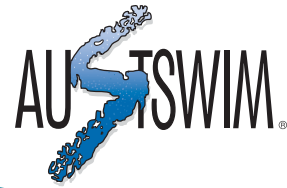
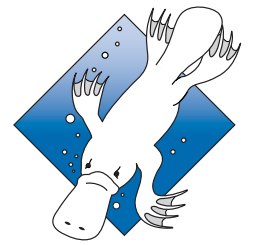


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AUSTSWIM Swim School Survey

AUSTSWIM is currently evaluating the AUSTSWIM Swim School recognition scheme to ensure we assist our recognised swim schools to the best of our ability, in the joint objective of increasing awareness of swimming and water safety and to make certain the recognition scheme is beneficial for swim schools to be a part of.

In order to do so, we need your feedback! Attached to this newsletter email, you will find a survey for all recognised swim schools to fill out to determine what you would like to see form part of the swim school recognition scheme in 2009.

We would appreciate it if you could send all surveys back to us via Post: PO BOX 546 East Melbourne, Victoria 8002 or FAX: (03) 9639 8555 by **Monday 2nd of February 2009**.

During the Christmas/New Year period, AUSTSWIM will be closed from 24th December 2008 until 4th January 2009, re-opening for business as usual on Monday 5th January 2009. We look forward to working with you all again in the new year

Thank you for a wonderful, successful year of teaching with AUSTSWIM. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy time over the Christmas season. We would like to thank you all for your support over the past 12 months and for such an exciting 2008!

National Conference Presenter Expressions of Interest

Presenter expression of interest AUSTSWIM is seeking expression of interest from aquatic professional's people wishing to present at the AUSTSWIM National Conference in July 2009 in QLD. Venue and date to be released early 2009. If you are interested in receiving a presenter expression of interest application form please email conference@austswim.com.au

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AUSTSWIM 2009 Conference & Awards Information

National Conference 2009

Following on from the success of the National Conference in 2008 in Adelaide AUSTSWIM will be taking the conference to QLD in 2009.

The conference will be held in July 2009 with dates and venue to be released early January. Look out for further information on the AUSTSWIM web site in the New Year.

11th Aquatic Industry Workshop, QLD

Aquatic Industry Workshop, QLD

The Aquatic Industry Workshop normally held in Brisbane each year will be held in conjunction with the National Conference in 2009. This is an exciting opportunity for QLD teachers to attend the National Conference in their home state.

Regional & Metropolitan Splashout Conference, NSW

On the back of the success of the inaugural regional conference at Coffs Harbour in 2007, we took SplashOut! Regional 2008 to Batemans Bay. For 2009 we have an exciting new location for Splashout Regional. The new location will be **Dubbo RSL on Saturday 18 April 2009.**

In conjunction with the conference AUSTSWIM will be running a Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes course on **Sunday 19 April 2009 at Dubbo RSL.**

Planning has begun for the 2009 Metro Splashout! Conference. Keep an eye on the website and on your email for updates.

King Neptune Conference, WA

In 2008 there was a renewed focus on recognising difficulties faced by our country based teachers when it comes to professional development which resulted in a Road Show style event which travelled across 5 regional locations and 2 metro locations during late July to October 2008. Planning is underway for the 2009 King Neptune Conference and the style of the event will be announced shortly.

Keep an eye on the AUSTSWIM website for all your states conference information. www.austswim.com.au.

AUSTSWIM Award Nominations

AUSTSWIM conducts Annual state and National awards to recognise those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the industry.

Award categories for 2009 are:

Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM

AUSTSWIM Swim School Award

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant & Preschool Aquatics

AUSTSWIM Teacher of People with a Disability

AUSTSWIM Presenter Award

The winner of each award category will be nominated to the AUSTSWIM National Awards in Queensland in 2009.

Award nominations for the following states are now OPEN!!

Australian Capital Territory - Close 31st January 2009

Northern Territory - Close 24th December 2008

Queensland - Close 24th December 2008

South Australia - Close 24th December 2008

Tasmania - Close 24th December 2008

Western Australia - Close 24th December 2008

Remember: Without your nominations there is no way for us to recognise those teachers, presenters and swim schools who are outstanding. Don't just think about nominating someone - download the appropriate nomination forms from the AUSTSWIM website today!!

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Home Pool Safety

This summer, the Royal Life Saving Society Australia are asking everyone with a backyard pool to follow a simple checklist to make sure their fence is safe before tragedy can occur.

Most children will have access to a backyard pool over summer, either at home or through neighbours, friends or extended relatives. But as any parent or grandparent will tell you, it is nigh on impossible to watch small children at every moment, so home pool fences are a vital back-up to make sure children don't enter water unsupervised.

But what happens if that fence has a gap, either from a missing panel or where land has subsided underneath? Or the lock doesn't catch properly? Or the kids have propped it open to make it easy to run from the house into the pool?

On average 35 Australian children under the age of five drown each year. Half of those children will drown in a backyard pool, and that is where you can take action to save a life.

"An increasing number of children are drowning by getting through, under or over existing pool gates and fencing that their parents believed was secure," said Royal Life Saving CEO, Rob Bradley. "We are asking every pool owner to get out into their backyard this weekend and make sure it is safe and secure."

"Pool Fencing legislation has now been in place for 10 to 15 years and many fences and gates have badly deteriorated," said Bradley. "Recent local government surveys have shown that up to 85 per cent of home pools do not comply with the safety standards. That's a frightening statistic."

"By using our practical, easy to read checklist home pool owners will be able to check, fix and maintain their home pool environment," said Bradley. "Make this coming weekend your Home Pool Safety Weekend!"

To download your free copy of the checklist, go to www.homepoolsafety.com.au



Aqualife E- Magazine

As you are aware AUSTSWIM's Aqualife e-magazine is distributed quarterly in March, June, September and December.

All AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Schools, Teachers and Presenters are invited to contribute content and ideas to the magazine.

If you have any suggestions for articles, topics, or general feedback you would like to put forward please contact aqualife@austswim.com.au.

The aim of this magazine is to service the AUSTSWIM teacher therefore your input would be greatly appreciated.

Samples of input for Aqualife can include the following:

- Teaching tips
- Games
- Lesson Plans
- Inspirational Aquatic Stories

50% off Advertising in Aqualife for the March 2009 Edition Only!!

If your swim school would like to advertise in Aqualife, AUSTSWIM are offering a huge 50% off advertisements for the March 2009 edition. For a copy of the rate card, and article specifications please contact aqualife@austswim.com.au

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NEW AUSTSWIM Merchandise

AUSTSWIM has introduced a new range of merchandise available to all AUSTSWIM teachers, presenters and swim schools.

The much awaited AUSTSWIM merchandise range has been carefully chosen to offer you that latest fashion look and to cater for all shapes and sizes in your organisation. The New range includes:

RASH VESTS (long Sleeve and Short Sleeve)

The new range of rash vests are chlorine resistant and have an spf rating of 50+.

LADIES AND MENS POLO SHIRTS

The new light weight quick dry polos are made with a 50 % Polyester and 50% Cooldry fabric designed to offer to you UV protection, easy care, iron free breathable uniforms.

LADIES AND MENS SHORTS

The mens and ladies shorts are made from quick dry microfibre fabric to offer you the comfort you need when working in and around the pool.

WIDE BRIM HAT

AUSTSWIM have introduced a wide brimmed hat specially designed to protect you and your staff from the harsh summer sun.

BASEBALL CAP

The AUSTSWIM Cap is designed for indoor or outdoor use to offer quick identification of qualified teachers around your swimming pool.

The latest catalogue will be available on the AUSTSWIM website at www.austswim.com.au shortly.

Now you can outfit yourself, swim school, staff or club with a selection of apparel to rejuvenate your image.

Contact AUSTSWIM on (03) 9655 7500 to be added to the merchandise mailing list to ensure you are notified as soon as the new range is available.

AUSTSWIM Teacher Recognition Scheme

AUSTSWIM is offering a recognition scheme for AUSTSWIM teachers of swimming and water safety who have supported the notion of a qualification scheme by maintaining their qualifications over a period of time. Currently 10 and 20 year badges are available with a 30 year badge due to be available in 2009.

If you or someone you know has held an AUSTSWIM qualification for 10 or more years and has not yet received recognition please complete the Teacher Recognition application form and attach a copy of your AUSTSWIM certificate to verify our records.

A copy of the application form can be downloaded from the AUSTSWIM website www.austswim.com.au. or by contacting AUSTSWIM on 1300 885 666.

Using the AUSTSWIM Logo

AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Schools can apply to use the AUSTSWIM Qualified Teachers logo on correspondence such as the following items for the Swim School:

- Letterhead
- Business Cards
- Brochures
- Posters
- Flyers
- Stickers
- Signs
- Banners
- Websites
- Stamps
- Uniforms



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Clark Rubber

PROUD PARTNERS OF AUSTSWIM

Australian retail icon Clark Rubber became a proud partner of AUSTSWIM in January, 2008, investing the largest sponsorship in its history over two years.

A proud 60-year-old national brand that has earned its place as an icon of the Australian retail landscape, Clark Rubber has a distinct synergy with AUSTSWIM.

These synergies range from encouraging healthy living, promoting and teaching children to swim and strong branding that features a platypus.

Clark Rubber is synonymous with summer fun in the backyard, mainly through its long standing history of providing Australian families with above ground swimming pools.

Clark Rubber Managing Director Chris Malcolm believes that teaching children to swim promotes a healthy lifestyle, confidence and a real desire to enjoy summer fun.

Mr Malcolm said Clark Rubber stores across Australia were genuinely excited at the prospect of supporting their local AUSTSWIM accredited swim centres.

“Clark Rubber is committed to supporting AUSTSWIM and looks forward to introducing new product ideas into the market that will help support our partnership,” Mr Malcolm said.

Leaders in the foam, rubber and above ground pool retail market, Clark Rubber has more than 80 franchise stores throughout Australia, as well as eight stores operating under the Para Rubber brand in New Zealand.

In-store, if you're looking for an indoor or outdoor solution, then Clark Rubber is the place you should be heading for.

Swimming pools headline an extensive Clark Rubber stock range, as well as swimming pool accessories and chemicals, while summer fun products are also available at Clark Rubber, including a wonderful array of inflatable boats, goggles and children's safety vests.

Water testing and balancing alone is time consuming while maintaining pumps, filters and chemicals can be difficult.



Our Clark Rubber Pool Service Van operator has extensive experience in ensuring your swimming pool or spa is clean and safe to enjoy all year around.

The Clark Rubber team is ready to provide the very best in customer service for your new pool purchase, or even to assist in servicing your existing above or in-ground pool. At Clark Rubber, we understand the demands that are placed on you to keep your pool or spa water sparkling clean.

Clark Rubber boasts a fantastic range of 'do it yourself' products that its competitors just can't provide.

A wonderful outdoor furniture range and other summer fun products are also available at Clark Rubber, including a wonderful array of inflatable boats, goggles and children's safety vests.

Cut to size foam, rubber for all applications and tapes and adhesives are all under the one roof at Clark Rubber.

Prepare for your next holidays with carpet protectors for the caravan, ute, boat or trailer, while viewing a full range of indoor and outdoor carpets and mats.

For all of your camping and leisure needs, there is an outstanding array of foam solutions, simply cut to size for your convenience. There is a wonderful mattress range, comfortable, compact and easy to pack.

Of course, there are rubber hoses and seals for your automotive needs, as well as a huge range of ribbed, studded and insertion rubber sheets, ideal for utes, boots, cars, horse floats and work stations, while also solving some of those safety concerns.

Have Fun at Clark Rubber.

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Online Professional Development Opportunities for AUSTSWIM Teachers - Now Available!

AUSTSWIM and Laurie Lawrence are working together in providing AUSTSWIM teachers the opportunity to undertake professional development online.

This gives teachers the ability to access professional development on an ongoing basis when there may not be opportunities available in their local area.

To gain access go to www.austswim.com.au and follow the links on the front page.

The site offers you to access a range of important water familiarization and water safety information on babies, infants and preschoolers. This is a great opportunity for you to access online professional development.

Laurie Lawrence is Australia's Gold Medal Olympic swimming coach, baby swimming expert and water safety advocate. He has been involved in the swimming industry since 1966. Laurie's depth of swimming knowledge is unique in international swimming and now swimming teachers around the world can gain access to his proven teaching methods.

Users will be educated on Laurie's teaching methods via an interactive learning program that combines video streaming, text downloads and short quizzes. All lessons are viewed online. Therefore to view the content you must be connected to the internet and sign in to the log in page.

AUSTSWIM teachers that undertake these training programs also have the added benefit of using this online study towards AUSTSWIM re-registration. Each learning program contributes 2 hours towards AUSTSWIM Professional Development hours.

Start a course today, it's simple! Become a member, browse the content to the left, and purchase the information using pay pal, then log in to view the content at your convenience.

Swim School Management Software

Thanks to software solution company Centuris, AUSTSWIM can now deliver a simple, effective and affordable Swim School Management Software Program to assist AUSTSWIM recognised swim schools in managing all aspects of running a swim school business.

The program, designed by aquatic industry people specifically for AUSTSWIM, is simple to install and easy to use with minimal to no training required.

Visit www.austswim.com.au for further information.

Swim School Insurance

The Swim School Insurance Package is specifically designed for swim school operators and has been tailored to meet their needs.

The package offers a broad range of cover specifically designed for swim school owners at extremely competitive prices. The flexibility of the product offers many benefits to the registered Swim Schools of AUSTSWIM with a major advantage being designed to provide cover in modules. You can take all or as many of the modules as you need for your individual business.

The modules include:

- Public & Professional Liability
- Fire & Perils
- Business Interruption
- Theft
- Money
- Glass Breakage
- Machinery Breakdown

The AUSTSWIM initiative allows participants in our industry to pool their insurance needs and gain the benefits of group buying power that otherwise they would not be able to achieve individually.

**For further information please contact:
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