

AUSTSWIM Swim School Newsletter

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Release of the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults Course

The newly developed AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults course will be launched in Sydney in July. Don't miss out on attending this new course.

The course provides candidates with the essential competencies to teach the adult swimmer. On successful completion of this elective, candidate will receive an AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults certificate that is valid for three years.

When: 22 & 23 July 2006

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Where: MLC, Burwood NSW

Cost: \$200.00



For further information go to:

<http://www.austswim.com.au/pages/news.htm#one>

AUSTSWIM welcomes new staff

Jennifer Pickett

As you would have seen in the Aqualife magazine Jennifer Pickett has been recently appointed as the New South Wales Course Coordinator. Jennie has come to AUSTSWIM from the Royal Life Saving New South Wales where she was the AUSTSWIM Coordinator. We look forward to seeing Jennie's initiatives in New South Wales and wish her all the best in her new role.

Chamil Fernando

AUSTSWIM is pleased to announce the appointment of Chamil Fernando to the position of Financial Accountant in the National office. Chamil comes to us with a strong financial background both in Australia and Overseas. Chamil will be involved in bringing the finance function in-house from July 1. We know you will join us in wishing Chamil all the best in this position.

Calling all AUSTSWIM Presenters

AUSTSWIM is busily preparing for the next 2007 National Conference. If you are interested in presenting at the 2007 conference or have a topic that you think delegates would like to see please email your contact details to conference@austswim.com.au

Further details on the conference will be released shortly so please keep an eye on the AUSTSWIM website www.austswim.com.au



25th AUSTSWIM Anniversary Awards Dinner

On 1 April 2006 AUSTSWIM celebrated its 25th anniversary in conjunction with the AUSTSWIM National Awards Dinner at Next Generation Ryde, NSW.

The dinner saw guests support and congratulate nominees for their valuable contribution to AUSTSWIM. The night kicked off with a warm welcome from AUSTSWIM Chairman, Kirk Marks, followed by Chief Executive Officer, Glen Canty, who introduced special guest Justin Norris, Olympic and Commonwealth Games Medallist.

There were three categories of awards to honour nominated AUSTSWIM teachers who have been outstanding in their field. Justin presented the following recipients with their awards:

Maureen Summerhayes, NSW – Most Outstanding contribution to AUSTSWIM

Linda Campbell, VIC – AUSTSWIM Specific Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award

Sue Quartermain, VIC – AUSTSWIM General Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award

Strong support was also shown from our Trade Exhibitors at the 2006 AUSTSWIM National Conference; Dunes, Royal Life Saving Society Australia, Okeo, Insurance Made Easy and Pierce Pool Supplies who kindly donated prizes as give away on the night for door prizes and quiz winners. Their ongoing support for this night was greatly appreciated.

AUSTSWIM would like to congratulate all nominees and recipients and thank all those that attended to support these outstanding AUSTSWIM teachers. We are sure a great night was had by all and look forward to seeing you at next years awards.



Maureen Summerhayes, NSW



Sue Quartermain, VIC



Linda Campbell, VIC

AUSTSWIM Merchandise Sale

AUSTSWIM is currently making room for a new range of merchandise that will be available from July 2006. Our merchandise company Fifty50 have come up with a number of new merchandise items that we think will prove popular with all AUSTSWIM teachers. Some of the items will include rash vests, a revamp on the popular polo's and a more suitable ladies range.

In the latest edition of Aqualife a merchandise sale brochure was distributed to all teachers outlining discounted prices on the limited stock we have left.

Please note due to a high demand limited stock and sizes are available.

Sale ends July 31st 2006.

Please visit the AUSTSWIM website www.austswim.com.au or phone 1300 885 529 to receive your order form



2006 AUSTSWIM National Conference

The 2006 AUSTSWIM National Conference kicked off over the weekend of 31 March – 2 April at two premier state-of-the-art facilities located under the one roof – Next Generation Ryde and Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre NSW. With such positive feedback from the 2005 National Conference in Canberra, this year proved to be an even greater success. There were over 300 enrolments, almost double the number of last year's conference! Delegates came from all over Australia and internationally to be apart of this national aquatic conference.

Presenter Workshop: To kick off the conference an AUSTSWIM presenter workshop was held on Friday 31st March. There was an excellent representation by all states with a total of 42 presenters attending, including presenters from New Zealand and Hong Kong. The workshop included an update on the latest changes in AUSTSWIM and a guest speaker from the University of Western Sydney who spoke about the adult learner. The focus of the workshop was also to gain valuable feedback from presenters on areas where they would like to see improvement in the AUSTSWIM courses. As expected, there was an abundance of fabulous suggestions from our experienced presenters and AUSTSWIM is currently reviewing this valuable feedback in order to further increase the quality of courses delivered.

Conference: AUSTSWIM Chairman, Kirk Marks, opened the weekend, welcoming the delegates to the conference. He was followed by a highly motivating keynote speaker, Nadine Neumann, who represented Australia in the 200m Breaststroke at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and then captained the Australian Swimming Team at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. Delegates listened as Nadine recounted her battles and triumphs both in and outside the pool.

Due to overwhelming demand, an enthusiastic AUSTSWIM team decided to add more variety to the program by running twice as many aquatic sessions this year to provide delegates with greater workshop opportunities. The increase in sessions proved rewarding, with topics such as 'Me and My Baby', 'Stroke Biomechanics – Freestyle and Breaststroke', 'The Good, The Bad and the Boring – Meet Simply the Best' and 'TELEGAMES – Water Safety Skills the Fun Way' filling very quickly.

AUSTSWIM would like to thank all conference presenters for sharing their knowledge, experience and professionalism with delegates. We are sure that all teachers, coordinators and aquatic managers will all have taken away positive valuable information and skills from this conference to apply to their swimming and water safety programs.



Aqualife Summer 06/07

The next summer edition of Aqualife is underway and due out in October. If you have any great article ideas or feedback on the magazine your input is more than welcome.

Please email info@austswim.com.au



Important Dates & Professional Development Workshops, 2006



JUNE

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| 4 - 10 | MS Awareness Week | | www.msaustralia.org.au |
| 10 | Drowning & Survival, Faults & Corrections PD Workshop | Beatty Park Leisure Centre, WA | AUSTSWIM WA (08) 9288 4188 wa@austswim.com.au |

JULY

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| 1 & 2 | ASCTA (V) Conference 2006 | Mentone Grammar School, VIC | ASCTA (V) David Wilson 0418 994 189 David.wilson@swimcentre.com |
| 22 & 23 | Launch of the Teacher of Adults course | MLC, Burwood NSW | AUSTSWIM 1300 885 529 www.austswim.com.au |

AUGUST

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| 12 & 13 | Green License Coaching Accreditation Course | Mentone Grammar School, VIC | Swimming Victoria (03) 9686 5222 kellie.mcmillan@vic.swimming.org.au www.swimmingvictoria.org.au |
| 13 | Professional Development Workshop | Darwin, NT | RLSSA NT (08) 89 815036 ntaustswim@rlssa.org.au www.nt.royallifesaving.com.au |
| 19 | Group Teaching Strategies PD Workshop | Beatty Park Leisure Centre, WA | AUSTSWIM WA (08) 9288 4188 wa@austswim.com.au |

SEPTEMBER

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| 2 & 3 | SWIMINAR 2006 | Friends Health and Fitness North Hobart, TAS | Megan Stronach 0417 338 113 mstronach@netspace.net.au |
| 16 | Teaching Butterfly Made Easy PD workshop | Beatty Park Leisure Centre, WA | AUSTSWIM WA (08) 9288 4188 wa@austswim.com.au |
| 23 | Teaching Tops for Adult Learners PD Workshop | Granville, NSW | NSW Sport & Recreation Phone: 13 13 02 www.dsr.nsw.gov.au |
| 23 | Simply Strokes PD Workshop | Granville, NSW | NSW Sport & Recreation Phone: 13 13 02 www.dsr.nsw.gov.au |
| 23 & 24 | AquaSummit | Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, VIC | Aquatics & Recreation Victoria Ph: (03) 8843 2000 Web: www.aquarecvic.org.au |



In house Professional Development workshops

Did you know that you can register your in-house workshops with AUSTSWIM to gain Professional Development points for your teachers?

To apply to have your in-house workshops registered for professional development points please contact AUSTSWIM on **1300 885 529** or email info@austswim.com.au to obtain a copy of the guidelines and an application form. Approval of program content will be dependant on its relevance to the aquatic industry and presenters' experience.

Use of the AUSTSWIM Logo



Would your swim school like to use the AUSTSWIM logo in your swim school advertising or signage?

AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Schools are able to use the AUSTSWIM logo in signage, flyers and other advertising and marketing materials. The AUSTSWIM logo can be a valuable point of difference in attracting new clients to your swim school.



AUSTSWIM constantly has its TV Community Service Announcements shown throughout Australia, encouraging parents to look for the platypus logo when selecting a swim school, and so the brand recognition is increasing all the time. By making the association between your swim school and the quality which AUSTSWIM has come to represent, you can gain significant advantage and gain further benefit from your commitment to AUSTSWIM Quality Assurance.



All swim schools must hold a current registration with AUSTSWIM and follow the guidelines on logo application as set out by AUSTSWIM. To obtain a copy of these guidelines please contact AUSTSWIM on 1300 885 529 or email info@austswim.com.au

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