

Annual Report 2006 - 2007

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Presentation of Annual Report

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

It is our pleasure to present to him our Annual Report for the financial year 2006/07.

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

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chairmans report

I have great pleasure in presenting my annual report for AUSTSWIM for 2006-2007



The last twelve months have been a very productive time for AUSTSWIM with our first International Aquatic Education Conference being conducted in conjunction with the 12th FINA World Swimming Championships, which proved to be a big hit among participants.

Other events that received fantastic feedback during this time include the NSW Metro and Regional Splashout Conferences, the Swimir Conference in Tasmania, the WA King Neptune Conference and the Queensland Aquatic Workshop.

During this time AUSTSWIM farewelled Glen Canty and welcomed back Gordon Mallett to the position as CEO to take us through this third stage of the transition to one organisation. Gordon has committed to a long term with AUSTSWIM and we are confident that he has the enthusiasm, energy and drive to lead the organisation following his recent role in Local Government. Since his reappointment as AUSTSWIM CEO Gordon has been busy visiting the State Business Centres our Member Organisations and other key stakeholders during recent months.

2006/07 saw some significant changes to the re-registration process and registering of in-house professional development workshops to make the procedure streamlined, all resulting in an increase in re-registrations. The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults text was released with many course providers running the course and the change of the Aqualife magazine to an e-Magazine has received positive comments and in the process saved in excess of 2 million sheets of paper.

A special thank you to all the Staff who have worked together towards ensuring AUSTSWIM grows during this important phase of development and we look forward to further advances during the coming year.

Yours in aquatic education and swimming

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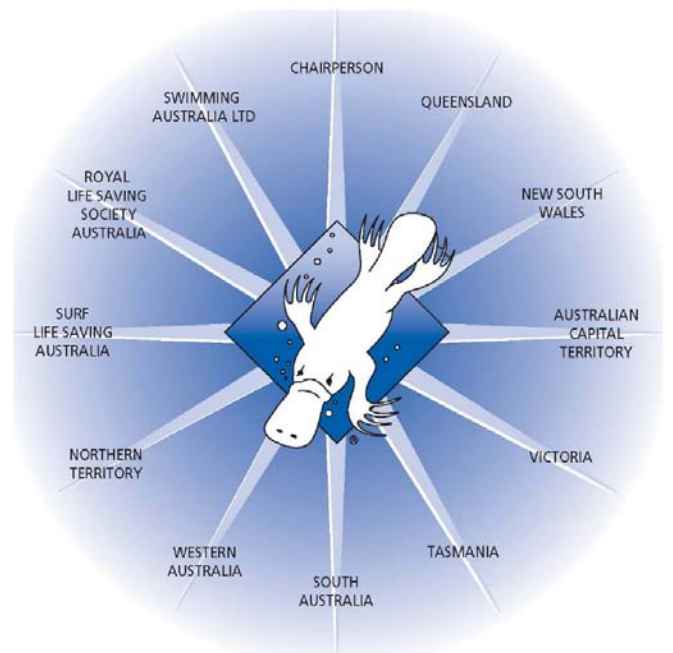
Kirk Marks
Chairman

AUSTSWIM council



AUSTSWIM is the Australian Council for the Teaching of Swimming and Water Safety. It has a representation in each state and territory of Australia. AUSTSWIM is a non-profit organisation.

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



AUSTSWIM's Objectives

- To raise the awareness of the importance of swimming and water safety competency
- To promote swimming, water safety and survival programs
- To 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 has established strategic partnerships with a representative on the following committees:

- Australian Water Safety Council
- Community Recreation Council of Australia
- Standards Australia – Committee on flotation aids for water familiarisation and swimming tuition
- World Aquatic Babies Congress.

AUSTSWIM also has established alliances with organisations in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Dubai and the United States of America.

qualification scheme

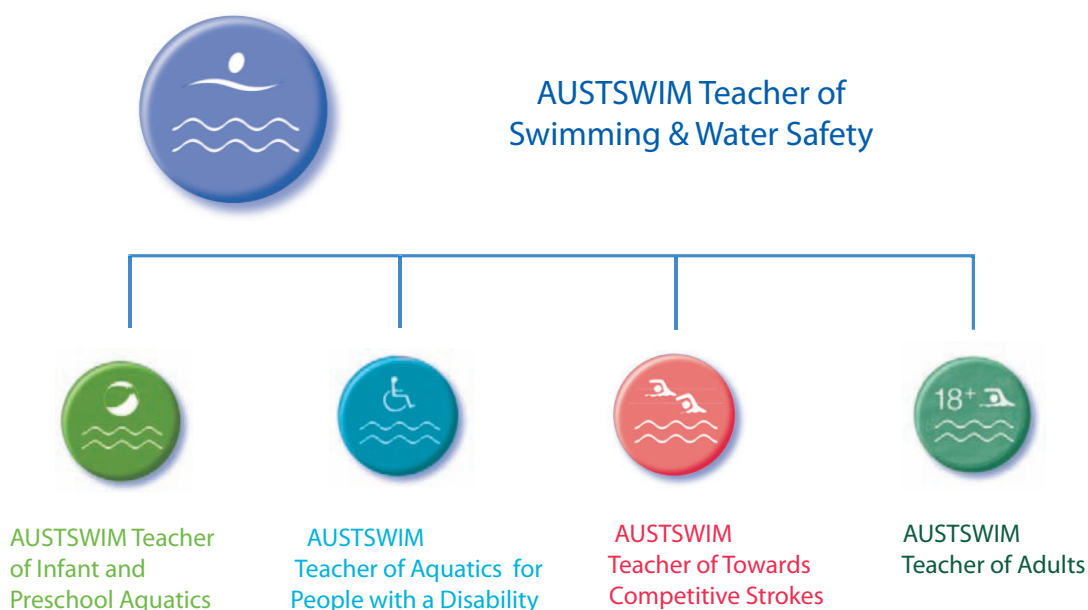


AUSTSWIM Qualification Pathway

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety award provides candidates with the 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**
 This course provides the candidate with the competence required to deliver safe and enjoyable aquatic activity programs for children between the age of six months and four years of age.
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics for People with a Disability**
 This course provides the candidate with the competence required to deliver safe and enjoyable aquatic activity programs to people with a disability.
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes**
 This course provides the candidate with the competence required to bridge the gap between teaching and coaching of swimming.
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults**
 This course provides the candidate with the competence required to deliver safe and enjoyable aquatic activity programs to adults.



AUSTSWIM team



Chief Executive Officer
Gordon Mallett
(from June 07)

Chief Executive Officer
Glen Canty
(to May 07)

Operations Manager
Susan Sturt

Financial Accountant
Chamil Fernando

Development Coordinator
Warren Curnow
(from March 07)

Special Projects Officer
Melissa Rickwood

Marketing &
Communications Manager
Marco Bello

Marketing Coordinator
Karina van den Heuvel

Office Manager
Christine Baumann
(to November 06)

Administration Officer
Ashlee Twite
(to April 07)

Administration Officer
Kate Newman
(from May 07)

Administrative Assistant
Aaron Dartnell
(from May 07)

Customer Service Assistant
Amanda Schneider
(from May 07)

NEW SOUTH WALES Business Centre

Course Coordinator
Jennifer Pickett
(to March 07)

Business Centre
Coordinator
Jared Wilson
(from April 07)

Development Officer
David Henretty

QUEENSLAND Business Centre

Business Centre
Administrator
Greg Palmer

Administration
Assistant
Krista Sadler

Business Centre
Bookkeeper
Karen Robinson

WESTERN AUSTRALIA Business Centre

Executive Officer
Louise Harrison
(to April 2007)

Course Coordinator
Tammie Tan
(to February 07)

Business Centre
Coordinator
Lorraine Campbell
(from May 07)

Course Administrator
Erin Vidovich
(from June 07)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA Business Centre

Business Centre Coordinator
Lynda Oliver

national council



CHAIRPERSON

Kirk Marks

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gordon Mallett (commenced June 2007)
Glen Canty (resigned May 2007)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Andrea Cullen

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bill Meaney

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Floss Roberts

QUEENSLAND

Col Purdy

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Rae Szualwa

TASMANIA

John Rigby

VICTORIA

Meredith King

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Iain MacWilliam

SWIMMING AUSTRALIA

Len Yeats

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING COACHES AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Ted Tullberg

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

Justin Scarr

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Peter Agnew

Life Members

John Gregson
Geoff Hayes - WA
John Kane
John Kilpatrick
Ken Richter
Bill Stewart
Gwen Welford - QLD
Len Willmer
Colin Purdy - QLD
Kirk Marks - VIC
Ted Tullberg - VIC
Brian Blanksby - WA

Fellows

Pam Barrie
Peter Conochie - WA
Pat Hallagan
Graeme Lange
Kirk Marks - VIC
Peter Meaney
Betty Parssey
Clive Patrickson
Phil Vanny
Helen Wheatley
John Rigby

Patron

His Excellency
Major General
Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Ret'd.)

marketing report

During the past twelve months AUSTSWIM has continued its efforts to be recognised by the aquatic industry as the National Peak Body for the teaching of Swimming and Water Safety via a consistent marketing and promotional strategy.

AUSTSWIM has unified its brand nationally introducing a style guide to assist in producing effective branding campaigns. In order to be recognised, regarded and trusted by the aquatic industry it is essential for AUSTSWIM to behave in a unified manner and be consistent in the way we present ourselves.

The AUSTSWIM Registered Swim School scheme, where swim schools agree to employ only AUSTSWIM qualified teachers has seen an increase of over 180 swim schools join this quality assurance campaign over the last year. A direct marketing campaign to be employed by the end of 2007 will see a push towards a target of 1,000 Registered Swim Schools achieved in the near future.

The Aqualife magazine has undergone some changes in the last year with the transformation of a hard copy magazine mailed out biannually to an e-magazine emailed out quarterly.

The conversion lessens environmental impact, saving in excess of 2 million sheets of paper per annum, plus is more cost effective with a saving of over \$50k in postage. It has enabled AUSTSWIM to send more up-to-date information on a more regular basis compared to the biannual magazine produced previously.

AUSTSWIM welcomed the decision by Huggies Little Swimmers® Swimpants to renew its partnership of the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatic course.

The relationship between AUSTSWIM and the number one choice for Australian babies when it comes to nappies is a perfect fit and we look forward to strengthening this relationship further in the future.

We are also delighted to be associated with Sportspeople.com, Australia's leading job board for the sport, fitness, aquatic and coaching sector. Sportspeople support AUSTSWIM by promoting courses, conferences and workshops via a listing on the Learning Directory webpage.

Media coverage throughout 2006/07 has been prominent with articles appearing in national and local newspapers, magazines and newsletters in addition to the Community Service Announcements (both print & T.V. mediums).

The T.V. Community Service Announcements continue to be a great promotional tool and have been broadcast by all of the commercial television stations and aired during some prime time programs.

AUSTSWIM will be looking to refresh the look and message of the campaign in early 2008 and would like to thank both Giaan Rooney and Geoff Huegill, who have been great ambassadors for AUSTSWIM over the last 5 years, for their support.



The two day International Aquatic Education Conference held at Firbank Grammar School, Melbourne proved to be a great success with an informative and interactive program featuring highly-respected speakers, 20 trade exhibitors and an opportunity to meet and network with more than 250 swimming teachers, swim school coordinators and owners from Australia and overseas.

Delegates were treated to a highly energetic and inspiring motivational keynote address from Seven-time World Swimming Champion Shelley Taylor-Smith, 25 informative presentations from national and international speakers and a day at the FINA World Swimming Championships to witness some of the world's greatest swimmers in action.

AUSTSWIM would once again like to thank presenters, delegates, staff and in particular the Firbank Grammar School for the use of their outstanding facilities and making this conference such a success. The 2008 National Aquatic Education Conference will be held at the picturesque St.Peter's College in Adelaide, South Australia on Saturday 12 July.

To complement the International Aquatic Education Conference members of the aquatic industry gathered at the Brighton Savoy for the AUSTSWIM National Awards Dinner on Saturday 24 March, 2007.

Mark Tonelli, 1980 Moscow Olympics Team Captain and Gold Medallist kicked off the night's proceedings as Master of

Ceremonies with the Honourable Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs of Victoria, James Merlino to help with the presentation of the awards.

In 2006/07 AUSTSWIM established a good foundation with which it can operate its marketing activities and we look forward to increasing the momentum in 2007/08.

Marco Bello
Marketing & Communications Manager

NT state report



Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory has delivered AUSTSWIM courses across the NT.

The strong partnership of AUSTSWIM and Royal Life in the Northern Territory provides opportunities for Territorians to have a career pathway in teaching swimming and water safety.

The teacher of swimming and water safety is a national qualification and AUSTSWIM and the Royal Life Saving Society NT are customising delivery of this course by using Marvin, an interactive training tool.

The following issues were identified regarding training local indigenous people in remote communities:

- Remoteness
- Drowning statistics of the indigenous population
- Cultural issues
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Lack of aquatic education

Marvin is a solution in the following areas:

- Interactive presentation
- Interactive personalities
- Easily customized to reflect target audience
- Ability to communicate in communities language

The following courses were held in 2006/2007

Name of Course	Location & Dates	Attendance
Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety	Darwin 23-24/9/06	20
	Gunbalunya 12-13/8/06	5
	Alice Springs 4-5/11/06	14
	Tennant Creek 4-5/11/06	19
	Katherine 18-19/11/06	10
	Darwin 3-4/3/07	17
Tiwi 12-19/3/07	4	
Total (37 Darwin, 52 Remote Communities)		89
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Infant and Preschool Aquatics	Darwin 17-18/3/07	12
Total		12
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Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes	Darwin 23-30/10/06	14
Total		14
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Professional Development Workshop	Darwin 23-30/10/06	28
Total		28

SA state report



AUSTSWIM South Australia Business Centre has experienced a successful yet busy year providing courses in Adelaide as well as coordinating and conducting courses in several regional centres. 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.

Meetings conducted

Three general meetings were conducted during the year plus the AGM.

Courses provided

AUSTSWIM South Australia Business Centre (along with course provider RLSSA) conducted:

- 27 (ASA; 17:RLSSA; 10) Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety courses, in both the city and regional areas.
- Three hundred and ninety five candidates (ASA; 304:RLSSA; 91) participated in these courses.
- Three of courses are 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.

Seven elective courses were conducted in SA in 2006 – 2007:

- 2 x AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics to People with a Disability - 20
- 2 x AUSTSWIM Towards Competitive Strokes - 10
- 3 x AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant Aquatics - 36

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

Re-registrations for the year totalled 220.

Highlights

AUSTSWIM South Australia Business Centre conducted 4 regional TWS courses and provided Professional Development opportunities for current instructors as well.

Regional centres visited were Cummins, Renmark and Strathalbyn.

The Port Lincoln course is run in conjunction with TAFE SA.

We are currently coordinating courses to be delivered in Port Lincoln, Mount Gambier, Ceduna, Whyalla and the Riverland. The Teacher of Aquatics to People with a Disability course was also delivered in Port Lincoln

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.

Conclusion

Our goal for the future is to increase awareness of AUSTSWIM in South Australia and continue to provide quality training programmes to city and regional candidates throughout the year. With the annual National AUSTSWIM conference being held in Adelaide in 2008 AUSTSWIM's profile in South Australia should rise.

NSW state report



2006 – 2007 has been a period of consolidation for AUSTSWIM within NSW. The continued relationship with Royal Life Saving NSW has ensured that AUSTSWIM courses are accessible to prospective teachers throughout the state. The combined business centres of AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving NSW have ensured effective planning and communication between the 2 parties.

The AUSTSWIM NSW Business Centre headed by Jared Wilson is a constant hive of activity and with the support of David Henretty and Karen Wise, customer service has never been better. Melissa Rickwood continues to work out of the Business Centre and shares her time between State and National based roles.

Business Centre Committee

Bill Meaney (Chair)
Independent Chair

Michael Ilinsky
Royal Life Saving NSW

Deborah Kanak
Dept. of Tourism, Sport & Rec

Ross Morrison
Department of Education & Training

Roz Hughes
Aquatic Recreation Institute
Craig Roberts
Surf Life Saving NSW

Ian Harkness
Swimming NSW

Melissa van Poppel
Independent member

Jenny Pickett
AUSTSWIM NSW

Kirk Marks
Independent member
Highlights

SplashOut! Metro Conference September 2006.

110 delegates attended the annual NSW conference at MLC School Aquatic Centre, Burwood. With a wide range of topics to choose from and Justin Norris conducting the closing address, the day was a great success and has paved the way for future NSW conferences.

Due to the great feedback received from delegates and presenters, AUSTSWIM NSW Business Centre has made the decision to run both a Metropolitan and a Regional Conference in 2007. The far north coast of NSW will be targeted in 2007.

NSW Water Safety Awards and AUSTSWIM NSW Awards of Excellence

Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre provided the backdrop for 300 members of the aquatic industry who gathered together to honour those who made such a significant contribution to water safety and aquatic education.

The combined NSW Water Safety Awards and AUSTSWIM NSW Awards of Excellence Dinner was a spectacular event with Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games Medallist Elka Graham as Master of Ceremonies.

AUSTSWIM Award Categories and winners were:

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety
Tim Paul - Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant & Preschool Aquatics
Tracey Ayton Cook and Phillip Park

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming to People with Disabilities
Nancy Russo - Department of Education Special Schools Unit

Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM

Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

Large Swim School Award

Fairfield City Leisure Centres

Small Swim School of the Year

The Fitness Edge Swim School

Presenter of the Year

Kathy Pilcher

Swim School Coordinator of the Year

Shirley Bernouth – Fairfield City Leisure Centres

Conclusion

2007 – 2008 offers exciting opportunities for NSW. Planning is well under way for our inaugural Regional Conference, the 2007 Metropolitan conference and many other state based initiatives. We would like to thank Department of Sport & Recreation for their continued support of AUSTSWIM.

QLD state report



Branch Committee:

Col Purdy
President

Greg Palmer
Vice President

Jan King
Secretary

Ken Chandler
Treasurer –(from Aug 06)

Wayne Lomas
Executive Member

Branch Members:

Col Purdy
QUT, Griffith Universities

Jan King
ASCTA Qld

Marcelle Renforth-Frederick
Southbank TAFE

Kim Kaszycki
Southbank TAFE (resigned)

Ken Chandler
Royal Life Saving Qld

Vacant
Surf Life Saving Qld

Wayne Lomas
Swimming Queensland

Greg Palmer
Education Qld

Meetings Conducted

Six general meetings; one AGM meeting and one executive meetings were conducted during the past twelve.

Courses Conducted

A total of 170 courses were held in July 06 to June 07 period, of these 111 were TSW, 47 were Infant Aquatics, 1 was People With Disabilities, 2 were Teacher of Adults and 9 were Toward Competitive Strokes. The total number of candidates was 1,539 for the above courses with 799 certificates being awarded till June 07.

Re-registrations for the year as at the 30th June 2007 was 353.

Even though numbers for enrolments were not as good as we liked we are up 114 candidates on last years figures. Full employment where pay in other sectors is greater is having an effect as there is a LTS teacher shortage statewide. However there has been an increase in the number of candidates completing and will be endeavouring to improve on course numbers for next year. Courses have been run along the entire east coast of Queensland; in remote areas of the North and West with the bulk been in the South East corner of the State.

Highlights

AUSTSWIM Queensland Business Centre held a one day workshop at Moreton College Brisbane on the 19th May 2007 with 190 attending the workshop. The standard of presentations was excellent and especially appreciated by attendees were the presentations involving swimmers in the pool with Janelle O'Neill. A special appearance by Geoff Huegill also was well received by all attendees.

An Adult Presenter update course was run at Chandler Aquatic Centre (6 Presenters

attended) run by Marcelle Renforth-Frederick and Louise Owen. This group which included new Presenters was made possible by the efforts of Melissa Rickwood.

There was a final one day update courses for existing Presenters (11 updated) held on the 18th May 2007. This now gives Queensland over 80 Presenters in the TSW and Infants area with a possible new Presenters course being run in 2008.

Conclusion

Queensland Branch has maintained a steady number of courses throughout the year will attempt to increase the number of candidates availing themselves of AUSTSWIM qualifications. My thanks to our Administrative team Greg Palmer; Karen Robinson and Krista Sadler who have looked after the organisation and administrative aspects of the Centre for the last year. Their dedication and continued efforts have enabled AUSTSWIM QLD Business Centre in maintaining the level of service to Queensland as has been achieved in past years. To the General and Executive members my appreciation for your continued service to the Business Centre.

WA state report



The 2006/2007 financial year was another outstanding one for AUSTSWIM WA. AUSTSWIM WA continued to deliver high quality courses within the state. 69 AUSTSWIM courses and professional development workshops were conducted for 910 Western Australians.

A major emphasis was placed on the continued transition from the branch model to One AUSTSWIM. Throughout Australia, all state and territory branches have ceded the administrative and management duties to the National 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.

Executive Committee

Iain MacWilliam
Chairman

Gary Shaw
Department of Education & Training

Noelene Usher
AUSTSWIM Teachers' Association

Council Members

Chris Lee
Royal Life Saving Society WA Branch

Samantha Shields
WA Swimming Association (Inc)

Damien Marangon
Surf Life Saving Association WA Branch

Gordon Shaw
Aust. Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association

Kay Cox
Life Member - AUSSI Masters Swimming (Inc) WA Branch

Meetings Conducted

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

Courses Conducted

A total of 69 courses including professional development workshops were held in July 06 – June 07 period. Of these, 53 were Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety, 5 Teacher of Infant Aquatics, 3 Teacher of People with Disabilities, 1 Teacher of Competitive Strokes and 7 Professional Development Workshops. The total number of candidates was 970 for the above courses. Re-registrations for the year were 369.

AUSTSWIM WA continued to service people throughout the state as 15 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Courses were held in regional and remote areas of Western Australia. 38 Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Courses were provided to the metropolitan area of Perth.

Highlights

AUSTSWIM WA continued to deliver high quality courses within the state, from Esperance to Port Hedland, showing that WA continues to abide by its charter to provide for all the people of WA, irrespective of distance.

King Neptune

The King Neptune Conference held in October 2006 was again an outstanding success. It saw an attendance of 59 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 report that in July 2007 the AUSTSWIM branch launched its new on site training room, which has been used for theory components of AUSTSWIM Courses and so far has been a success.

The AUSTSWIM branch would like to thank all staff at the national office especially Susan Sturt and Kate Newman for providing a tremendous amount of support and assistance to both Lorraine and Eiren as they settled into their roles with AUSTSWIM.

We would also like to thank all AUSTSWIM WA 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 for their assistance and guidance over the year.

ACT state report



ACT underwent staffing changes in the last year with the appointment of a new Executive Officer in Mr. Sean Hodges, and an AUSTSWIM Administration Assistant, Sas Stahl-Webb. Both came from extensive aquatic backgrounds and settled into our office environment well.

Despite staff turnover, new policies and procedures AUSTSWIM in the ACT was as busy as ever with 15 courses and 169 graduates in 2006/07. Course statistics are a great reflection of all the hard work and dedication that has been put in behind the scenes over the past year.

Special congratulations go out this year to the ACT AUSTSWIM Award Winners:

- » *Lisa Jones of the Australian Institute of Sport*
Teacher of the Year, Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics
- » *Jody Crawford of the Aqua Harmony Swim School*
Teacher of the Year, Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety
- » *Aqua Harmony Swim School*
A.C.T. Swim School of the Year

And for their significant contribution to the industry, Awards of Excellence were also given to:

- » Chantell Ganzerla – Lakeside Leisure Centre
- » Sam Beaumont – Australian Institute of Sport
- » Christine Munroe – Australian Institute of Sport
- » Zoe Hare – Australian Institute of Sport
- » Susan Pirie – Kaleen Sports Club
- » Yvonne Court – Kaleen Sports Club
- » Canberra International Sports & Aquatic Centre – Club Swim
- » Active Swim School – Erindale.

Despite the positive movements within the ACT swimming industry this year, AUSTSWIM encountered the tragedy of losing one of its most valued members. Melissa Van Popple was a great influence within AUSTSWIM, not only in the ACT, but also at a national level. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends and colleagues as we remember her incredible energy and commitment.

Muslim and Indigenous Aquatic Recreation Projects - ACT Royal Life Saving and AUSTSWIM with support from ACT Government has implemented a program to increase participation, employment and training opportunities for people from Muslim and Indigenous communities across the ACT.

Training and employment strategies and activities were designed to develop more sustainable links between targeted community groups and local Aquatic facilities. One of the key outcomes was to provide AUSTSWIM training to targeted community members which will lead into employment and the development of a sustainable learn to swim program for the Muslim and Indigenous communities.

Thank you to our State Advisory Committee for their continued support in 2006/07:

Sean Hodges
AUSTSWIM ACT

Cherry Bailey
AUSTSWIM ACT

Kevin Graham
AUSTSWIM ACT

Lyn McDermott
AIS Swim School – BRUCE

Judy McAllister
Lakeside Swim School – TUGGERANONG

Rhonda Turnbull
Education Department

Steve Young
Young's Swim School – CHISHOLM / KAMBAH

Marcell Lovelock
ACT Swimming

Jenni Brandon
Active Swim School – ERINDALE

John Priestly
Club Swim @ CISAC – BELCONNEN

TAS state report



The Royal Life Saving Society Australia; Tasmania Branch during the 2006 & 2007 financial years has experienced significant growth in various aspects of its operation.

The branch has seen a restructure in its strategic direction which has resulted in new staff, new projects and initiatives, and an inter office restructure of resources.

Safety Services

Tasmanian Branch has seen Jenny Mazengarb transition to take up the position of Safety Services Officer for RLSSA Tasmania. Jenny has been learning her new role over the past 6 months and has completed a variety of initiatives such as inland water way and pool audits and reporting, risk management assessments and the presentation of such to local government and insurance and risk management agencies. Safety Services will be one of the Tasmania Branches key growth areas moving forward.

Programs

The branch has seen Anne Burrows take up the role of program co-ordinator in the Tasmania Branch. With Anne driving the co-ordination of all our programs and courses and indeed training and instructing in some herself, we have seen a boost in numbers across most programs, particularly within the first aid sector. We have also seen the quality of our course improve along with customer satisfaction.

This has been substantiated with the pleasing feedback we receive from our clients on completion of our courses.

AUSTSWIM

Anne Burrows also holds the leading role in providing the day to day co-ordination and the overseeing of all AUSTSWIM courses conducted throughout Tasmania.

The development of AUSTSWIM profile in Tasmania is still very juvenile and with the Royal Life Saving Society Australia – Tasmania Branch and AUSTSWIM combining forces and strategic directions moving forward, we aim to grow the AUSTSWIM profile and participation rates throughout Tasmania. Royal Life Saving Tasmania also aim to, in conjunction with AUSTSWIM continue the development and education of our AUSTSWIM trainers and staff and attempt to further implement opportunities for professional development.

Highlights

The branch welcomes Jamie McIntyre to the position of special projects officer. Jamie has spent the majority of his time over the past 6 months since his return managing the Aquasalus project.

Tasmania Branch are working closely with the National Office to pilot this fantastic initiative that will see older Tasmanians benefit in health & well being by participating in water orientation programs and aquatic gentle exercise programs to name just a couple. The project goes a long way to improving the health & fitness of our ever aging local population.

Special Signage Project

Royal Life Saving Tasmania presented a unique initiative to the Tasmanian Water Safety Council in June this year. On behalf of the Water Safety Council, the initiative will see the RLSSA Tasmania branch place resuscitation signage at selected major inland water way boat ramps. The signage will include branding from RLSSA & Tasmania Water Safety Council

Tasmania 2006-2007 Course Statistics

From 20/01/2007 – 22/9/2007
TSW: 8 Courses; 143 Candidates;
19 completed with 10 withdrawals

INF: 31 Candidates, 7 completed so far PWD: 7 Candidates.

Conclusion

Royal Life Saving Australia – Tasmania Branch are continuing to work closely with AUSTSWIM in a bid to strategically increase funding and opportunities for growth and development of AUSTSWIM in Tasmania.

Strategically, we will be working on improving AUSTSWIM marketing, professional development availability, awareness and swim school endorsement.

VIC state report



The State Advisory Committee has been meeting at regular intervals over the year with representation from a range of organisations.

Chair:

Ted Tullberg

ASCTA Victoria

Members:

Andrew Lapthorne

Swimming Victoria

Andrew Whittaker

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria

Meredith King

Victorian Council of Y.M.C.A's

Warren Curnow

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria

Brooke Irvine

Life Saving Victoria

Debbie Gill

Course Provider (Geelong)

Kellie McMillan

Swimming Victoria

Courses Conducted

Course	No. of Course	No. of Candidates
TSW	111	2185
INF	21	279
TCS	7	97
PWD	5	56
Re registration		1085

- A much needed Presenter of Infant & Preschool Aquatics course was held in November 2006. 11 presenters completed the course providing a much needed boost to this area. A Presenter of Adults course is scheduled for August this year.
- The industry through its aquatic education programs has been a big supporter of the annual Water Safety Week in November. Facilities, private swim schools and water safety agencies use Water Safety Week to focus on water safety as a lead into summer. This support from aquatic education agencies and their programs has been very important in raising awareness of safety issues around water.
- Warren Curnow (Manager Professional Development ARV) moved on to work in the national AUSTSWIM office. Warren has been involved in planning and developing AUSTSWIM courses for a number of years and it was pleasing to see that he was staying within the national AUSTSWIM network.
- Congratulations are extended to Victorians Carolyn May (Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatics) and Yvonne Schermacher (Teacher of People with a Disability) who received National AUSTSWIM Awards at the Annual AUSTSWIM Awards Dinner on 24 March 2007.
- At a state level AUSTSWIM provided recognition to teachers through their sponsorship of three awards at the popular Aquatics and Recreation Industry Awards held on 1 June 2007 at Lincoln of Toorak. The awards receive extensive industry coverage and the state recipients are then nominated for the national awards later in the year. Congratulations to:

Louise Taylor	General TSW
Rebecca Wade	Infant Aquatics
Shirley-Anne Milgate	People with a Disability
- AquaSummit and ASCTA Victoria conferences again provided the major source of professional development for the industry. The AUSTSWIM International Aquatic Education Conference was held in Melbourne on the 24th & 25th March, in conjunction with the FINA World Championships, providing another opportunity for Victorians to gain professional development.

royal life saving

EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER



Royal Life Saving
THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

Royal Life Saving has been working harder than ever to provide Australians with the opportunity to learn and develop fundamental lifesaving skills through the initiative “Everyone can be a Lifesaver”. With this belief that anyone, no matter where they live, who they are and what they do, Royal Life Saving is striving to engage communities across Australia to participate in water safety education and training programs with the aim to reduce the drowning death statistics.

The 2006 National Drowning Report released in November 2006 indicated that 265 drowned in water related incidents. This figure is an increase by 6 drowning deaths on last years figure but represents an 8% decrease on the five year average.

Inland waterways such as rivers and lakes continue to be a concern as these locations are consistently the most common for drowning incidents to occur. Tragically 37 young children 0-4 years drowned with swimming pools and bathtubs common locations. These figures challenge Royal Life Saving to continue striving towards a Zero Drowning statistic.

The 2006-07 year has been a successful one for Royal Life Saving and it is impossible to highlight all the achievements. Some key areas of success in the past year include;

Developing educational resources to support the Swim and Survive and the Bronze Medallion programs that place our instructors in a strong position. Instructor guides and DVD's aim to

increase program delivery in schools and pools across Australia. Expanding our work in community development with projects such as the Nauiyu Aquatic Recreation Project in remote Northern Territory and the Muslim Aquatic Recreation Projects in New South Wales and Victoria. This area will continue to provide many opportunities to link lifesaving to community health, social and economic benefits.

Our work in the area of research included investigating the needs of Rural and Remote Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety. The results of this survey identified a number of issues that both Royal Life Saving and AUSTSWIM can work towards addressing and resolving.

Investing in our relationships with the aquatics industry through the facilitation of workshops, research, conference participation and actively pursuing dialogue with stakeholders. This continues to be critical in the development of quality products and services.

The sport of pool lifesaving continues to grow through activities targeting junior, state and national competitors. Our work supporting volunteer officials, coaches and team managers is further strengthening pool lifesaving sport.

This momentum will continue to gather speed over the following year with many targeted projects planned to encourage Australians to build their water safety knowledge and skills.

Over the next year I look forward to working together with other agencies of the Australian Water Safety Council continuing the collective effort in water safety education. On behalf of Royal Life Saving I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the AUSTSWIM team.

Justin Scarr

Royal Life Saving Society Australia

surf life saving



The 2006-2007 period, covering the first half of the 'Year of the Surf Lifesaver' (YSL), has been a highly successful one for Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) and the entire surf lifesaving movement.

We successfully leveraged the first six months of the YSL and received unprecedented levels of support for the movement, including the production and broadcast of 'Surf Patrol' a high-rating observational documentary.

Even though the 2006-07 season was one of celebration, SLSA's goal for the past 100 years – reduced coastal drowning – remained the main focus. A number of positive steps were achieved during the season, particularly in relation to greater use of technology, key funding for lifesaving service provision, enhancements to training and education, and international recognition.

One highlight for the period specifically worth mentioning is the adoption of 'Saving Lives in the Water', our strategic management plan which sets the direction for the organisation for the next three years and beyond. This plan focuses on developing the capacity for the whole organisation and its people to ensure we have the capability to deliver quality frontline services to meet growing needs of beach visitors and our members.

2007-08 will see SLSA begin our second century of service to the Australian community. We will be working hard at building one team, aligning our national and state plans and priorities. At the heart of our new strategic management plan is our goal to dramatically reduce the number of coastal drowning deaths, which stubbornly remains at more than 60 each year, despite the consistent expansion of our services and capabilities. A key to this will be to use our people, appliances and technology to target coastal drowning 'black spots'.

We aim to accelerate our information communications technology (ICT) business transformation programs to ensure we are operating 'efficiently and effectively on and off the beach. The enhancement of core data collection and analysis will be another priority and will ensure evidence-based decision making at a national level.

Financial discipline will be maintained as we continue to build sustainability through the diversification of our revenue sources. To this end, we will sharpen our government stakeholder engagement programs, an important part of our strategy to deliver our peak body responsibilities.

swimming australia



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 'Australian Unity 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 the 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 bag, 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 2006/07.

In 2007 Australian Unity came onboard as presenting sponsor of the GO CLUB program. The Australian Unity GO CLUB modules and presenter slides have been developed in conjunction with ASCTA and the state swimming associations for the delivery of the key educational material and services to swimming clubs. In addition to the theory component of the courses, participants are provided with action tools and examples to assist their clubs in implementing best practice.

Australian Unity GO CLUB PB is a club measuring tool for swimming clubs to review their operations and compare annually to the standard of other clubs. Each club completing the workbook receives their results that show their score, the state average and the national average for each question in the workbook. A record 393

swimming clubs completed the workbook in 2007 and have been rewarded based on their score. An outstanding 20 swimming clubs attained the gold standard scoring more than 90% on their club operations and activities.

Telstra assistant fund in conjunction with the Swimming Foundation have provided \$250,000 in equipment grants to clubs. This program which in its third year will see 113 swimming clubs receive essential equipment such as laptop computers, kickboards and shade marquees to compliment their programs and operations.

Swimming Australia has adopted a new Member Welfare Policy (MWP) and Child Welfare Policy (CWP) as of July 2007. These two policies replace the member protection policy implemented in October 2002. The Member and Child Welfare Policies are an essential part of Swimming Australia's proactive and preventative approach to tackling inappropriate behaviour and assist in ensuring that every person involved in our sport is treated with respect and dignity, is safe, and protected from abuse. In addition Swimming Australia is also providing a free online course to assist in educating all swimming personnel. The purpose of this course and the new Member Welfare Policy is to define acceptable behaviour, and what we can all do if unacceptable behaviour does occur.

Swimming Australia has continued to work with ASCTA and the State Swimming Associations to further develop the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme to better service coaches at all levels and disciplines. In 2007 over 1000 coaches completed accreditation from just under 100 courses. This year 49 candidates attended the Swimmer with Disability (SWD) specialist coaching courses conducted in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Swimming Australia's Green Licence Coaching Courses, which incorporates

"Towards Competitive Strokes", has continued to be popular with over 600 participants 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 introduced the National Officiating program in May 2007. The national scheme replaces state based accreditation and promotes a professional approach to the identification, training, and ongoing development of technical officials for all levels of swimming.

The Australian Junior Excellence Program (JX), a new national program was introduced in 2007. JX recognises rewards and encourages junior swimmers who, through their development of aquatic skills and fitness, achieve a high standard of swimming excellence.

Under the Program, swimming club members aged from 9 to 13 years who accomplish times set by Swimming Australia qualify at Gold, Silver, Bronze or Green standard, depending on their best performance/s during the season.

For doing so, qualifiers receive special recognition by way of: swimming caps, t-shirts, certificates and posters. JX swimmers are also eligible to be involved in special forums and swim clinics.

For more information on these and other great Swimming Australia programs and services please visit: www.swimming.org.au

course statistics



Western Australia

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	70	886
INF	4	60
PWD	3	23
TCS	2	18
Adult	0	0
Re-Registration		369

Queensland

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	95	1022
INF	26	195
PWD	1	8
TCS	5	26
Adults	2	8
Re-Registration		353

New South Wales

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	135	2062
INF	31	327
PWD	13	147
TCS	24	106
Adults	4	39
Re-Registration		698

South Australia

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	38	623
INF	7	88
PWD	1	9
TCS	3	21
Adults		
Re-Registration		190

ACT

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	12	137
INF	1	9
PWD	2	17
TCS	0	0
Adult	0	0
Re-Registration		19

Tasmania

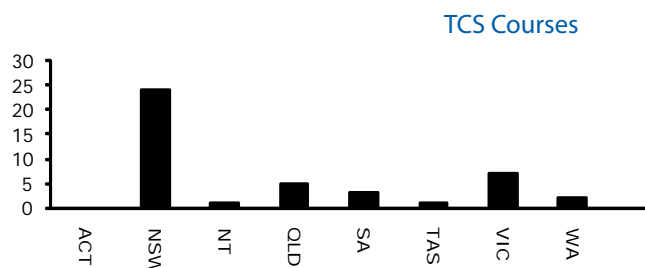
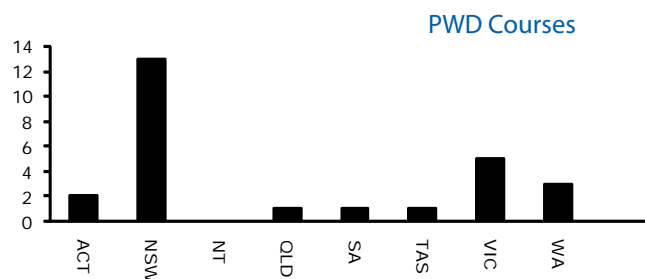
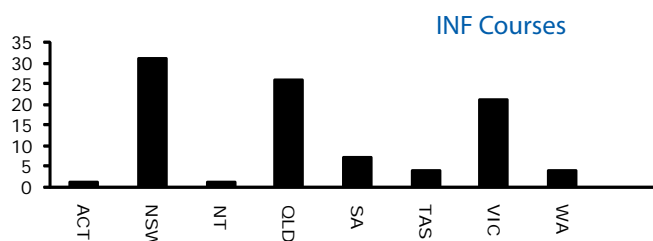
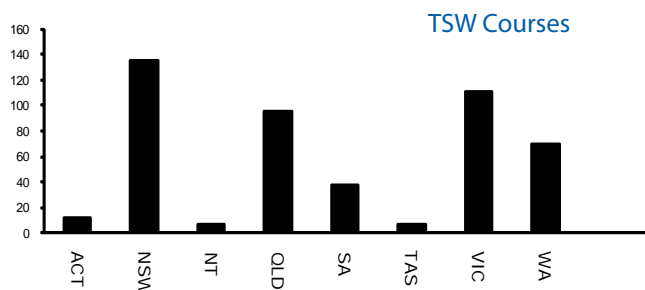
	Courses	Candidates
TSW	7	113
INF	4	47
PWD	1	7
TCS	1	25
Adult	0	0
Re-Registration		63

Northern Territory

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	7	84
INF	1	12
PWD	0	0
TCS	1	13
Adults		
Re-Registration		26

Victoria

	Courses	Candidates
TSW	111	2185
INF	21	279
PWD	5	56
TCS	7	97
Adults	1	50
Re-Registration		1085



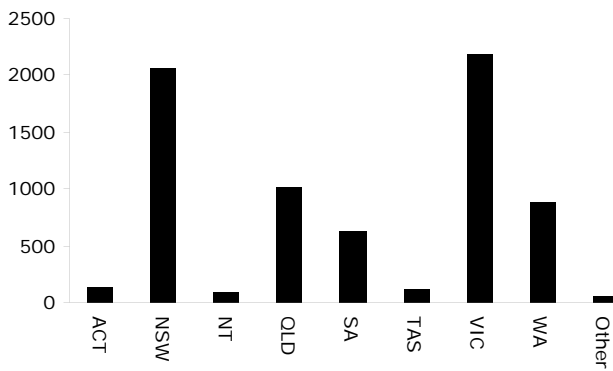
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course statistics

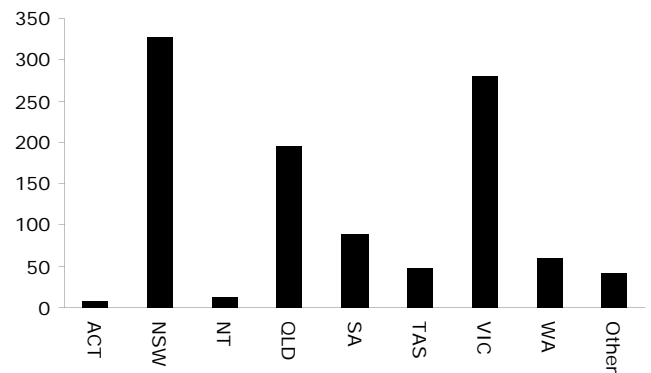


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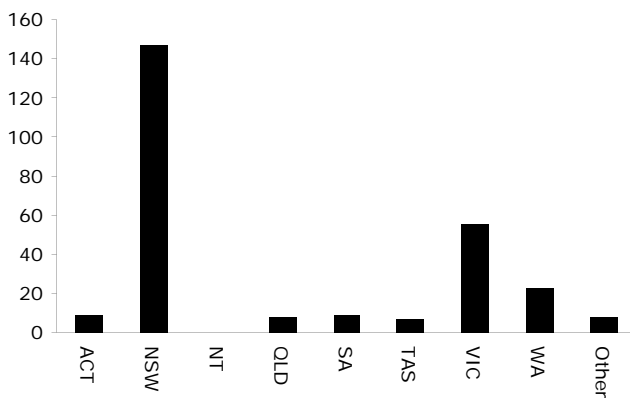
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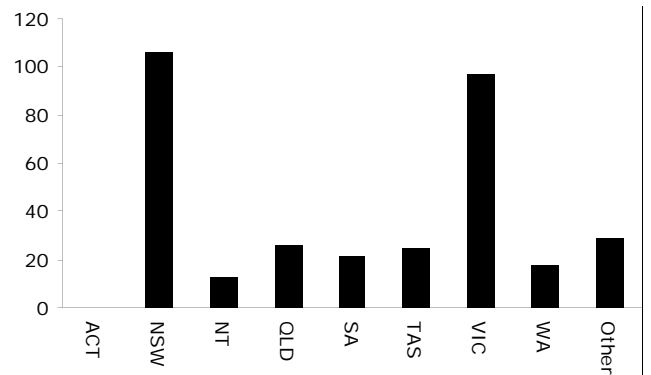
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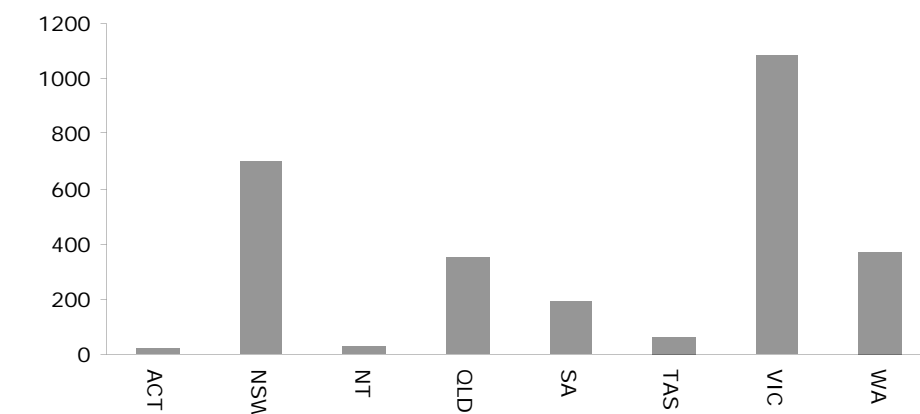
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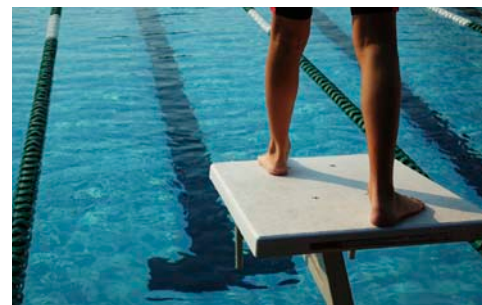
TCS Candidates



number of teachers to re-register during 2006/07



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