

# AQUATIC RECREATION WA

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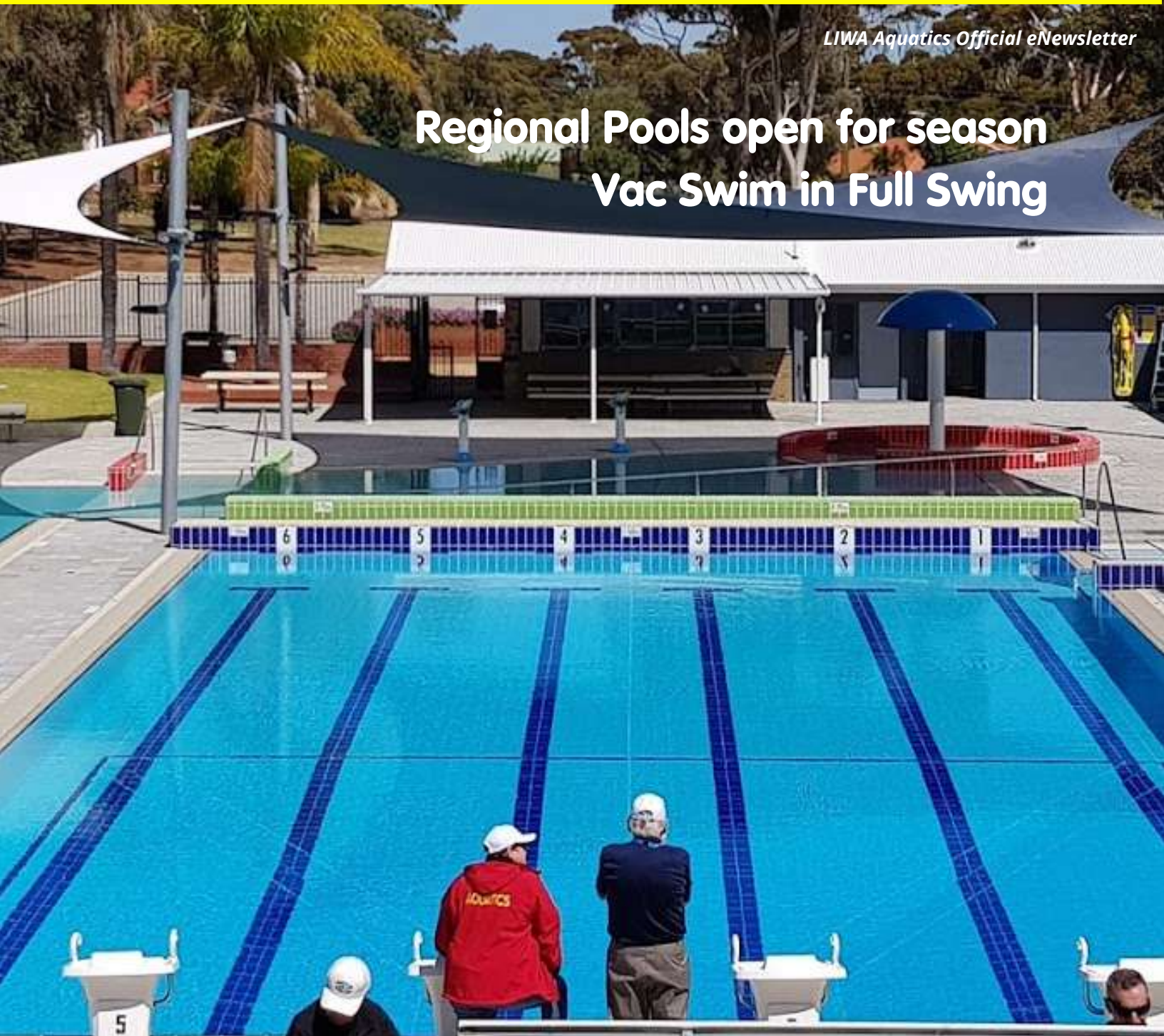


*Maintaining the Aquatic Recreation Network*

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*LIWA Aquatics Official eNewsletter*

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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 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
- LIWA Aquatics Website member access
- Industry Representation

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
- Water Corporation
- Ixom Operations Pty Ltd

*LIWA Aquatics is always on the look out for news and content, If you have some interesting news about yourself, your facility or the aquatic recreation industry please email us at [info@liwaaquatics.org.au](mailto:info@liwaaquatics.org.au)*

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# President's Report

Nick Wilkinson

WA Aquatic Recreation industry is ramping up with seasonal pools reopening or well into the preparation for reopening. Vac Swim lessons are in full swing with 1000s of Western Australian kids swimming again. I recognise that for some children they haven't been in the water for over 12 months. As we lead into summer the confidence and increased skills levels is extremely important.

For the Aquatic Centres holding these series of lessons with the Education Department, this is a dress rehearsal for summer peak attendances with the spike in aquatic patrons. This year the significant test on COVID plans with WA still in phase 4 restrictions an additional requirement for the management of the facilities.

2020 LIWA Aquatics AGM was held on Wednesday 23 September. Not held within the State Conference it was significant that we held our first AGM with Zoom (online meetings) option. Another opportunity for regional members to attend a live stream.

Congratulations to Ryan Scally, Sarahjayne Whiteley, Wendy Cole, Grace Darby who all re-nominated for the board. The 3 ladies on our board are hardworking and committed to making a difference across our sector, they also are the 37% of female representation on the board. Changes set with WA Governments future funding through Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries will require boards to be a 50% gender balance to ensure funding. Without a diverse board of not having people with different skill sets we are less likely to represent our members across WA with new ideas and shared experiences to support our Industry.

Thank you to Liew Withers who has stepped down after 4 years on the board and over 15 years as a valued part of developing the Aquatic Code of Practice in WA.

In July the LIWA Board commenced a review with Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries for the purpose of strengthen our governance and understanding the benchmarking with other sports bodies. Key outcomes include a strong financial basis within the organisation and improvements identified in shaping the next forward plan from 2021. This will include reviewing all policies, procedures and succession planning for key roles within the organisation. The identified improvements will over the next 10 months support filling vacancies on the board including recognising filling board skill set gaps, gender equality and regional members on the board.

I recognise the Trainees who have completed with Royal Life Saving over the last 12 months, their Certificate II in Sport and Recreation. This has included school based trainees introduced this year. These opportunities for younger people to be introduced into the industry in leadership roles are vitally important for the industry. Read more in this month's e-newsletter profiling one of our new members to LIWA Aquatics Max Wallace.

Looking forward to catching up with a lot of you at the WA Regional Aquatic Recreation Seminar in Northam next week.



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## 24TH ANNUAL REGIONAL WA AQUATIC RECREATION SEMINAR

**SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

**7 OCTOBER 2020**



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**The only Face to Face  
Seminar for 2020**

# Welcome to the Aquatic Industry

## MAX WALLACE

### My Time as the Leisure Facilities Trainee

#### What do I do?

I have been trained throughout the year as a Centre Assistant, went through and completed my Pool Lifeguard course through Royal Life Saving, and have just started my progression into Pool Operations by going on the Group 1 Pool Operations course also through Royal Lifesaving and the City of Canning.

Day to Day there are always new things to learn or do at both centres from following Duty Officers around whilst they complete their duties to fixing, maintaining and cleaning things around the centre. During my time as a Trainee, I have learnt that to do well in the role you must listen and learn but also take charge of your own learning at times. Don't be lazy and take initiative.

As my role is full time, my roster is split between lifeguarding, centre assistant work and what is referred to as admin work (study time, maintenance and shadowing the Duty Officer).



#### What have I enjoyed?

The work environment through both leisure facilities inside the City of Canning is extremely welcoming and energetic. You will never be bored as there are always things to do. Some things that have stood out to me during the traineeships would be obtaining my lifeguard qualification and progressing through to hopefully move into pool operations in the near future. But most importantly find a workplace that I am always happy and excited to go to.

#### What has this traineeship done for my future?

This traineeship has helped introduce me to an industry I knew next to nothing about. It has shown me how big the aquatic recreation community is and how amazing it is to get hands on behind the scenes of your local pool. And trust me a lot happens! It has allowed me to find a place in which I can continue to progress further into an industry which I have fallen in love with.

I really hope you have gained the inspiration to apply for this traineeship and enjoy and gain as much as I have through your time studying and working at Riverton and Cannington Leisureplex!

For more information about putting on a trainee at your facility get in touch with <https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/programs/traineeships> or call (08) 9383 8200



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# around pool deck



Members of the public will have the opportunity to come and try Masters Swimming at clubs across the state this October as part of the Masters Swimming WA Let's Swim Together campaign.

The Let's Swim Together campaign aims to encourage all adults regardless of age or ability to connect with their local club and try a new sport.



Come and try Masters Swimming at a free training session  
October 30 - November 2

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFO](#)



15 clubs across the state from Geraldton to Bunbury will host special Let's Swim Together training sessions. The sessions will take place between October 30 and November 2, 2020.

The Let's Swim Together sessions allow anyone aged 18+ to come and try swimming for free with no obligation to join. Attendees can also participate in the social event after each session and chat with friendly club volunteers.

Swimming is a low impact, full body exercise that can be done year-round and is known to decrease stress, improve muscle strength and help keep your heart and lungs healthy.

Masters Swimming is a great way to make new friends, have fun and build fitness in a supportive and inclusive environment. Plus, training in a group can help you improve your technique and encourage you to keep swimming!

If you see your local Masters Swimming WA club training, you are always welcome to enquire about the sport and join in. Most clubs have free trial periods and will be more than happy to accommodate you. To find the Let's Swim Together session or Masters Swimming WA club near you, please visit [www.mswa.asn.au/lets-swim-together/](http://www.mswa.asn.au/lets-swim-together/) or contact Tarquin at [communications@mswa.asn.au](mailto:communications@mswa.asn.au).



## Industry Service Awards

Congratulations to this years Industry Services Award winners

**40 Years** - Chris Blankley

**30 Years** - Jeff Fondacaro, Craig Smertherm, Adrian Timms, Geoff Heaton, Ray Martin

**20 Years** - Fran Haenni, Kylie Wright, Camila Rasdien,

The Industry Service awards are in recognition of years of service in the Aquatic Industry in WA as a Pool Operator.

It's great to see so many people receiving such long period awards. Well done to all.

*For those who have not received their awards as yet, LIWA will be arranging for this to get to you ASAP.*

## Tell us what's happening at your facility

If there is something happening at your facility, a new program, a new Innovation or initiative, maintenance or works in development, tell us about it by emailing us at [info@liwaaquatics.org.au](mailto:info@liwaaquatics.org.au)

# October Training Courses

## HLTAID003 Provide First Aid

Monday 5 - Mt Claremont  
Thursday 8 - Mt Claremont  
Friday 9 - Mt Claremont  
Saturday 10 - Mt Claremont  
Tuesday 13 - Mt Claremont  
Wednesday 14 - Mt Claremont  
Friday 16 - Bayswater  
Saturday 17 - Geraldton

Sunday 18 - Mt Claremont  
Thursday 22 - Mt Claremont  
Saturday 24 - Mt Claremont  
Monday 26 - Mt Claremont  
Tuesday 27 - Mt Claremont  
Friday 30 - Mt Claremont  
Saturday 31 - Geraldton



## Pool Lifeguard Requalification



Sunday 4 - Claremont Aquatic Centre  
Monday 5 - Armadale  
Friday 9 - Bayswater  
Sunday 11 - Fremantle  
Monday 12 - Kununurra  
Friday 16 - Broome  
Saturday 17 - Bayswater  
Tuesday 20 - Bruce Rock  
Saturday 24 - Riverton  
Monday 26 - Bayswater

## Pool Operations Group 1

16 - 20 November, Mt Claremont

## Pool Operations Groups 2, 3 and 4

12 - 13 October, Mt Claremont  
10 - 11 Mt Claremont

For a complete list of training courses please visit  
<https://www.royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/c-25>  
or contact us at  
[training@royallifesavingwa.com.au](mailto:training@royallifesavingwa.com.au)



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### **LIFE MEMBERS OF LIWA AQUATICS**

- Fred Smith
- 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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