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Maintaining the Aquatic Recreation Network

July 2020

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LIWA Aquatics Vision

To support the Western Australian Aquatic Recreation industry by providing advocacy, accreditation and regular professional development opportunities that promote workplace safety, leadership and sustainability.

LIWA Aquatics Membership:

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

Benefits include:

- Reduced fees at Professional Development Sessions
- Industry Accreditation
- Aquatic Recreation WA eNewsletter
- LIWA Aquatics Website member access
- Industry Representation

Further benefits can be found at the LIWA Aquatics Website 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
- Aquatic and Recreation Institute NSW (ARI)
- Recreation South Australia (RecSA)
- Aquatic Recreation Victoria (ARV)
- Life Saving Victoria (LSV)
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2020

What a year!

To say that this year has been eventful is an understatement and we are only half way through it.

Firstly I must congratulate everyone in the industry, your efforts over these past few months have gone above and beyond during these tough times and we applaud your efforts. WA as a whole has pulled together and we are benefiting from that now with further restrictions being lifted and our facilities getting back to near "new normal".

It's great to see facilities welcoming patrons back through the door and a sense of community is starting to slowly thrive again.

What has LIWA been up to? Whilst WA and the nation had to shut up shop, LIWA had to make some hard decisions on its plans for 2020. With everything in lock down, we were forced to cancel the North West Seminar in Broome and with uncertainties at the time of how long this would last the Annual State Conference was also forced to be rescheduled to 2021.

The loss of jobs to most of our industry staff and the lack of income support from Federal Government through JobKeeper and JobSeeker, LIWA together with each state peak body advocated at both the Commonwealth and State Level to seek a stimulus package and to change the eligibility of JobKeeper to capture our industries workforce being mainly local government. Unfortunately due the magnitude of the pandemic there was always going to be casualties and our Local Government Recreation facilities was one of them.

It was great to see some Local Governments quickly adapt and were able to use their staff in other areas but unfortunately not all Local Governments were able to apply a similar model. With the Local Governments under a state of emergency, they fell under National directives which limited some Local Governments ability to keep staff on by obtaining JobKeeper.

LIWA with RLSS also worked on providing the industry with an [aquatic facility reactivation checklist](#) to ensure your facility complied with safety plan protocols to re-open your facility during restricted openings.

Whilst 2020 has been a terrible year for most, there has been some Silver Linings to the industry, from facilities moving forward with maintenance works to RLSS & LIWA turning to more online Professional Development which will only further assist our regional members.

[Zoom around the pools](#) has allowed the industry to jump online and maintain the network by chatting once a fortnight about current industry topics. Check it out, it will be great to see you online.

[LIWA Webinars](#) which will replace the PD of our State Conference will start on the 17th July each fortnight with a range of presentations from around the industry.. LIWA has decided to keep these free to industry for the rest of 2020. See more information about these on the next page.

With WA being in a great position by further lifting restrictions to a manageable level, LIWA has revisited the Regional WA Aquatic Recreation Seminar held in October. We are pleased to announce that we have received enough support from industry to make this viable to run. The event will be held in the New Northam Aquatic Facility on 7th October. [See events page on the LIWA website to register.](#)

To keep up to date with everything that is happening with LIWA, make sure you follow us on Facebook and Twitter and regularly jump on the LIWA Website for updates.

Steve Good - LIWA Aquatics Executive Officer



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Online PD & Webinars



Like many organisations LIWA Aquatics have had to change the way we work and communicate with each other. In order to Maintain the Network in this current climate, LIWA has been hosting regular online Zoom meetings which is open to the aquatic recreation industry.

The meetings have been beneficial through the COVID-19 shutdown and restrictions period, in that it has allowed members and other individuals from the aquatic recreation industry to come together to discuss updates and current topics, raise and answer questions about what is happening and what others are doing and maintaining the network across WA.

Zoom around the pools is currently running 45min online chat sessions each fortnight on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am. We welcome anyone from the aquatic recreation network to join us.

Register your details on the LIWA Aquatics Website here www.liwaaquatics.org.au/events/ or click on the register button below.



Due to COVID-19, LIWA Aquatics has unfortunately had to cancel several professional development sessions including the Annual State Conference which is our major event of the year.

In light of this, LIWA Aquatics will be hosting ongoing Webinar sessions for its members FREE OF CHARGE which will be advertised on the LIWA Aquatics website once the schedule has been finalised.

[Click here for LIWA Events.](#)

Whilst we are unable to host a face to face conference we will be engaging with many industry professionals, trade exhibitors and other presenters to deliver a suite of Professional Development Webinars to aid in the continuing learning and development of our industry.

As we navigate through this new form of learning and professional development engagement we hope you are able to join us as we cover new grounds for LIWA Aquatics.

The Annual State Conference has now been rescheduled to 16th - 17th August 2021 at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle.



LIWA MEMBERSHIP & ACCREDITATION



MEMBERSHIPS

As you may have noticed LIWA Aquatics had extended all memberships that expired in the period of March to August 2020 due to COVID-19. These memberships were extended through to the 31st August 2020. Membership fees will not increase in 2020/21 and are still \$120pa +gst.

After a survey was issued to our members regarding the Aquatic Recreation Australia Printed Journal, majority of our members preferred that the Aquatic Recreation Journal would be better received as an e-Newsletter rather than in hard print production.

This Aquatic Recreation WA e-Newsletter which will now be issued monthly to industry together with the option to receive the Australasian Leisure Management (ALM) Magazine will form part of the benefits of being a LIWA Aquatics member.

We are working with the ALM to supply WA content to increase Aquatic Recreation news for the magazine which is also distributed nationally. As a member of LIWA you have been automatically subscribed to this e-Newsletter and the ALM magazine free of charge, but you have the option to opt out if you do not wish to receive it.



ACCREDITATION

Since 2008 LIWA Aquatics has been issuing accreditations on behalf of the Department of Health WA. As stated in the Code of Practice for the design, construction, operation, management & maintenance of aquatic facilities.

"Currency of practice will be demonstrated by maintaining accreditation with the Leisure Institute of Western Australia (Aquatics) or an approved equivalent."

To date LIWA Aquatics has issued over 1100 Accreditations to industry with approx 500 still active.

A few Q&A's in relation to Accreditation;

Q: Why do I need to be accredited?

A: The accreditation process will ensure that only qualified, well trained industry personnel are responsible for the operation, supervision and delivery of emergency care in a Group One Aquatic Facility.

Q: How do I stay accredited?

A: By undertaking a minimum of two (2) valid professional development sessions/courses over the three (3) year period of accreditation and by maintaining your pool lifeguard and first aid qualifications.

Q: What is considered valid PD?

A: Valid PD is courses, conferences or seminars that provide skills and knowledge to your role as an **Aquatic (Technical Operator)**. It does not include programs such as Bronze Medallion, Swim Instructor or Sports coaching. For more information about Valid PD go to the [LIWA Website](#) or contact us via email or phone.



TRAINING SCHEDULE - JULY 2020



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
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Pool Lifeguard Requalification

- 3rd July - Bayswater Waves
- 3rd July - Cockburn ARC
- 5th July - Fremantle Leisure Centre
- 11th July - Claremont Aquatic Centre
- 13th July - Geographe Leisure Centre (Bussetton)
- 19th July - Albany Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- 19th July - Bayswater Waves
- 20th July - Albany Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- 25th July - Riverton Leisureplex
- 27th July - Bayswater Waves
- 31st July - Mandurah Aquatic & Recreation Centre
- 1st Aug - Claremont Aquatic Centre

Provide First Aid

- Royal Life Saving - July 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, 29
- Bayswater Waves - July 2, 14
- Cannington Leisureplex - July 8, 30
- CWH Hall Geraldton - July 18, & 1 Aug

Pool Operations Course

- 6 - 10 July - RLSS Mt Claremont
- 14 - 18 Sept - RLSS Mt Claremont

To view further courses or to register go to
Royal Life Saving Society WA

<https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/c-25>

or contact training department

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- John Robertson
- 1992 - Peter Byrne
- 1995 - Mick Doyle
- 1998 - Tony Head
- 2003 - Jeff Fondacaro
- 2004 - Colin Hassell
- 2004 - Karin Kelly
- 2009 - Chris Blankley
- 2010 - Peter Leaversuch
- 2015 - Steve Good
- 2019 - John East
- Merv Millar
- George Green
- Ron Triplett
- Roy Khul
- Vic Dennis

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

- 1999 - Colin Hassell
- 2004 - Peter Byrne
- 2005 - Mick Doyle
- 2009 - Chris Blankley
- 2009 - Karin Kelly
- 2011 - Dawne Thomas
- 2011 - Peter Hobson
- 2012 - Jeff Fondacaro
- 2014 - Alex McKenzie
- 2015 - Fred Smith
- 2015 - John Robertson
- 2017 - John Shenton
- 2018 - Tony Head

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