What do you have to do?

- Get together and organise a swim, or join an existing swim. Register your swim or get information on existing swims at: <http://www.worldswimformalaria.com/en/homepage.aspx>
- Get sponsorship. Ask people you know to give you money if you complete the swim you have planned



- Publicise your swim in your branch and club newsletter (optional)
- Publicise your swim on your branch and club website (optional)
- Contact AUSSI National Office if you would like a sample mosquito net for publicity photos for your local paper/club newsletter/club website (optional)

The swim is now only two months away. Now is not the time to umm and ahh. A child dies every 30 seconds from Malaria. Organise a swim or join an existing swim. The Malvern Marlins and the Darwin Stingers have already signed up - well done guys! Let's get wet and raise some money to save lives.

Once again, visit the website for all the details: <http://www.worldswimformalaria.com/en/homepage.aspx>.

## Interview - Glenys McDonald (continued from page 5)

I deliberately did not attend her first Board meeting, even though it was in Perth, and as life member I was able to attend. It was time for her to put her own stamp on AUSSI. This doesn't mean I don't have an interest in AUSSI, but because I don't belong to a club or swim regularly, I might have lost touch a bit. We shouldn't be running AUSSI by looking through the rear vision mirror; we should

go forward, but in saying that we must research the past and weigh up what worked and what didn't.

### *Have you got anything else to add?*

I'm just enjoying retiring on 3 acres with my sheep and alpackers. AUSSI will always be very dear to my heart. I love popping into a swim meet and seeing the same faces around pool that I have seen

for years. It's very special. Next year I hope to be off around Australia in my Winnebago so I hope to attend lots of AUSSI club nights.

*Glenys' book can be found at any good bookstore, for further details visit:* [http://www.uwapress.uwa.edu.au/titles/index/seeking\\_the\\_sydney](http://www.uwapress.uwa.edu.au/titles/index/seeking_the_sydney)

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