

# AQUATIC RECREATION WA



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*Maintaining the Aquatic Recreation Network*

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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](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
- Aquatic and Recreation Institute NSW (ARI)
- Recreation South Australia (RecSA)
- Aquatic Recreation Victoria (ARV)
- Life Saving Victoria (LSV)
- Australian Leisure Facilities Association QLD (ALFAQ)
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## From the President

Nick Wilkinson

I reflected while on a long drive from Exmouth to Perth in the July school holidays what I had experienced in the last four months. A roller coaster journey with constant changes on our ability to manage Aquatic Facilities in a pandemic, limited information ever changing and a high expectation to support others with limited work opportunities. I have closed facilities before but not with 3 hours' notice and certainly without such devastating effects to job prospects and livelihood. While Western Australia is still not without uncertainty, the rebound to closures in March is showing many silver linings for our industry.

Phase 3 lifting of restrictions has allowed all year round facilities to reopen and indications from conversations with industry colleagues is business is returning. Education Department term 3 lessons have started and memberships in some facilities have indicated potential growth with new appreciations for fitness. In general we are cleaner and improvements made. A number of facilities completed major shutdowns.

With the decision to not hold the Annual State Conference, LIWA Aquatics has been working with using technology to continue linking our members. The "Zoom around the pools" online chat sessions for group conversations on key topics commenced in June. They have been attended with up to 30 people and have endeavoured to meet current discussions through the lifting of restrictions. Every session I have attended has provided me some good learnings that I have then used in my workplace.

Congratulations to Steve Good for the introduction of Zoom around the pools and the work he has done to meet with stakeholders including WA Health Department and other key partners during this time.

LIWA Webinars have commenced and these are leading to member's accreditation for the future. I encourage you to attend these events and also give feedback on their value. I look forward to Gihan Perera's session on Friday 14th August - Future Focus: Planning and Leadership in an Uncertain Future.

I also look forward to the Regional Seminar on October 7 at the Northam Aquatic Centre. I invite you if you have the opportunity to join us for this event. Places are limited so book online through the LIWA Website today.

Western Australians are getting encouraged where possible to travel to and spend holiday dollars in regional WA. For many pools I know that the links to tourism is already established through your Shires. An opportunity in metro as well as Sandgroppers all across the state to consider their future holidays possibly in Perth.

The Western Australian Government announced on 2 August \$130 million for sporting infrastructure projects. This includes projects in the Aquatic Industry indicating new facilities in Perth with the WACA Ground and at Alkimos. Stage 2 at Aqua Jetty in Rockingham and major upgrades at both HBF Stadium and HBF Arena and a water playground at Kununurra Leisure Centre.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/300-million-investment-sport-and-community-infrastructure>

Finally a big thank you to the Hon Mick Murray, Minister for Sport and Recreation. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture Industry's has approved the 2020/21 funding towards LIWA Aquatics through the Industry investment Program.



## Upcoming LIWA Webinars



### Future Focus: Planning and Leadership in an Uncertain Future

14th August 2020 10:30 - 11:30am

*Don't miss this one*



Presenter  
Gihan Perera

**REGISTER  
NOW**

### Waterwise Aquatic Centre Program:

- Program Review
- Achieving Gold & Platinum Status



28th August 2020 - 10:30 - 11:30am



**IAN CRAWFORD**

**WEBINAR**

**LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE**

**EXPERT**

25th September 2020 10:30 - 11:30am

**REGISTER NOW!**





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## 24TH ANNUAL REGIONAL WA AQUATIC RECREATION SEMINAR

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

7 OCTOBER 2020



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## Glenn Paddick



Our Member Spotlight segment is all about our members and putting the spotlight on one of them each month so that we can get to know our fellow colleagues better.

### **What did you do before entering the aquatic industry?**

*I was a securities and legal officer for Westpac preparing commercial and corporate legal documents*

### **How long have you been involved in the aquatic industry?**

*Early 90's as a casual lifeguard at the old Inglewood pool and old Balga pool under Peter Byrne*

### **What made you become a pool manager?**

*I wanted out of the office and into the fresh air with people having fun (let's face it you never go to the bank for fun!)*

### **List all the places you have worked in the aquatic industry?**

*Lots of places, Inglewood, Mandurah, Karratha, Broome, Waroona, Pinjarra, Narrogin, Katanning and now Northam (phew)*

### **What are some highlight of working in this industry?**

*Working with a terrific organisation and a dedicated bunch of people. Taking charge of Pinjarra and now Northam*

### **What do you love about working in a pool?**

*Everything from seeing a youngster swim a PB to a couple of old mates swimming laps and solving the world's problems while they stand at the end of the pool having a breather*

### **What do you hate about working in a pool?**

*There never seems to be enough money to do what we need to in regional facilities*

### **Anything else you would like to add?**

*Those who know me well know that I am nothing without the lovely Deborah. As pool managers we rely upon the support of our families and partners while we work the hours that we do. Sneaking around at silly o'clock in the morning getting ready to go open our pools or getting home late and working weekends. Thank you all for supporting us, thank you to my colleagues for everything*

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*If you would like to feature in our Member Spotlight, follow the link below and complete the online form.  
You will need to login as a member to gain access <https://www.liwaquatics.org.au/surveys/1600/>*



# around pool deck



*As the water crisis spreads across the Great Southern, farming communities are getting creative. The Shire of Lake Grace needs to empty its pool — and with water so hard to come by, it does not want 1.6 million litres of it to go to waste.*



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## CSRFF recent grants recipients

- City of Albany - Installation of a pool hoist and upgrade of eight starting platforms at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre
- Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation - upgrade to the community pools in Warakurna and Blackstone
- Shire of Wagin - Upgrades at Wagin Memorial Swimming Pool
- Shire of Coorow - Redevelopment of the Coorow Swimming Pool
- Shire of Mt Marshall - Conversion of the 50m pool to 25m
- Shire of Yilgarn - Redevelopment of Aquatic Centre

For further information about Community Sport & Recreation Facilities funding [click here](#) (DLGSC)

## NATIONAL AQUATIC INDUSTRY WORKFORCE REPORT

A new National Aquatic Industry Report, published by Royal Life Saving on behalf of the National Aquatic Industry Safety Committee (NAISC), comes at critical and challenging time for the aquatic industry, which has been significantly impacted by Australia-wide closures following the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic has led to a loss of employment, or a significant reduction in hours, for many of the 67,000 frontline workers, of which almost half are casual employees, three-quarters are female and 40% are between the ages of 18 to 24 years. The sector faces an estimated \$900m in lost revenue and \$430m in lost wages in the six months to September 2020. The report analyses employee insights relating to working life, professional development and future needs of those working in the aquatic industry, a sector which contributes directly to community health, wellbeing and safety, and is thought to provide \$2.8 billion in health benefits each year. Read more .....

WA State of the Industry Report - 2020 Bigger Better Safer is in its final stages of data collection and will be released to industry in the coming months - Stay Tuned!



[Click image to download full report](#)



## TRAINING SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2020



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### Pool Lifeguard Requalification

1st August - Claremont Aquatic Centre  
7th August - Fremantle Leisure Centre  
9th August - Bayswater Waves  
14th August - South Hedland Aquatic Centre  
15th August - Fremantle Leisure Centre  
16th August - Wanneroo Aquamotion  
22nd August - Claremont Aquatic Centre  
24th August - Karratha Leisureplex  
30th August - Wanneroo Aquamotion  
31st August - Cannington Leisureplex



### Provide First Aid

- Royal Life Saving WA Mt Claremont
  - August 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 19, 24, 25, 28, 30
- CWA Hall Geraldton - August 1, 15, 29
- Bayswater Waves - August 7
- South Hedland Lotteries House - August 17

To view further courses or to register go to  
Royal Life Saving Society WA  
<https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/c-25>  
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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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