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## WA AUSTSWIM State Learn to Swim and Water Safety Education Awards

The 2011 WA AUSTSWIM King Neptune Aquatic Conference at Chisholm Catholic College, on Saturday 15th of October, provided the perfect opportunity to recognise individuals and organisations that have made a significant contribution to swimming and water safety and education in WA.

Congratulations to all those nominated for awards, your hard work helps to ensure that the highest level of teaching is conducted. Unfortunately, there could be only one winner and a special congratulations goes out to the following WA AUSTSWIM State Award Recipients.

**Category: AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ Award**  
**Recipient: Sandra Rawlings**

Sandra is a dedicated swimming teacher and leader with experience spanning 25 years in the aquatic industry. She is an excellent communicator with staff, trainees and students. Her professionalism, attention to detail and preparation of classes leaves newer teachers in awe of her organisation. Sandra develops a rapport with her students that allows them to confidently and capably progress through swimming levels. Sandra incorporates safety into every facet of her teaching, whether she's in her role as a Presenter, teacher or Centre Supervisor. Congratulations on your award Sandra!

**Category: AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics™ Award**  
**Recipient: Jean-Ann David**

Jean-Ann David is a cut above the rest. Children and parents alike, gravitate to Jean-Ann, be it because of her happy disposition, her goal setting, or her extensive repertoire of games and sequential activities. Jean-Ann jumps at every opportunity for professional development has extended her expertise to teaching parent/carer and infant classes for the Deaf Society. What a fabulous role model Jean-Ann. Congratulations!

**Category: Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM Award**  
**Recipient: Peter Conochie**

**Category: AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre**  
**Recipient: Altone Park Leisure Centre**

Altone Park Leisure Centre is dedicated to developing the very best skilled swim teachers, lifeguards and supervisors. They have a network of staff rich in knowledge of water safety and expertise in their respective areas. Knowledge gained through a combination of in-services and subsidising courses for staff, both ensure that staff are up-skilled every step of the way and have the latest teaching strategies at hand. Altone Park is community minded too, providing programs and events throughout the year for local community and lessons for the Deaf Society. Altone Park continue to add to their list of achievements and publications through their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all staff at Altone Park on your award.

To nominate a teacher or swim centre you know and believe to be worthy of an AUSTSWIM award please visit [www.austswim.com.au](http://www.austswim.com.au)

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