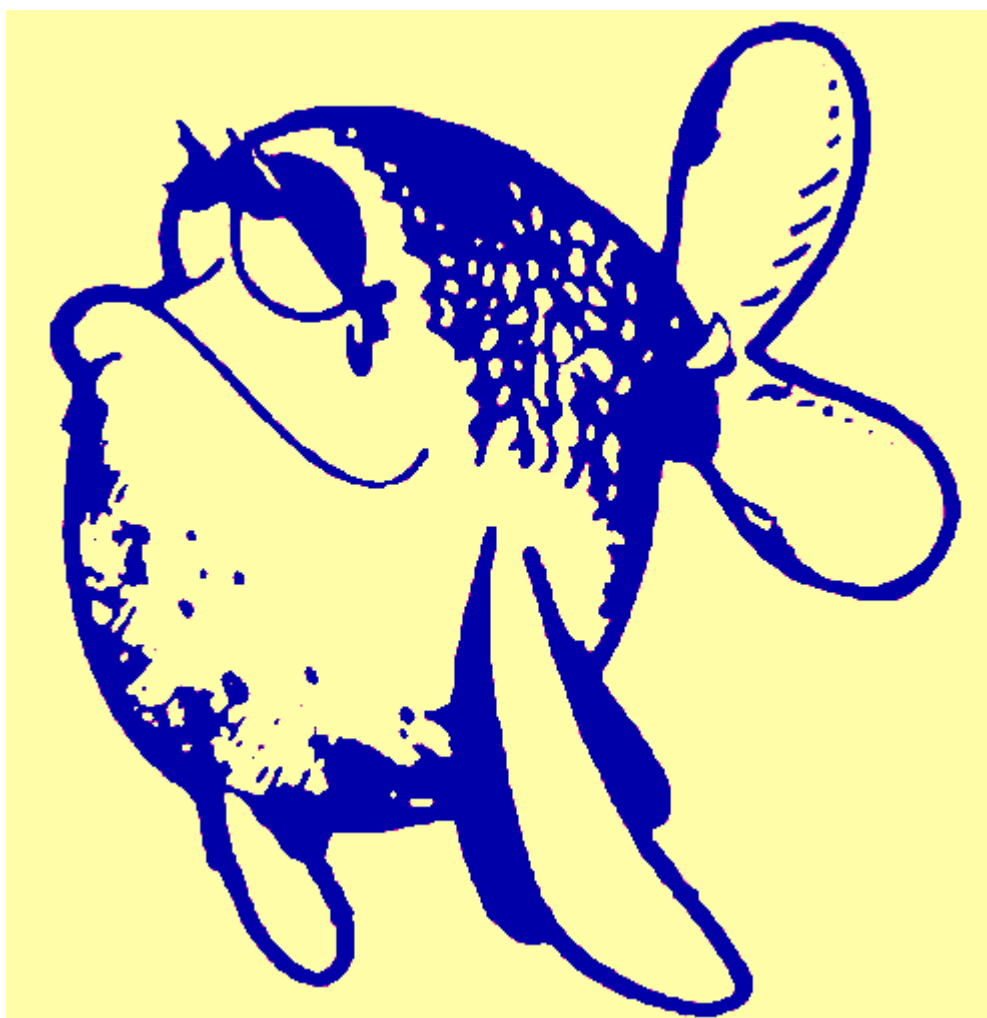


**CLAREMONT AUSSI MASTERS
SWIMMING CLUB INC**

ANNUAL REPORT 2007



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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2007 at CHALLENGE STADIUM AT 19H00

PRESENT:

Patrick Verryn, Chris Roberts, Perc Edwards, Roy Burton, Elena Nesci, Bastiaan de Boer, Lynn Cummins, Dave Cummins, Therese Harris, Lesley Chute, Alison Farmer, Mark Henry, Geoff Upton, Neil Sutherland, Anthony Dunne, Pip Hawson, Sally Stanford, Jill Woodworth, Frank Glass, Tom Engelbrecht, Glenn Morrison, Jenny Williams, Trevor Beer, Paul Hanssen, Judith Drake-Brockman (25)

APOLOGIES:

Steve Webb, Greg Marshall, Colin Mayrhofer, Richard Johnson, Sally Bell, Richard Fox, Natalie Roberts, Gabby Jolliffe, Richard Hughes, Charlotte Bidwell, Carolyn Vuletic, Chad Edwards-Smith, Kathryn Dobrowolski.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated in the Annual Report and were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Patrick Verryn, seconded Anthony Dunne.

2. Annual Report and Financial Report

Annual report and financial report were tabled. Financial Report showed net assets of \$20,552 with cash assets \$19,584. A very healthy financial position. The club operated with a loss of \$1,528 for 2006 which had been projected. Objective for the future is to operate on a break-even basis but we have the funds to accommodate spending on items such as club clothing and social functions. The committee is always open to suggestions on what to spend money on for the members.

It was moved Perc Edwards, seconded Jenny Williams that the financial report be accepted.

3a. Election of Office Bearers

Written nominations had been received for positions of all positions except the Social Committee

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Roy Burton	Alison Farmer	Jill Woodworth
Vice President	Jill Woodworth	Alison Farmer	Roy Burton
Secretary	Elena Nesci	Patrick Verryn	Natalie Roberts
Treasurer	Patrick Verryn	Natalie Roberts	Chris Roberts
Captain	Anthony Dunne	Bastiaan de Boer	Roy Burton
Vice Captain	Bastiaan de Boer	Anthony Dunne	Roy Burton
Recorder	Richard Johnson	Elena Nesci	Richard Hughes
Coach	Richard Hughes	Elena Nesci	Patrick Verryn
Public Relations	Sally Bell	Elena Nesci	Patrick Verryn
Social	Alison Farmer Frank Glass Mark Henry Lesley Chute	Anthony Dunne	Chris Roberts

Nominations for the Social Committee were invited from the floor and elected as per table above.

3b. Carnival Committee elected comprising President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Coach and Patrick Verryn as elected member of outgoing committee. Nominated Bastiaan de Boer, seconded Anthony Dunne.

4. Annual Fees

Proposal to increase annual membership fees to \$85pa to absorb the increase in State and National registration fees and lane hire charges. Proposal was put to the floor. Brief discussion about members not being asked to pay a fee for lane hire on training nights. Proposal to increase fees accepted unanimously.

5. Appoint an auditor

Henk Giele will be approached to audit the finances for 2006. He has audited the last two years.

6. Motions to Amend the Constitution

The following motions to amend the constitution were presented to the floor with motions A, B, C & E grouped together for voting purposes and motion D presented separately;

MOTION A - Provision to notify members of official club business eg AGMs, SGMs by email

Add to Clause 8 (b) (addition in bold), which currently reads;

“At least twenty one (21) days of notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each financial member. Such notice shall be given by serving it on a member personally, **notifying a member by electronic mail** or sending it by ordinary prepaid post....”

Moved: Roy Burton, President

Seconded: Patrick Verryn, Treasurer

MOTION B - Change the quorum at AGMs & SGMs from 20 financial members to at least 25% of financial members

Clause 8(d) which currently reads;

“Twenty (20) financial members shall form a quorum.”

Clause 9 which currently reads;

“...Twenty (20) financial members shall form a quorum....”

Be amended to read:

“At least 25% of financial members shall form a quorum.”

Moved: Roy Burton, President

Seconded: Patrick Verryn, Treasurer

MOTION C - Delete all specific reference to the SGM held on 18th November 2000

Delete from clauses 18(a), 18(b), and 18(c);

..”at a/the Special General Meeting to be conducted on 18 November 2000.”

Moved: Roy Burton, President

Seconded: Patrick Verryn, Treasurer

MOTION D - Include the provision for the Club to make donations to charitable organisations

Introduce to clause 16 Finance item (f), which will read as follows;

“The Club shall have the ability to donate funds raised by club activities to charitable organisations as agreed upon by the Management Committee by majority vote.”

Moved: Roy Burton, President
Seconded: Patrick Verryn, Treasurer

MOTION E - Include the presentation of Club Awards including specific reference to the Craig Bell Service to the Club Award as a permanent agenda item for the AGM

Introduce to clause 8 Annual General Meeting item (c) (viii), which will read as follows:
“To present all relevant club awards including, but not limited to, the Craig Bell Service to the Club Award.”

Moved: Roy Burton, President
Seconded: Patrick Verryn, Treasurer

Motions A, B, C & E were put to the floor – no comments. Motions accepted unanimously.

Motion D was presented to the floor and comments invited. Neil Sutherland made comment that whilst he supported the motion in principle he felt the following amendment was necessary to tighten up the wording by limiting the amount the Management Committee could agree to donate to a charity without going back to the members.

A motion to amend Motion D was moved Neil Sutherland, seconded Dave Cummins to;
Delete the words “by a majority vote” and add the words “subject to a maximum of \$2000 in any financial year”.

The amendment motion was put to the floor and accepted unanimously.

Motion D as amended (see italics) was presented to the floor;

“The Club shall have the ability to donate funds raised by club activities to charitable organisations as agreed upon by the Management Committee *subject to a maximum of \$2000 in any financial year.*”

Motion accepted unanimously.

7. General Business

Presentation of awards – Craig Bell Service to the Club Award was awarded to the dual 2006 winners, Patrick Verryn & Gabby Jolliffe (absent) as voted members of the Club.

Patrick was recognised for his willingness to take on the coordination of the very successful 2006 STP, continuing as Treasurer and for his participation in carnivals and being a member of the coaching staff.

Gabby was recognised for her organisational skills with the social calendar in particular the terrific Xmas in July extravaganza and the monthly club nights which attracted excellent numbers all year. Gabby to be presented at the first club night in January.

Both received \$50 gift vouchers.

Life Membership – a nomination for Life Membership for Richard Johnson was presented to the meeting. The constitutional process required for the nomination had been followed and Richard’s contribution to the club outlined. No comments from the floor. The meeting unanimously accepted the nomination of Richard Johnson’s Life Membership to the club. Richard was absent from the meeting so the intention is to present the award at the club carnival on the 25th March 2007.

- ◆ **National Swim** – Claremont has a strong contingent travelling to Darwin in May for the National Swim.
- ◆ **World Masters** – April 2008 at Challenge Stadium. Coaching staff to tailor programmes towards this event later in the year. Opportunity to attract new members interested in competing. Must be 25 in 2008 to compete.
- ◆ Perc Edwards informed the meeting that ex-member David Toll is now Executive Director of Swimming WA
- ◆ Mark Henry inquired as to whether we do membership drives. Flyers were to be included in the 2007 STP registration bags. Suggestions of methods to attract new members always welcome by the committee. Paul Hanssen suggested our club banner should be displayed at open water swims. WA AUSSI are currently investigating ways to attract new members including the introduction of day time squads – something to consider if we can ensure coaching staff are available.
- ◆ Relationship with Challenge Stadium has improved with favourable treatment with pool use and the donation of prizes for the STP. Dave Cummins also noted that Challenge does not charge for the utilities in the clubrooms.
- ◆ Lesley Chute requested a strong turnout for the season-ending Dale Alcock Open Water Swim in the hope that Claremont can win the team award. To be promoted in the first Gropers' Gossip of the year.

The new committee was welcomed on board and the meeting closed at 19h50.

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Office Bearers for 2007

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Vice President	Jill Woodworth
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Captain	Anthony Dunne
Vice Captain	Bastiaan de Boer
Recorder	Richard Johnson
Head Coach	Richard Hughes
Public Relations	Sally Bell
Social Coordinator	Alison Farmer
Additional Coaching Staff	Sally Bell, Patrick Verryn, Elena Nesci, Anthony Dunne, Greg Marshall, Trevor Beer.
Social Committee	Frank Glass, Mark Henry, Lesley Chute.
Life Members –	David Cummins, Lynne Cummins, Jenny Williams, Perc Edwards, Richard Johnson.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2007

The greatest success story for 2007 is our growth in membership, in fact with 28 new members in 2007 it would be the biggest annual increase in more than 15 years.

The year began with the 2007 Swim Thru Perth on Sunday, 21 January. Elena Nesci did a fantastic job as STP 2007 Co-Coordinator and introduced us to our new finishing venue at the new UWA Sports facility in Matilda Bay. The 2007 swim also saw the inaugural Jubilee Mines Nickel Dash Team Event with four to a team and the shorter 2.2 km swim from the Old Swan Brewery; this event provides us with great opportunities to increase the number of swimmers in the future.

There was continuing success on the sponsorship front with Jubilee increasing its support to \$5,000; UWA Sports providing substantial 'in kind' sponsorship through the use of its wonderful facilities and Aqua Shop, Flourish Magazine, Crowne Plaza and the Water Corporation continuing with their support.

The success of STP 2007 and in particular the raffle (great effort Bastiaan and Duncan) put the Club in a position to make a \$2,000 donation to the Dr Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund. The Fund awards a University scholarship each year to a disabled person. I attended the award presentation this year, the recipient is a young woman who is blind and has lost a lower limb. She spoke with incredible confidence and of commitment to her studies and I can assure you all that you can feel humble, honoured and proud to be associated with support for the Fund.

Stability was the order of the day for the Club Committee in 2007 and it remained virtually unchanged. This was reflected in the many successes throughout the year and on your behalf I thank Committee members for all that they have done. Special mention here to Richard Johnson who most deservedly was awarded with Life Membership of the Club at the 2007 AGM, later presented at the Club Carnival.

Club Membership was the greatest success story of the year with 28 new members joining. A sixty per cent increase (53 to 81) is extraordinary. Special mention here goes to Elena with support from Sally Bell and Sally Stanford, in starting up a new Friday morning ladies group from which we welcome 16 new members. Richard Hughes with all of his pool deck charm was also successful in inviting every look-alike swimmer who walked past to have a try out and join up.

In that important area of Club Finances we are in great shape thanks to our Treasurer Patrick Verryn, see the Treasurer's report.

On the swimming scene in 2007 members acquitted themselves with excellence at each of the interclub carnivals, the Open Water Swim Calendar, the State Swim and special mention to the big contingent who went to Darwin mid-year for the Nationals.

2008 presents us all with a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity to swim in a World Championship at the World Masters Swimming Championships being held at Challenge

Stadium in April 2008. I urge you to grasp this opportunity to swim solo or in a relay or be involved in some way around the pool

On the social scene Frank Glass led the way with the Social Committee who provided us with a series of successful Club nights and two special feature events with Xmas in July at the Aperol restaurant in Wembley and a rejuvenated Foot Rally in Freo in November 2007.

In January 2007 Gabrielle Joliffe and Patrick Verryn were honoured as joint recipients of the Craig Bell Service to the Club Award for 2006 in recognition for their work in organising social activities for the year (Gabby) and STP 2006 Co-Coordinator and Treasurer (Patrick). Congratulations to you both.

In other areas of service a big thanks goes to Sally Bell for her production of the highly entertaining and newsworthy productions of the Gropers' Gossip in 2007 and congratulations on being named as 2007 WA Masters Sportswoman of the Year.

Our congratulations also go to our life member Dave Cummins who was honoured with the award of life membership of Masters Swimming Australia for his contributions over many years. Special mention also goes to Geoff Upton, who was awarded a 5 year Service Award for his service to Masters Nationally.

Your involvement throughout the year has produced a great year for 2007 and there are many opportunities ahead of us in 2008 to enjoy the fun, fitness and friendship of being a member of Claremont Masters in 2008.

The final matter to report on is that after three enjoyable years at the helm I am passing on the baton to a new President in 2008.

ROY BURTON
President

10 January 2008

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2007

2007 will be characterised by the tremendous growth in member numbers as a result of some successful marketing and planning. The new Friday morning "ladies" group has attracted a large number of new swimmers which looks like continuing to grow and the impact of the new signage on the club rooms, cages and at the end of the 8 lane pool cannot be underestimated with enquiries from interested swimmers rolling in almost the week they went up.

Thanks to a friendly, relaxed, knowledgeable and approachable coaching staff (and our general membership) we have developed a reputation as a club that is welcoming and accommodating of all standards from the recreational beginner swimmer to the elite competitive swimmer and with four official training sessions a week there is sure to be a time to suit current and prospective members. It also helps that we know how to have fun out of the pool as well!

Gropers certainly continued to achieve great success in both the pool and the open water with records tumbling and prizes won throughout the year. Of special note this year was the World Record set by Sally Bell in the 200m backstroke at the State Champs. In the pool we continued to excel across all strokes and distances and in the open water swims Lesley Chute and Perc Edwards once again won their age groups in the season points tally and newcomer Paul Hanssen also joined them in the honours list for his age group. Lesley Chute also achieved the remarkable feat of winning the overall female points score after completing a mammoth 25 swims! Well done to all swimmers who have competed throughout the year, especially those of us mere mortals who don't set records but are integral to the overall success of the club.

The social scene was nothing short of fabulous with terrific club nights and Christmas in July and the Foot Rally rounding off the year nicely. Well done to our hard working Social Committee and to all the extra volunteers who helped make these occasions extremely enjoyable for all who attended.

The coming year should be an exciting one with the World Masters in April and a new short course State Champs in August. We hope to be able to retain our current members as well as continuing to attract new members in the lead up to our 30th anniversary and the 90th anniversary of the Swim Thru Perth in 2009.

I would like to thank all the committee members who helped the club run efficiently and extend particular thanks to Roy Burton who has been a terrific President and an integral part of the successful and safe coordination of the Swim Thru Perth for several years.

Happy swimming Gropers.

Elena Nesci
Secretary, 2007

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2007

In 2007, Claremont AUSSI Masters Swimming Club Inc had 81 financial members.

Membership fees

The 2007 club membership fees increased to \$85 per member. The state and national registration fee for 2006 has increased by \$3.75 from \$46.50 to \$50.25. In light of the fact that the club has only had one increase in its fees in the last 3 years, and that the fee paid to WA AUSSI increases each year as well as increases in our lane hire bills due to the addition of the Friday morning session, I suggest an increase in fees of \$10 to \$95 for 2008.

Swim Thru Perth 2007

The 2007 Swim Thru Perth was the major fundraiser for the club with \$2632 being added to the club's funds. Well done to all those involved. This surplus is after taking into account donations of \$2000 to the Dr Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund, (included in the profit and loss under STP expenses).

Other Income

We received \$850 in sponsorship from Healthways, and \$2300 in the form of a grant from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. It was a condition of the grant that we spend it on timing equipment, which we did. This equipment has been expensed.

Social Committee

Expenditure on socials was increased over prior years. This was because more events (such as the Xmas party) were subsidised by the club than before. This was in line with what the committee agreed to do. Well done Social Committee.

Club Clothing

Clothing continues to be subsidised.

Pool Hire

As normal, pool hire was our largest single expense at \$4636. This includes hire of the pool for the Claremont Carnival. With the introduction of the Friday morning squad, as well as the "Barnacle" squad, lane hire fees have increased. As the club is still in a financial position to continue paying for the lane hire, I propose that we continue to subsidise lane fees in 2008.

Bank accounts

The Cash Management account held with Macquarie Bank had a balance of \$12255 at year end. The interest earned from the account for the year was \$510.

The Commonwealth Bank cheque account had a balance of \$7075 at year end.

This gives the club a total bank balance of \$19 330.

Audit

The 2006 Audit has not been completed. I will circulate the audited financials as soon as they are available.

2008

The 2008 Swim Thru Perth is once again looking profitable. This is largely due to the \$6000 contribution paid by Jubilee Miles NL to become naming rights sponsor. The proceeds from the raffle should also enable the club to make a donation to our nominated beneficiaries, the Dr Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund and The Superfins. This profit, together with interest from the cash management account, should result in the club being able to maintain spending on activities and equipment.

If anyone has suggestions for club activities or equipment please let me or any other committee member know.

Patrick Verryn
Treasurer 2007

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2007

BACC - 2007 kicked off with what is rapidly becoming our traditional start-of-year carnival at Newman Churchlands on 25th Feb. Despite having a great turnout of 17 swimmers (2 more than last year), Claremont had to settle for 4th place behind the very much larger teams from Somerset, Osborne Park and Stadium Snappers. Also, as the day wore on, our relay teams were somewhat decimated by the departure of people with prior engagements. (It WAS my birthday, after all!). I understand the day finally wrapped up about 3pm. Well done to those dedicated souls who saw it through to the end.

Our own Claremont carnival on March 25th saw a change in venue, as we elected to run it at Challenge Stadium rather than Claremont Pool. This well publicised alteration seemed to confuse and disorient many swimmers, who proceeded to turn up to Claremont anyway! (all part of the plan.) Despite this seemingly foolproof strategy, we had to settle for second place behind an unstoppable Osborne Park. The event itself was well run, enjoyed perfect conditions and a great day was had by all.

Third BACC of the season was West Coast carnival on June 24th up at Joondalup. As usual, a chilly morning saw only 13 bleary-eyed Gropers turn up for this event. As always, it was a well run and enjoyable event, and Patrick Verryn chose this meet to post his fastest 50m time for the year, of 27.97 which was enough to, once again, win him the coveted title of "Fastest Groper" for the year. Claremont overall had to settle for only 4th place, which was an excellent result with only 13 swimmers.

October saw Team Claremont turn up en masse for the Saturday evening meet at Gosnells Leisure Centre, hosted by Gosnells and Armadale. Last year's event was such a great meet that we really talked up this year's event and we were not disappointed. 22 Gropers stormed into the pool and we swept all before us, winning (as we did last year) by a huge margin.

Our Final BACC for the year was at Somerset on 16th Nov and we saw our biggest team of the year of 25 Gropers turn up for a great days swimming. The host club carried the day and Claremont came in third and won the Handicap trophy. This was a wonderful way to round out our 2007 BACC campaign and really shows what we can do in 2008 as our numbers swell.

State Swim - 21 Gropers entered for the Saturday events and 17 for the Sunday events. Some great swimming was seen on both days, but none better than our own Sally Bell, who set a **WORLD RECORD** in the 200m Back on Sunday in a time of 2:33.51. She also set 2 additional national records in the 50 and 100 Back and a State record in the 200 Free. Other record breakers were:

Jenny Williams, national record in 200m Fly.

Sally Stanford, State record in 50 Brst.

Claremont also set 2 State records in the relays:

240+ 4x50 Mixed Medley; Sally Bell, Sally Stanford, Perc Edwards and Peter Chong.

160+ 4x50 Women's Medley; Sally Bell, Sally Stanford, Lauren Goodall and Pip Hawson.

Claremont was third overall (by a mere 8 points) and Sally Bell was named female swimmer of the meet.

National Swim - Darwin was the host city for the 2007 National event and an unprecedented team of 11 Gropers flew up together to take part. I have swum in several National meets in recent years, but this was the best fun I've ever had at one! The club spirit which is always Claremont's strong point was never more in evidence than it was around the Casuarina pool.

Our results speak for themselves: out of 89 clubs participating, Claremont overall placed 16th in the points table, but placed 12th in the medal tally with 12 Golds, 11 Silvers and 11 Bronzes.

400/800/1500 - Claremont was well represented in the 400/800/1500 series as well, with several State and National Records broken throughout the year.

I wish to thank the Coaches this year, particularly, Richard Hughes, Elena Nesci, Sally Bell and Patrick Verryn. It was a well thought out, varied and demanding coaching program for the year. The Barnacle sessions continued to be a great success thanks to Elena, the vacation programs have kept us busy thanks to Sally and Patrick has added his own unique and extremely valuable insights to our training programs. I look forward to a GREAT 2008! Bring on the Worlds!

Anthony Dunne
Captain, 2007