



Annual Report 2005-2006

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON

Kirk Marks

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gordon Mallett (resigned October 2005)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Glen Canty (from January 2006)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Andrea Cullen

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bill Meaney

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Natasha Fyles (resigned July 2006)

QUEENSLAND

Col Purdy

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Rae Szualwa

TASMANIA

John Rigby

VICTORIA

Meredith King

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Iain MacWilliam

SWIMMING AUSTRALIA

Len Yeats (July 2006)

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING COACHES AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Ted Tullberg

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

Justin Scarr

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Peter Agnew

AUSTSWIM underwent a restructure in 2005/2006 that saw the organisation move from having a traditional federation structure to a streamlined corporate model. A federation model is best described as one which has a number of independent state organizations reporting to a national organisation, which is how most national sporting organisations are structured. Under the corporate model, all the separate state based entities fall entirely under the control of the single national entity.

All states are now part of a single national entity. This move has allowed AUSTSWIM to reduce many areas of operational duplication, while at the same time enabled newly created state advisory committees to concentrate on key local issues rather than legal and administrative requirements.

For AUSTSWIM stakeholders, there is very little change - it's business as usual. There is still an AUSTSWIM Business Centre or Service Centre in each state and territory, with all staff reporting directly through to Glen Canty, AUSTSWIM Chief Executive Officer.

The changes to AUSTSWIM ensure that the organisation continues to be a viable entity with an outstanding international reputation, providing leadership in the design, marketing and delivery of comprehensive, high-quality courses, programs and resources for the training of teachers of swimming and water safety.



Kirk Marks
Chairperson

Presentation of Annual Report

AUSTSWIM is grateful of the acceptance by Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Retd) to be our patron.

It is our pleasure to present to him our Annual Report for the Financial year 2005/2006.

The report comments on the activities and performance of AUSTSWIM, it's Business Centres and Member Organisations for the year.

LIFE MEMBERS

John Gregson
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John Kane
John Kilpatrick
Ken Richter
Bill Stewart
Gwen Welford
Len Willmer
Colin Purdy
Kirk Marks
Ted Tullberg

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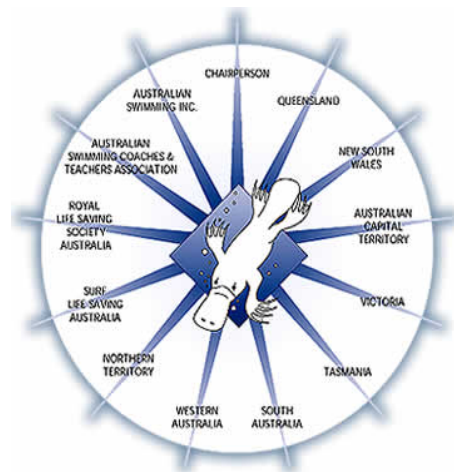
Pam Barrie
Peter Conochie
Pat Hallagan
Graeme Lange
Kirk Marks
Peter Meaney
Betty Parssey
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John Rigby

PATRON

His Excellency
Major General
Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC
(Retd)

AUSTSWIM Structure

The AUSTSWIM Council comprises of an independent Chairperson, a National Executive Officer, a member representative from each State and Territory and from Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association; Australian Swimming Inc, Swimming Australia Ltd.; The Royal Life Saving Society - Australia; and Surf Life Saving Australia.



AUSTSWIM's Vision

AUSTSWIM, setting the highest national standards for teachers of swimming and water safety.

AUSTSWIM's Objectives

To:

- Raise the awareness of the importance of swimming and water safety competency;
- Promote swimming, water safety and survival programs;
- Further improve the standard of swimming and water safety teaching through the provision of a range of quality swimming and water safety teaching programs.

AUSTSWIM Qualification Scheme

The AUSTSWIM teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award provides candidates with essential competencies to teach swimming and water safety to persons from four (4) years of age in swimming pools and confined natural shallow water venues. The award is valid for 3 years.

AUSTSWIM offers the following electives:

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics for People with a Disability
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults



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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The last twelve (12) months has seen the ACT Advisory Committee grow professionally by introducing and utilising National standards. Working as a whole has made AUSTSWIM reach goals and aim higher to meet client expectations.

Within the year of 2005/06 AUSTSWIM has conducted 14 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety courses producing 176 AUSTSWIM qualified teachers along with 2 Infant Aquatics course producing 22 Infant Aquatic teachers. That's a total of 198 qualified instructors.

A major highlight of the year was the Presentation Night held on 2nd April 2006, which recognises ACT volunteer Assessors and AUSTSWIM teachers. The Swim Teacher of the Year Award went to Janette Soper from Lakeside Leisure Centre; a dedicated teacher of over 16 years who has continued to developed her skills through obtaining additional qualifications such as Teacher of Infants Aquatics and involving herself in ACT school programs. Janette's enthusiasm has taught students ranging from six months to 19 years of age; Janette is a key example of what AUSTSWIM hope to produce in the near future. The Assessor of the Year Award was once again presented to Lyn McDermott from the Australian Institute of Sport; Lyn continues to work closely with AUSTSWIM and her willingness to adapt to new policies and procedures is always addressed with professionalism and enthusiasm.

The past twelve (12) months has seen AUSTSWIM introduce the use of the CD ROM in all our weekend courses, this has proved itself to be highly effective. AUSTSWIM will be conducting it's first Teacher of Disabilities course this August which will be a great success and potentially decrease the need of Disability teachers within the ACT.

AUSTSWIM continues to deliver and upgrade all AUSTSWIM related presentations and training through long time President and trainer Kevin Graham; Andrea Cullen, Lyn McDermott and Debbie Sarri. AUSTSWIM chooses to keep an ongoing relationship with all ACT Presenters and Assessors ensuring that quality and Professional Development are dominant with AUSTSWIM in the Australian Capital Territory.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Councillors

Bill Meaney (Chair)	Independent Chair
Michael Ilinsky (Executive Member)	Royal Life Saving NSW
Deborah Kanak	Dept of Tourism, Sport & Rec
Roz Hughes	Aquatic Recreation Institute
Craig Roberts	Surf Life Saving NSW
Ian Harkness	Swimming NSW
Chris Myers	ASCTA
Ross Morrison	Dept of Education & Training
Kirk Marks	Independent Member
Melissa Van Poppel	Independent Member
Jennifer Pickett	AUSTSWIM NSW/ Public Officer

The Staff and Council of the NSW Business Centre are please to advise a number of achievements throughout the year.

The NSW Business Centre experienced a very busy year, and as summer approaches enrolments figures are high, with many of the courses running at full capacity. The Staff at the NSW Business Centre have well and truly settled into the new office at Castle Hill with many of the candidates, presenters and associates having the opportunity to visit the premises over the past 10 months.

Professional Development Series

Earlier in the year the NSW Business Centre released a professional development series across the state. This has proven to be very





NEW SOUTH WALES cont'd...

New South Wales stand out course of 2006

In April 2006 the NSW Business centre was contacted by a group of eager Muslim Women from the Lakemba area in Sydney who were interested in obtaining there AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Qualification.

We were very keen to help the group achieve their goals and worked together in order to accommodate their needs. Organising the course involved a few challenges, but the enthusiasm of the women and the flexibility of AUSTSWIM allowed these to be overcome easily.

NSW presenter Melissa Savage was very keen to be a part of the course and was responsible for the delivery of the program which offered a female only environment for the participants. The structure of the course was altered to allow for child care, venue needs and prayer times which were incorporated into the day.

AUSTSWIM received very positive feedback from the group of women who were aged between 18-38 years, which included Kristen Saunders who wrote "Our course teacher was great (Melissa) - very knowledgeable and experienced, we couldn't have asked for a better teacher. AUSTSWIM showed themselves to be willing and flexible in order to accommodate our requirements".

Kristen went on to say "I think its been a great idea to get Muslim women qualified as swimming instructors, hopefully come summer, everyone on the course will be qualified and contributing to teaching local communities how to be safe and have fun in and around water"

AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving NSW

The relationship between AUSTSWIM and the NSW Branch of Royal Life Saving continues to strengthen. As the two major providers of courses within NSW, Royal Life Saving NSW and AUSTSWIM have been working together to service and meet the demands of the state. The development of a combined course calendar has contributed to a more unified and consistent delivery of courses and has notably minimised the confusion surrounding the course provider. The calendar has also proved to be a great information source and advertising tool for possible candidates.

AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving are in the process of developing new initiatives to promote AUSTSWIM courses within the community. In early 2007 together we hope to launch an incentive program to encourage teachers who hold their TSWS to gain the PWD specialist qualification. We hope that all swim schools operating in NSW will have at least 2 PWD qualified teachers by the end of 2007.

NEW SOUTH WALES cont'd...

NSW AUSTSWIM Awards of Excellence and NSW Water Safety Awards

On the 30th of September 2006 AUSTSWIM had the privilege of hosting the NSW Awards of Excellence dinner in conjunction with NSW Sport and Recreation, who presented the NSW Water Safety Awards.

300 members of the aquatic industry gathered on pool deck at the picturesque Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to celebrate this significant occasion. The charming Elka Graham (Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games medalist) was on hand as Master of Ceremonies, with special guests Bob Abdy (Director of the Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism), Kirk Marks (AUSTSWIM Chairman), Bill Meaney (Aquatic & Recreation Institute President and AUSTSWIM NSW Chairman) and Justin Norris (Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games Medalist) to present the awards.

Splash Out!

On the 30th September 2006 the Annual NSW Splashout! Conference was Held at MLC School Aquatic Centre in Burwood. Over 110 delegates attended the conference which offered a wider variety of topics than ever before. The afternoon concluded with a closing address by Olympic and Commonwealth Medalist and AUSTSWIM ambassador Justin Norris.

The feedback received from the candidates who attended the conference has been very positive and the day proved to be a great success!

Enrolments – (AUSTSWIM NSW figures only, does not include RLS NSW)

Our database can give us the following information in regards to course enrolments figures.

Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety – 846 enrolments
Teacher of Infant & Pre School Aquatics – 115 enrolments
Teacher of People with Disabilities – 59 enrolments
Teacher of Competitive Strokes – 43 enrolments
Teacher of Adults – 6 enrolments

Due to the success of this particular course the NSW Business Centre is hoping to work with more groups with special needs in the community.

The NSW Business Centre has experienced a highly productive year and look forward to upcoming projects that are currently in development. We would like to recognise the great support and funding provided to us by the Department of Sport, Tourism and Recreation and especially thank Debora Kanak who has worked with us closely over the past 12 months.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY

AUSTSWIM continues to grow in the Northern Territory and it has been rewarding to follow the careers of AUSTSWIM instructors who have gone on to further their education and career prospects through their success as AUSTSWIM instructors.

We have made a successful transition to One AUSTSWIM and the establishment of the NT Advisory Committee. The completion of upload to the National Database and staff training to compliment its abilities was a definite highlight.

AUSTSWIM has approved funding to review delivery and assessment tools of Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety for Indigenous Communities. Ask Glen Canty about “*Marvin*” as it is very exciting to be part of this project. This builds the capacity of AUSTSWIM in the NT’s wider community and supports the value accreditation given to Community leaders.

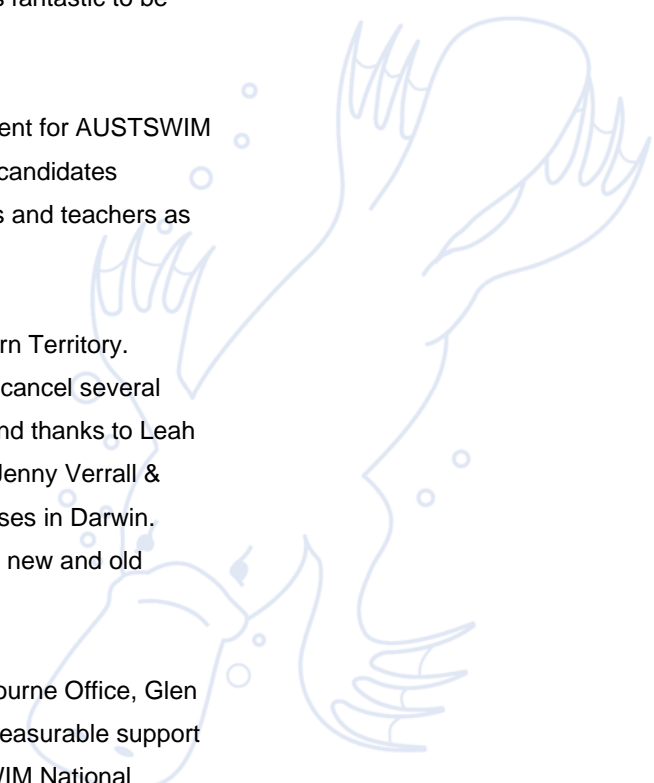
Our continued partnership with RLSSA and Remote Pools ensures access to remote areas that was not possible before. We also plan to provide a network of support to ensure sustainability for Communities in Remote areas.

The partnership with RLSSA-NT provides professional delivery of courses to all centres in the NT and a full time Branch link to the community. We have a partnership with Swimming NT to deliver AUSTSWIM courses in 7 indigenous communities. It truly is fantastic to be part of an aquatic network that goes from strength to strength.

RLSSA NT hosted the first Annual Conference for professional development for AUSTSWIM qualified teachers. 26 candidates attended the Darwin presentation & 10 candidates attended Alice Springs in the October. A huge thanks to all the presenters and teachers as the feedback was fantastic.

There has been an increase in AUSTSWIM re-accreditation in the Northern Territory. Course numbers & enrolments have stayed consistent, despite having to cancel several courses due to insufficient enrolments. We ran our first PWD in 3 years and thanks to Leah Cullen & Geoff Wilmshurst for their passion & dedication in this elective. Jenny Verrall & Angela Agostini are our wonderful Infant presenters and facilitated 2 courses in Darwin. Kath Midgley & Petina Franklin are our “GURUS” and continue to support new and old presenters and candidates as we all strive to improve & review.

On behalf of the NT Advisory Committee we would like to thank the Melbourne Office, Glen Canty, Christine Baumann, Susan Sturt and their wonderful team for immeasurable support and assistance throughout the year. The Support received from AUSTSWIM National ensures we provide the best service possible to our candidates.



QUEENSLAND

Business Centre Committee

President – Col Purdy

Vice President – Greg Palmer

Secretary – Jan King

Treasurer – Kim Kaszycki

Executive Member – Wayne Lomas

Business Centre Members

Col Purdy QUT, Griffith Universities

Jan King ASCTA Qld

Kim Kaszycki Southbank TAFE

Melanie Maguire Royal Life Saving Qld (till Nov 05)

Ken Chandler Royal Life Saving Qld (from Dec 05)

Adam Profke Surf Life Saving Qld

Wayne Lomas Swimming Queensland

Greg Palmer Education Qld

Meetings Conducted

Five general meetings and two executive meetings were conducted during the past twelve months, whilst two general meetings lapsed for want of a Quorum.

Courses Conducted

A total of 149 courses were held in July 05 to June 06 period. Of these 119 were TSW, 19 Infant Aquatics, 2 People with Disabilities, 3 Teacher of Adults and 6 Toward Competitive Strokes. The total number of candidates totaled 1425 for the above courses with 730 certificates being awarded till June 06. Re-registrations for the year as at 30th May 2006 were 338.

During the past year courses have been presented all along the coast from Cooktown in far north down to Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Coolumb, Maroochydore, Caloundra down to Miami at the Gold Coast then to such remote areas as Boulia far west of Queensland.

In the south western region of the state, AUSTSWIM courses were carried out at Goondiwindi, Oakey, and Moonie. This branch has always attempted to take AUSTSWIM to the remote areas of the state.



Highlights

AUSTSWIM once again held a two day workshop at Nudgee College Brisbane in May 2006. 200 applicants attended both days of the workshop. The standard of presentations were excellent and especially appreciated by attendees were the presentations involving swimmers in the pool with Jan King. As a first the running of an Adult elective course (21 candidates) and Networking Party (30 Attendees) in conjunction with the Workshop were well attended.

Two one day update courses for existing Presenters (50 updated) and one two day course for new Presenters (12 new) were held over the year. The QLD business centre thanks the National body and Melissa Rickwood for presenting these presenter courses.

Resignation of the Branch Executive Officer in late October 2005 (who was in the position for one year) and future ONE AUSTSWIM structure has meant some restructuring of the administration of the branch with the appointment of a new administrative assistant Krista Sadler.

My thanks to our administrative team who have taken over the organisation and administrative aspects previously controlled by our past Executive Officer. Their dedication and continued efforts have enabled AUSTSWIM in maintaining the level of service to Queensland that has been achieved in past years. To the General and Executive members, my appreciation, for your continued service to the Queensland Business Centre.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AUSTSWIM has experienced a successful yet busy year providing courses in Adelaide as well as Coordinating and conducting courses in several regional centers.

Our goal for the year was to provide more training opportunities for country candidates and current instructors which we have achieved in many regions and intend to continue into the coming year.

Office Bearers / Executive:

Rae Szulawa – **Chair** (Independent)
Peter Roberts (DECS)
Robyn Stansfield (Independent)
Lesley Bartlett (RLSSA)

Council Members:

Robyn Brown (Aussi Masters)
Ray Martin (STA)
Helen Bickers (ATA)
Shane Daw (SLSA)
Greg Cole (Swimming SA)

Meetings conducted:

Four normal meetings were conducted plus the AGM.

Courses provided:

AUSTSWIM (along with course provider RLSSA) conducted 20 (ASA; 14:RLSSA; 6) Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety courses, in both the city and regional areas.

Three hundred and forty five candidates (ASA; 279:RLSSA; 66) participated in these courses. Three courses are also run in conjunction with Flinders University and TAFE SA (Regency and Spencer campuses). Only a small number who participate in these courses gain their qualification.

AUSTSWIM SA ran 5 elective courses in 2005 – 2006:

2 x Teacher of Aquatics to people with a disability	23
1 x Towards Competitive Strokes	10
2 x Teacher of infant aquatics	24

Four hundred and seventy eight qualifications were issued to SA candidates during the year, including elective qualifications.

Re-registrations for the year totaled 264.

AUSTSWIM SA conducted 6 regional TSWS courses and provided Professional Development opportunities for current instructors as well. Regional centres visited included Port Augusta, Berri, Broken Hill (x2), Coober Pedy and Mount Gambier. Port Lincoln is covered by a course run in conjunction with TAFE SA. We are currently coordinating courses to be delivered in Port Lincoln, Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

It was our aim to provide as many regional areas with training opportunities during the year and to continue with this in the future. On several occasions we have provided not only the Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course but professional development opportunities in the areas of infant aquatics, stroke development and teaching aquatics to people with a disability. These efforts were well received by all participants in these regions as they have limited opportunities to gain the qualification as well as professional development opportunities required to continually update their qualification.

Our goal for the future is to increase awareness of AUSTSWIM in South Australia and continue to provide quality training programs to city and regional candidates throughout the year.





VICTORIA

When the Branch changed from an incorporated body to a State Advisory Committee there were initial concerns about how it would operate and what the effects would be for AUSTSWIM and the candidates in general.

We believe most of those concerns have been answered by the increase in the number of candidates and the fact that all award holders now receive a national magazine, and that there is more uniformity in award presentation, certification and administration. We believe the employment of a Marketing and Communications manager by AUSTSWIM is a very positive move.

State Advisory Committee

Chair

Ted Tullberg ASCTA Vic

Members

Ron Bongetti Swimming Victoria
Andrew Whitaker Aquatic & Recreation Victoria
Meredith King YMCA Victoria
Warren Curnow Aquatic & Recreation Victoria
Warrick Waters Life Saving Victoria
Karen Franceschini Course Presenter
Debbie Gill Course Provider
Andrew Jeffrey Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

Courses Conducted

Course	No. of Courses	No. of Candidates
Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety	118	2212
Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics	18	295
Towards Competitive Strokes	4	43
Teacher of People with a disability	8	72
Re Registrations		951

Highlights

- An increase of 20% on the total number of candidates the previous year.
- We were pleased that two Victorians were recognised at the National Conference with Sue Quartermain being presented with the AUSTSWIM General Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award and Linda Campbell the AUSTSWIM Specific Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety.
- The Aqua Summit and ASCTA Vic conference again were the main focus for Professional Development for Teachers and Presenters of swimming and Water Safety.
- Professional Development of presenters were conducted at the Aqua Summit in September 2006.
- There is a growing trend toward providing in house Professional Development particularly in the larger centres and in Swimming Centre groups.
- Presentation of the three categories of teaching awards was again held at the very popular and ever growing Aquatic and Recreation Aquatic Industry Awards Presentation Dinner. This occasion encourages, recognises and rewards achievement and contribution to the development of the Aquatic Industry in Victoria in all aspects of the industry.

The Victorian State Advisory Committee is working on expanding the number of members by inviting representation from all providers, users and presenters of AUSTSWIM to attend meetings and provide input.

We are looking forward to a much needed Presenter of Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics Course introduced in November.

Ron Bongetti who has represented Swimming Victoria on our Committee for a long period including the difficult change in structure time attended his last meeting in June and we thank him for his support and wish him well in the future.

Our thanks go to Aquatic and Recreation Victoria for the use of their facilities to hold our meetings and for the administrative support they have given the Committee.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Introduction

The 2005/2006 financial year was another outstanding one for AUSTSWIM. AUSTSWIM continued to deliver high quality courses within the state. 79 AUSTSWIM courses and professional development workshops were conducted for 1029 Western Australians.

A major emphasis was placed on the transition from the branch model to One AUSTSWIM. Throughout Australia, all state and territory branches have ceded the administrative and management duties to the Melbourne Office for efficiency purposes. The new Advisory Committee will continue in the support role of advising the National Board of Directors and Council on all issues relevant to WA, including the placement of courses, specialist advice on all course content and other requirements such as the King Neptune Conference.

State Committee

Executive Committee

Iain MacWilliam	Chairman
Gary Shaw	Department of Education and Training WA
Noelene Usher	AUSTSWIM Teachers' Association WA (Inc)
Brana Williams	Swimming Coordinators' Association of WA Inc (Resigned, March 2006)

Council Members

Chris Lee	Royal Life Saving Society WA Branch (Inc)
Samantha Shields	WA Swimming Association (Inc)
Damien Marangon	Surf Life Saving Association WA Branch (Inc)
Gordon Shaw	Aust. Swimming Coaches & Teachers Assoc
Kay Cox	Life Member - AUSSI Masters Swimming (Inc) WA Branch
Brian Blanksby	Life Member - WA Tertiary Institutions
Peter Conochie	Life Member
Geoff Hayes	Life Member



Staff members

Louise Harrison	Executive Officer and ex-officio Executive and Council
Kerrie Ward	Administrative Assistant

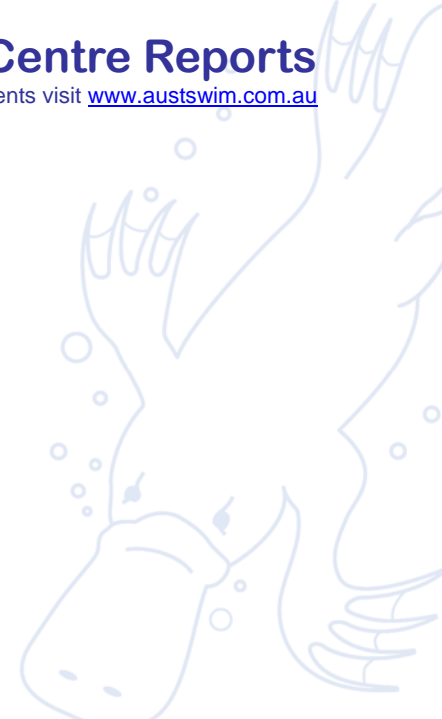
Meetings Conducted

Two general meetings, one annual general meeting and seven executive meetings were conducted during the past twelve months.

Courses Conducted

A total of 79 courses including professional development workshops were held in July 05 – June 06 period. Of these, 67 were Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety, 5 Teacher of Infant Aquatics, 2 Teacher of People with Disabilities and 5 Professional Development Workshops. The total number of candidates was 1029 for the above courses. Re-registrations for the year were 448.

AUSTSWIM continued to service people throughout the state as 26 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Courses were held in regional and remote areas of Western Australia. 41 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Courses were provided to the metropolitan area of Perth. Candidate numbers for the Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course increased from 757 to 893, an increase of 136 candidates.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA cont'd.....

Course Statistics

COURSE	NO. OF COURSES	CANDIDATES
Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety	67	893
Teacher of Infant Aquatics	5	43
Teacher of People with Disability	2	15
Towards Competitive Strokes	-	-
Professional Development Workshop	5	78
TOTAL	79	1029

Highlights

AUSTSWIM continued to deliver high quality courses within the state, some as far as Derby and Christmas Island, showing that WA continues to abide by its charter to provide for all the people of WA, irrespective of distance.

Derby

In April of 2006, AUSTSWIM successfully conducted a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course in the remote area of Derby. Derby is located more than 2,000 kilometers north of Perth. The area now known as the Shire of Derby / West Kimberley has a diverse Indigenous Australian heritage.

Christmas Island

In May of 2006, AUSTSWIM successfully conducted a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course on Christmas Island. Christmas Island is located approximately 2800 km west of Darwin, 2600 km north-west of Perth, and 360 km south Java. Christmas Island has a unique population with a blend of Chinese, Malay & Caucasians from the Australian mainland, a recent estimation of the population of the island is around 1500 people. We would like to thank Sharon Francis who is an AUSTSWIM Presenter and resident of Christmas Island for assisting in coordinating the course.

Qualification of AUSTSWIM Presenters

In April 2005, 17 AUSTSWIM teachers from regional and remote areas of Western Australia completed presenter training and Certificate IV (in Workplace Training and Assessment) to become an AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course.

King Neptune

The King Neptune Conference held in October 2005 was again an outstanding success. It saw an attendance of 110 people for the one day conference. The conference was again extremely popular and attracted teachers from all over our vast state.

Conclusion

The next twelve months will see AUSTSWIM continue to increase its profile in the community, deliver high quality courses throughout the state and work towards providing professional development workshops in regional areas of Western Australia. We are pleased to advise that in 2007 the AUSTSWIM branch will launch its new training facility, which will be used for theory components of AUSTSWIM Courses and professional development workshops.

The WA Advisory Committee would like to thank all staff at the Melbourne office especially Christine Baumann and Jane Denning. Christine and Jane provided a tremendous amount of support and assistance to both Louise and Kerrie as they settled into their first twelve months with AUSTSWIM. We would also like to thank all AUSTSWIM Presenters for their support and commitment to delivering high quality AUSTSWIM Courses. Lastly, we would like to thank the AUSTSWIM Council and Executive members, especially Iain MacWilliam, Gary Shaw, Noelene Usher and Brana Williams for their assistance and guidance over the year.

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The Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA) are dedicated to the professional development of our members. As a stakeholder of Swimming Australia Ltd. (SAL), the national sporting federation for swimming, we assist in the administration of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). The NCAS allows interested persons to gain a nationally recognised coaching qualification and ASCTA membership allows qualified coaches to hold a valid coaching license. Because ASCTA acknowledges the important role that Teachers of Swimming play in the development of our sport, we offer membership and professional development opportunities to AUSTSWIM qualified teachers of swimming.

During 2005-06 ASCTA presented a 'teacher of swimming' stream of topics as part of our annual Convention program. In addition, teaching topics were included as part of our Victorian, Queensland, and Western Australian conferences. The 'Swim Australia' (SA) conference, held in conjunction with our national convention, provides another professional development opportunity for SA member swim school operators. Swim Australia is an ASCTA linked program that assists member swim school operators. The 2006 SA conference featured Jeff Metzger from the USA. Swim Australia also supports a national speaking tour of distinguished professionals; this year Dave DuBois (USA) and Janine Ramsey (NZ) were featured. They delivered programs to 13 regional centres. Australian icon Laurie Lawrence continues to lecture on behalf of SA and ASCTA; this year Laurie visited 16 centres to deliver an entertaining and informative message. Finally, SA sponsored two leadership seminars, presented by Bruce Sullivan.

As well as supporting professional development conferences, seminars and workshops for teachers of swimming; ASCTA and SA provide a range of print and electronic information services. The ASCTA magazine "Swimming in Australia" provides up-to-date information for both teachers and coaches of swimming. Our E-Splash, and Swim Bytes supplements support our print material.

Finally, the ASCTA-Marsh insurance scheme allows qualified swim teachers (who must be ASCTA members) to purchase insurance at a very attractive rate. The \$10M policy coverage for public liability and professional indemnity sets the standard for the industry.

Dr Ralph Richards
ASCTA, Chief Executive Officer

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Swimming Australia continues to focus on building a strong foundation by attracting new members, servicing and enhancing the experience for existing members, and creating an environment in which all members are able to reach their potential. Swimming Clubs are encouraged to emphasise participation and fun rather than winning.

The 'GO Swim' and 'GO Club' programs are designed to equip swimming clubs with the tools to ensure the most effective environment for all members, athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and parents.

GO Swim is to remain as our brand name for new members into our sport. GO Swim has seen the development of a new Members Kit that delivers information and welcomes new members to the sport of swimming. This kit includes a back sac, a parent handbook, a personal best (PB) booklet, a swimmer nutrition guide and a welcome letter from the Australian Swim Team Captain - Grant Hackett. More than 20,000 new member kits were distributed in 2005/06

A series of Come and Try events around the nation have also assisted and provided opportunities for new members to join our sport.

GO Club has been developed in association with ASCTA, the swimming coaches and teachers association to help promote club swimming. GO Club PB is a club measuring tool for clubs to review their operations and compare annually to the standard of other clubs. In 2006 a record 263 swimming clubs completed the workbook and will be rewarded dependent on their score. Each club completing the workbook will receive their results that show their score, the state average and the national average for each question in the workbook.

Swimming Australia has delivered 30 Go Club education forums to up skill the Club Coaches and Administrators. These forums have been delivered from recently developed modules that work to assist clubs in all areas of their operation.

Telstra assistant fund in conjunction with the Swimming Foundation have provided \$200,000 in equipment grants to clubs. This program, which is in its second year, will see 110 swimming clubs receive essential equipment to compliment their programs and operations.

Swimming Australia's Green Licence Coaching Courses, which incorporates "Towards Competitive Strokes", has continued to be extremely popular with over 750 participants successfully undertaking the course in all states and territories with an even mix of AUSTSWIM teachers and the beginner coaches in a club environment.

Swimming Australia has continued to work with ASCTA to further develop the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme to better service coaches at all levels and disciplines. In 2006, 973 coaches completed accreditation. Most recently the development and introduction of Open Water Swimming (OWS) and Swimmer with Disability (SWD) specialist coaching courses has assisted in creating athlete and coach pathways for people interested in swimming and coaching open water and for people with a disability further breaking down the barriers in swimming.

Swimming will look to further improve the services provided to junior swimmers - the future of our sport. A junior excellence program that has been rolled out in Queensland will be used nationally to reward and encourage the development and sustainability of our youngest members.



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EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER



Royal Life Saving
THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

The past year has seen many achievements for Royal Life Saving, particularly in the areas of water safety education, aquatic risk management, indigenous programs, research and health promotion.

The 2005 National Drowning Report released in November 2005 indicated that 259 drowned in water related incidents. This figure is a decrease by 18 drowning deaths on last years figure and represents an 8% decrease on the five year average. While this is a pleasing result, it is important that all agencies involved in the Australia Water Safety Council continue to work towards a Zero Drowning statistic.

Extensive evaluation of the Swim and Survive and Bronze Medallion programs has resulted in the development of quality resources such as instructor guides and multi-media support materials to assist in the delivery of these programs. RLSSA is committed to ensuring that swimming, lifesaving and water safety teachers are well supported to teach quality programs. RLSSA has been heavily involved in a number of drowning prevention and health promotion initiatives in indigenous communities around Australia and across the Asia-Pacific region including Bangladesh.

Changes to the Australian Resuscitation Guidelines have resulted in updating resources and re-training of staff and volunteers for the delivery of CPR and First Aid Courses, in addition to assisting AUSTSWIM in changing their policies. Royal Life Saving is working closely with the Aquatic Industry to develop initiatives and strategies to further improve pool life guarding, professional development and guidelines for safe pool operation.

In closing a very successful year, on behalf of Royal Life Saving I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the AUSTSWIM team. We look forward to continuing to work together to further develop and strengthen our partnership.

Justin Scarr

Royal Life Saving Society Australia



The 2005-2006 seasons saw the full implementation of the Bronze Medallion Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) as well as the introduction of a new Powercraft manual.

The National Board of Lifesaving (BOLS) vision of an Australian Lifesaving Academy has been realised a full two years in front of plan, with the announcement of a \$10 million grant from the Australian Government.

The Australian Lifesaving Academy has been achieved through consistent support and guidance of both the board and all state centres. The Academy has been established in order to accelerate Surf Life Saving's development of Vocational Education and Training (VET) accredited programs and create a self-sustaining asset for Surf Life Saving.

SLSA's education program plays an important part in drowning prevention.

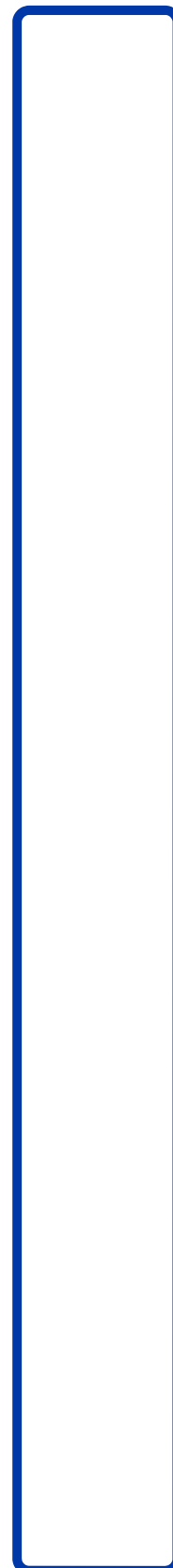
Another project undertaken was the review and implementation of resuscitation guidelines which were handed down by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR). The new guidelines which were implemented on 1 August 2006, have been circulated to all 305 surf clubs, branches and states as well as being available on the SLSA website.

The board continued to review gaps in our service provision and have directed funds to both NT and WA, where Support Service Operations have been set up, with positive feedback. The board also focused on a Total Service Plan to ensure that initiatives are put in place to reduce drowning in Australia.

An important aspect of breaking the drowning chain is the ability to survive once in difficulty. The assistance that Austswim has been able to provide in this area has been an important link in the drowning prevention cycle.

The number of coastal drowning deaths increased by 6% to a total of 64, in line with the 5 year average. The increase corresponded to an increase in the number of days of dangerous surf conditions, highlighting the importance of public education and additional surveillance.

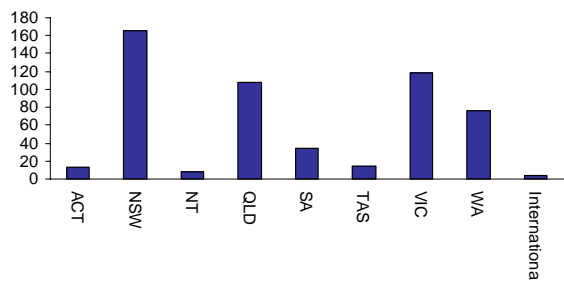
Finally, Brett Williamson OAM has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA), to oversee the next period of growth and development for this iconic Australian organisation. Brett, who has been CEO of Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) since 1991, is one of the most successful leaders of the surf lifesaving movement in the country.



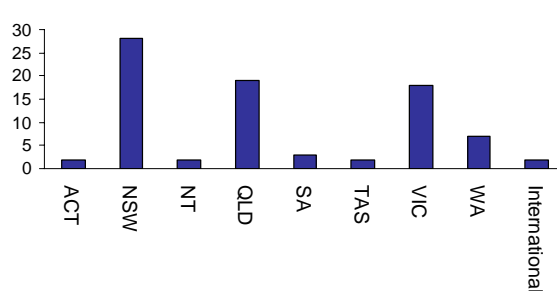
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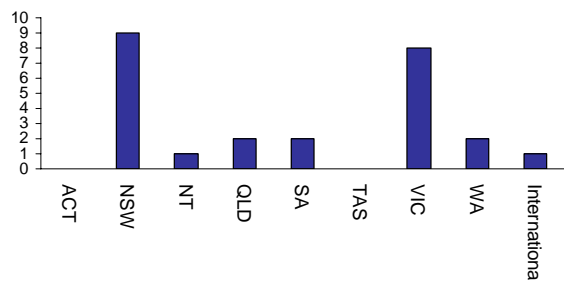
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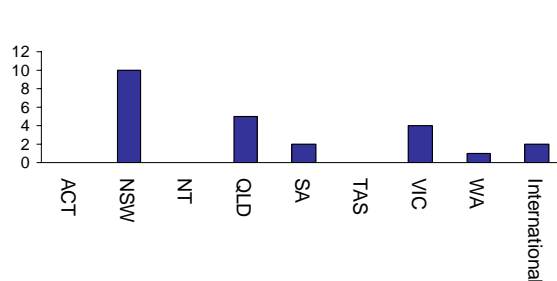
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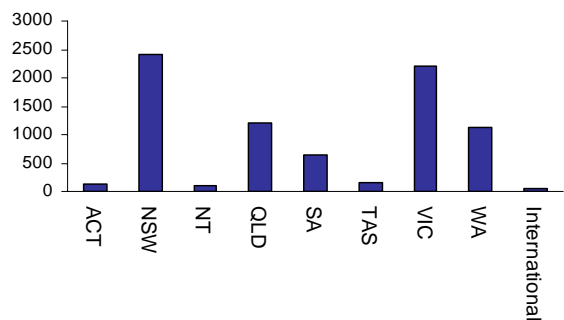


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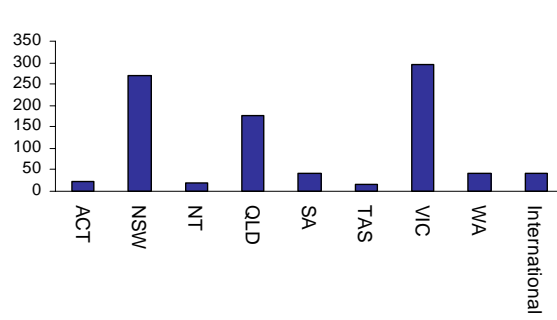


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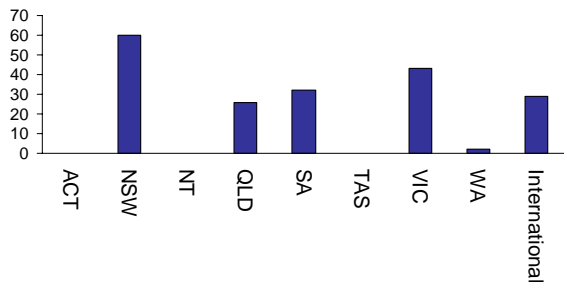
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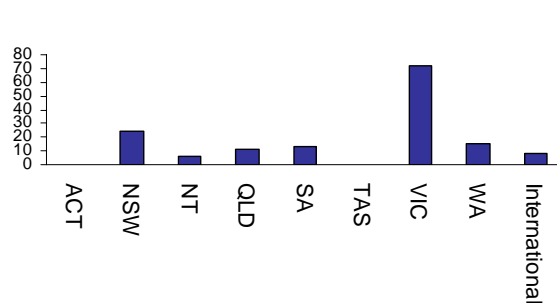
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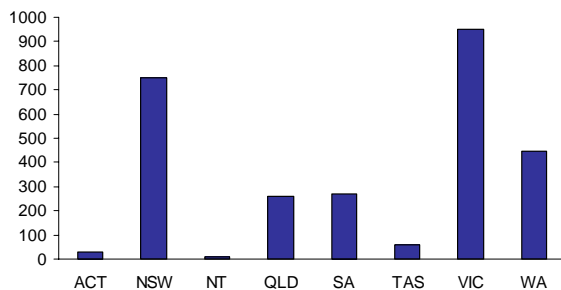
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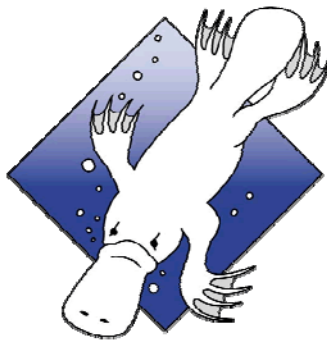
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