

The Open Water Challenges are just getting set up around the beaches of Australia and no doubt, Steve Payne will be looking to be amongst the action over the summer.

Shortly after performing his successful part in the Whatever # Team English Channel crossing, it would appear that there is no stopping Steve as he continues to astound his surgeon with his amazing speed of recovery following two separate shoulder reconstructions.

Turning 60 and celebrating with family and long time friends was the surprise awaiting him when he returned to Australia. However, while spending some relaxing holiday time with wife Jenni in the US, Steve undertook a swim challenge of mammoth proportions when he competed in the 20 Bridges Quiet Swim on Thursday August 29 (AEST =Friday, August 30).

20 Bridges is a 45.9-km swim around Manhattan Island, New York City. It was founded by New York Open Water in 2016 and is the successor to the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim. Registered participants are accompanied by an observer on a boat who records details whilst watching the swimmer circumnavigate the following 20 Bridges around Manhattan Island :

Hudson River

George Washington Bridge

Harlem River

Spuyten Duyvil Bridge

Henry Hudson Bridge

Broadway Bridge

University Heights Bridge

Washington Bridge

Alexander Hamilton Bridge

High Bridge

Macombs Dam Bridge

145th Street Bridge

Madison Avenue Bridge

Park Avenue Bridge

Third Avenue Bridge

Willis Avenue Bridge

Triborough Bridge

Wards Island Bridge

East River

Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge

Williamsburg Bridge

Manhattan Bridge

Brooklyn Bridge



For Steve, the records show a swim of 8 hours 59 minutes and 45 seconds- what a Fantastic Effort! Congratulations Steve on your accomplishment and on your enormous medal – well earned!. The NACSC shirts look great on you guys promoting our club in the U.S. We cannot wait to see the medal and what is next on your swimming bucket list.