

# AQUATIC RECREATION WA

**LIWA**  
LEISURE INSTITUTE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**AQUATICS**

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## SPRING EDITION



**Featuring the WA ARI AWARDS and The Annual  
State Conference and Trade Show 2022**



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# AQUATIC

## RECREATION WA

### Our Purpose

To support the aquatic recreation industry.

### Our Vision

To advocate for the betterment of the aquatic recreation industry and to promote more and diverse innovative opportunities for professional development.

### LIWA Aquatics Membership:

If you are working in the Aquatic Recreation Industry in Western Australia, you must be accredited by LIWA Aquatics to ensure your compliance to the Western Australian Health Department Code of Practice.

Membership Benefits include:

- Reduced fees at Professional Development Sessions
- Industry Accreditation
- Aquatic Recreation WA eNewsletter
- Member only access areas on Website
- Industry Representation & Advocacy

Further benefits can be found at the LIWA Aquatics Website [www.liwaaquatics.org.au](http://www.liwaaquatics.org.au)

### LIWA Aquatics would like to thank the following industry partners/supporters

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Royal Life Saving Society WA
- Water Corporation

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# Annual State Conference & Trade Show 2022



330 delegates from all over Western Australia gathered at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on the 1st and 2nd of August to learn, explore and networking with industry colleagues and Trade Exhibitors for the 52nd Annual State Conference 2022.

The event was officially opened by Erin Gauntlett, Deputy Director General, from the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Insights as well as a Welcome to Country performed by Dennis Simmons CEO of Maar Koodjal Aboriginal Corporation.

Day 1 the commenced with a phenomenal Keynote Speaker, DR Craig Challen, one of the cave divers that took part in rescuing the boys soccer team and their coach from a cave in Thailand in 2018. An incredible story with such an amazing outcome. It was a great way to kick off our two day conference.



With the theme of the conference being change it was not only the venue that was changed this year. We embarked on our first three stream conference.

This year we introduced a Swim School/ Swim Teacher stream and it was very popular and well received. We hope to further develop this over the coming years with the aim to be able to deliver a conference to all aspects of the Aquatic Industry. We had sessions from People Sense, Active Xchange, Royal Life Saving Australia and WA as well as Emma and Laurie Lawrence. It was a great balance of topics and a plethora of information for everyone to take away.

Another change to the conference saw the introduction of the lunchtime trade talks held on the Trade Presentation stage allowing a handful of trader's chat to the delegates about their businesses.



# Annual State Conference & Trade Exhibition 2022



Day 2 saw the conference begin with an ice-breaker activity to get the group working together and thinking. We then had the pleasure of listening to Keynote Speaker Christina Matthews CEO of the WACA.

The second day was another packed line up with a variety of presentations from the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Otium Planning Group, Synchro WA, People Sense, AquaBalance, Emma and Laurie Lawrence presenting again as well as Royal Life Saving WA and Royal Life Saving Australia. There were also some Swim Teacher and Swim School Sessions about recognising emerging leaders and also on staff retention which would be valuable for many industries.

The Trade Show saw 29 companies exhibit this year. The Trade Exhibitors where able to network and do business with the delegates at each break throughout the event. Putting faces to names, answering questions, providing advice and creating new contacts in the industry. We thank all the trade exhibitors for their continued support.



The day finished with a fantastic keynote presentation from Laurie Lawrence and his passion and drive and what it takes to become a champion.

Certainly, there was something for everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.





# Monday Night Sundowner Social 2022

This year's social function was a lovely Sundowner event, kindly sponsored by **Jonas Leisure**, overlooking Elizabeth Quay in at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The evening was complimented by the tunes of an acoustic duo Then Again. With many laughs and a great chance for everyone to catch up it was a fun evening. We were fortunate to have Rinto available again to take photos and capture the event.

Full event photos can be viewed here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mcRWmZTTvA2vN1Sc9>



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# WA ARI Awards 2022



## INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARDS

Aquatic facilities and their staff were recognised for their commitment to improving health, safety and community outcomes at the WA Aquatic Recreation Industry Awards at the Rendezvous Hotel on the 30th of June.

Hosted by the Leisure Institute of WA Aquatics with the support of Royal Life Saving WA, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Water Corporation and Xplor Recreation, the event recognised the extraordinary commitments of these individuals and organisations.

The following awards were presented to the following individuals that have been involved in the aquatics industry for many years.

### 10 Year Service Award

- Jayden Bennell
- Sharon Brown
- Scott Chilcott
- Willem De Klerk
- Shaun Franich
- Maddie Hart
- David Hulcup
- Shelby Hyde
- Chris Ingram
- Judith Jefferys
- Susan Kerse
- Scott Mahar
- Anna Shepherd
- Emma Smith
- Billy Vibart
- Kendall Walter
- Krisna Wardana

### 20 Year Service Award

- David Cann
- Richard Coates
- Bronwyn Cooke
- Brad DePiazzi
- David Emery
- Jarrad Mohr
- Letisha Marshall
- Mathew Mildwaters
- Bruce Peardon
- Mark Sinfield
- Stewart Winfield
- Steve Good
- Andrew Price

### 30 Year Service Award

- John East
- Douglas Macaulay
- Wayne Martin
- Dot Snow





## 2022 WA ARI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Below is the list of the award recipients from this year's event.

### ORGANISATIONS AWARDS

- Waterwise Platinum Recognition – Bayswater Waves (City of Bayswater)
- Newly Endorsed Waterwise Aquatic Centres – Northam Aquatic Facility (Shire of Northam), HBF Arena & HBF Stadium (VenuesWest)
- Marketing & Communications Award – Swan Active (City of Swan)
- Sustainability Award – (City of Armadale)
- Aquatic Facility Safety Award – Wanneroo Aquamotion (City of Wanneroo)
- Regional Watch Around Water Facility of the Year Award – Bay of Isles Leisure Centre (Shire of Esperance)
- Metropolitan Watch Around Water Facility of the Year Award – Armadale Fitness & Aquatic Centre (City of Armadale)
- Community Impact Award – Leisurepark Balga (City of Stirling)



### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Industry Contribution Award – Edward Mordarski
- Pool Lifeguard of the Year Award – Natalie Chua (Cockburn ARC)
- Sole Operator of the Year Award – Steve Girschik (Warburton)
- Aquatic Supervisor of the Year Award – Jonathan Shapcott (Armadale Fitness & Aquatic Centre)
- Emerging Leader of the Year Award – Wilem De Klerk (Kwinana Requatic)

The final award presented on the day was the inaugural Smith Roberston Award that went to Peter Leaversuch CEO of Royal Life Saving Society WA for his ongoing contributions promoting safety in aquatic facilities and his fierce advocacy for regional WA. The prestigious award was named in honour of LIWA Aquatics' two founding members, Fred Smith and John Robertson, who established the organisation in 1969.



# Member in Focus

Peter Leaversuch, CEO of Royal Life Saving Society WA is our Member in focus and recent recipient of the inaugural Smith Robertson Award at the WA Aquatic Recreation Industry Awards. Peter has been a LIWA Aquatics Member for over 25 years and has previously been awarded with Life Membership for his contribution to not only LIWA Aquatics but the wider aquatic industry.

Recognising the importance of establishing a leading voice for the aquatic industry, Peter has spent much of his career strengthening the relationship between Royal Life Saving and the Leisure Institute of WA Aquatics.

Many years ago, before the advent of Competency Based Training Peter realised that the industry needed a strong peak body to validate training and to ensure that industry members were at the forefront of that training delivery. This was also the driving force for many industry members to be upskilled to align their qualifications with the Department of Training requirements. This ensured that our industry partner Royal Life Saving and LIWA Aquatics led the way nationally in Competency Based Training and from a very early stage this saw standards rise in facilities across WA.

Peter has been tireless in advocating for safety in aquatic facilities with the Bigger Better Safer annual report and has been an advocate for Watch Around Water program. The annual LIWA Aquatics Pool Lifeguard Challenge is also something he loves to assist with and would not be the great success it continues to be without his involvement each year.

We look forward to seeing the future impact that Peter will have on the aquatics industry in the years to come. Thank you, Peter, for your dedication to aquatic safety and drowning prevention.



## LIWA Membership

Did your LIWA membership expire on **31st August 2022?**

Many of our LIWA Memberships expire at the end of August and it is important to keep it up to date because fee renewals are linked to your Accreditation.

Log into your account to check and/or renew your membership and update your contact details if they have changed and remember to put down your employer billing details if LIWA is billing your employer.

A separate invoice will then be sent to them for payment.

If YOU are paying, then please pay within 7 days of renewing your membership. either via Bank Deposit or by Credit Card (Paypal - no paypal account required)

*Please get in contact with LIWA if you require a payment plan to be setup.*

Log into your account here [www.liwaaquatics.org.au/login](http://www.liwaaquatics.org.au/login)



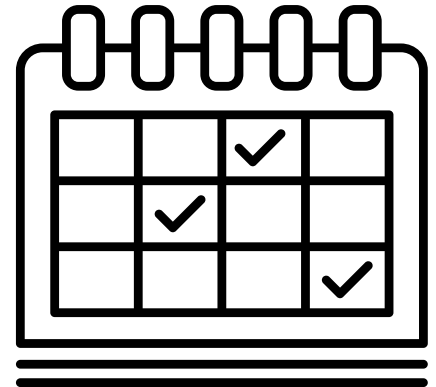


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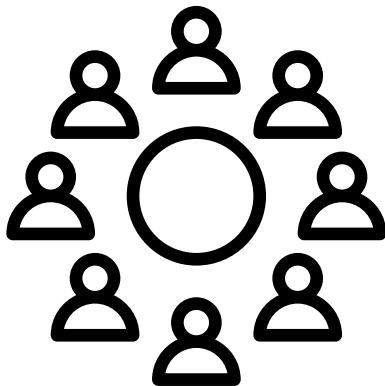
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**Regional WA Aquatic  
Recreation Seminar (Albany)**

- 11th October 2022
- Register online at LIWA  
Aquatics Website (Events)



<https://www.liwaaquatics.org.au/events/152543/>



**OCTOBER 2022**

**Regional WA Aquatic  
Recreation Seminar (Kulin)**

- 27th October 2022
- Register online at LIWA  
Aquatics Website (Events)

<https://www.liwaaquatics.org.au/events/152532/>

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