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RE: AUSTSWIM takes the lead in child protection

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All AUSTSWIM course participants, aqua instructors and licensed teachers of Swimming and Water Safety in Australia will hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) as from July 1, 2016.

The industry-leading move recognises that the WWCC is a vital element to ensure the quality of AUSTSWIM trained and licensed teachers.

“Safety from danger, hazards and risk is the essence of swimming and water safety education,” said AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli.

“So too is protecting children from abuse and harm. It is with this focus that AUSTSWIM announces the introduction of WWCC requirements for staff, course presenters and candidates, licensed teachers and aqua instructors.”

The move is the latest step the organisation has taken to guarantee its delivery of the highest possible standards in swimming and water safety education.

Late last year, in a world-first, AUSTSWIM gained ISO/17024 accreditation for its swimming and water safety training programs.

This put AUSTSWIM's 33,000 licensed swimming and water safety teachers at the forefront of industry best practice. Mrs Schembri-Portelli said ISO standards gave consumers the confidence that products and services were safe, reliable and of the highest quality.

The WWCC requirement gives a similar assurance on the quality of the staff delivering those services.

A not-for-profit body, AUSTSWIM is Australia's pre-eminent advocacy and aquatic training provider. It's licensed professionals provide an essential link in drowning prevention, safer aquatic participation with health and wellbeing outcomes.

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