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Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ Course

With the support and funding of Communities NSW, Sport and Recreation, the AUSTSWIM NSW Business Centre has been able to develop an Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ Course in 2011. This project aims to provide Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety™ to Indigenous Communities and improve the safety, health and fitness of children in the Indigenous communities through learn to swim and water safety programs or general community education programs.

The nationally recognised AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ course has recently been modified so the theory component is delivered more practically based, greatly assisting indigenous communities with low literacy levels, where theoretical delivery and assessment would discourage them from participating and excelling.

This modified delivery will enable the participants to gain the AUSTSWIM Teacher Licence™ and provide potential pathways for other employment opportunities in the aquatic industry.

To date the AUSTSWIM NSW Business Centre has run two Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ Courses with all 12 candidates completing the 2 day course. The course was launched in June 2011 at Emerton Leisure Centre with the aim of being able to train indigenous AUSTSWIM Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety™ for the purposes of starting an indigenous swimming and water safety program at the centre.

More recently a course was held at Nelson Bay in conjunction with Brian Weatherley and the Woorimi Land Council. With the objective being that once they have some Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety™ they will re-open their pool to the local indigenous community.

The AUSTSWIM NSW Business Centre will hold two more Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ Courses in 2012. Firstly for Biripi and Tobwabawa communities around the Taree and Forster area. Then for the Moree Artesian Bath Complex who will be aiming to launch an Indigenous swimming and water safety program when they re-open in early 2012.

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