

SUMMER 2007

"Everyone can be a Life Saver"



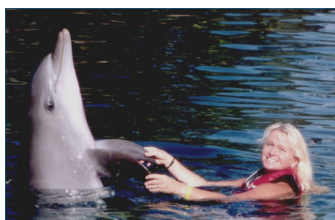
Royal Life Saving Queensland

RLSSQ is very excited to announce the launch of its **SWIM & SURVIVE "LOVE 2 SWIM" PROGRAM.**

AIM: *To provide a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills, that is delivered by qualified instructors in schools and pools throughout Australia.*

NEW RLSSQ ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Rosemary Sheen joins us from the Ipswich City Council Bundamba Swim Centre and has been in the industry for over 14 years during which time she has worked as a LTS Teacher, L1 Coach and Pool Operator in Buderim, Kawana Waters, Browns Plains and Algeester.



Previously Rosemary worked in the cinema industry starting as a secretary and moving into marketing. She is currently doing her Cert III in Fitness at TAFE to become a qualified Aqua Aerobics Instructor.

LOVE 2 SWIM is the rebranding and repositioning of the highly successful Swim and Survive

Program that the RLSS has successfully delivered as a Nationally accredited swimming and water safety program.

This program has been educating 5—14 year olds for over 20 years.

Australia wide children attend Swim and Survive lessons through schools, commercial swim schools, and government departments. The program aligns itself with the National Water Safety Framework and School Curriculum ensuring that competencies are matched with a child's development.

Swim and Survive allows for flexible delivery and can be delivered as a weekly term program or as intensive holiday programs.

Rosemary is passionate about the water—swimming, sailing, surfing, boating and the desire to give every child and adult the opportunity to learn to save themselves. (She is also our 'resident Snake Catcher' and a huge Steve Irwin fan!)



Russell Green has been Appointed Project Officer for the LOVE TO SWIM Program.

Russell's role will help facilitate delivery of the program and assist Trainers, Schools and Centres in implementing the Program.

A wide range of resources, including posters and stickers are available.

For further information, please contact Russell on mobile 0438 210182 or email russell@justincase.com.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

2-3-4 Swimming Pool Plant Operators Course

MAY

19th Development Workshop 1
20th Austswim Conference

JUNE

23rd Development Workshop 2

JULY

Annual Staff Planning Meeting

SEPTEMBER

AGM
Secondary & Primary School Championships
Pro-AM

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

2007 ONE DAY
TRAINER
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOPS

AUSTSWIM
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

STATE TEAM'S
SUCCESS IN
PERTH

CHANGES TO
POLICE
RECRUITING

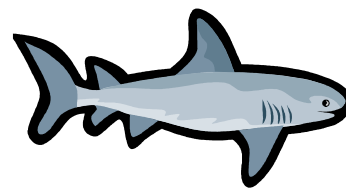
DELEGATION
VISIT TO CHINA

LOVE 2 SWIM
PROGRAM

SWIMMING
POOL PLANT
OPERATIONS
COURSE

Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships—Perth

Our Sharks State Team performed exceptionally well and went within a few points of winning the event overall with a close second placing to NSW.



QLD MEDAL TALLY

GOLD	24
SILVER	18
BRONZE	9

New Championship Records 6

New National Records 5

On three other occasions, team members finished within one second of the National Record!

Eight team members gained selection in various Australian Teams and Talent Identification Squad.

All in all, an excellent performance by the team.

U16's

Taylor Redwood
James Maguire
Pam Hendry
Zichxyna Mikol

Open

Leigh Bool
Brendan Dance
Libby Garret
Hayley Renouf

U19's

Matt Green
Thomas Rowels
Jenna Kljaic
Emma McKenzie
Catherine Hendry

Over 30's

Russell Green –
Competitor / Coach

Ashley Gordon
Sue Baxter
Jeannie Baxter-Reid

Ron Birch – Manager
Carolyn Asher – Official

Ashley Gordon, Jeannie Baxter-Reid,
Sue Baxter & Russell Green—our "over
30's competitors"

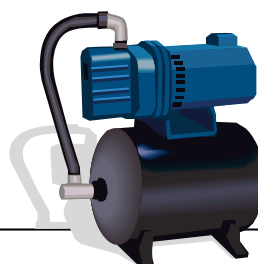


A relaxing night out to dinner for the
Under 16's team members
James Maguire , Pamela Hendry ,
Taylor Redwood & Zichxyna Mikol



SWIMMING POOL PLANT OPERATIONS COURSE

Monday 2nd—Tuesday 3rd—
Wednesday 4th April, 2007 at the
Plantation, Gumdale
Please phone 3823 2823 or email
rlssgreception@ozemail.com.au for
an Enrolment form or further
information.



2007 Trainer Development Workshops

Please note that the Development Workshops will be a **ONE DAY ONLY** presentation this year. New CBT Course Workbooks are currently being written and will be forwarded to candidates prior to the Workshops together with your 2007/08 Trainer Membership Registration Form and Workshop Enrolment Form.

RLSSQ 2007 DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP DATES (either)

- Saturday, 19 May or
- Saturday, 23 June, 2007

Please note the **AUSTSWIM 2007 WORKSHOP** will be held on Sunday, 20 May at the Moreton Bay College.

The Delegation visit of President John McClelland, Treasurer Les Mole and Central Qld Regional Manager Russell Green to China & Xiamen was a huge success.

Royal Life Saving Queensland started the Chinese Royal Life Saving Society some 5 years ago.

We were honoured to be invited by them to view the new "Xiamen RLSS Headquarters & Training Centre".

Some of the outcomes that have eventuated because of the exchange in visits by delegations to both Australia and China have been:

- A fully integrated National Lifeguard Curriculum.
- The construction of the China National Lifeguard Training Centre in Xiamen.
- The National China Lifeguard Pool and Beach Championships conducted annually.
- A proactive involvement of China Lifesaving in the aquatics industry both in public swimming pools and the beach.
- Recognition of China Lifesaving by ILS.
- Competent Officials and Coaches.
- A vigilant lifeguard patrolling system in Xiamen servicing both local residents and the tourists who visit Southern China.



On the Beach Gulangyu with Lifeguards



Russell Green, Hong Kong President - Dr Patrick Yeung, John McClelland

China Life Saving is now well and truly moving ahead. The contribution made from both members of RLSS ACT and RLSS QLD should not be understated.



BLACK TIE DINNER

The 2006 Black Tie Dinner to be held at Parliament House was cancelled, sadly due to a lack of numbers. We would appreciate your feedback and any ideas you have to make this fundraising event a success for 2007.

The Chinese Government solidly supports the development of life saving in their country and this has resulted in China becoming an active member of International Life Saving.

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RLSSQ has a variety of courses in the coming months including:

- Bronze Medallion
- First Aid
- Resuscitation
- Pool Lifeguard
- Swimming Pool Plant Operations

Don't forget to tell participants to check with their private health fund to see if they can claim back any of the cost of their First Aid Course.

Industry News of Interest....



Bronze Medallion Police Recruit requirements

The Qld Police Force have decided that they no longer require recruits to have the Bronze Medallion Award. This is effective immediately. This is quite devastating for RLSSQ and our valued Trainers. Contact has been made with Police Recruitment to see what can be done about this.

ATTENTION RECREATIONAL TRAINERS:

In order to process your requests more efficiently, when ordering Certificates for Schools or Colleges, **PLEASE remember to include the ORDER FORM as well as the Examiner's Report** (listing the student's names). This is in addition to the Purchase Order your School may or may not supply. We need this information before orders are posted. Thank you for your co-operation....

In the most recent National Water Safety Plan 2004-07, Water Safety Education was identified as the highest priority in the Key Result Areas, as it provides the knowledge and skill base required to further develop all other water safety concerns.

The drowning statistics and associated injuries demonstrate that the community is not yet well educated on the dangers of aquatic environments.

All Australian children must be given the opportunity and encouraged to achieve a minimum benchmark level of competence prior to leaving primary school as specified in the Personal Aquatic Survival section of the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework.

For primary school children the benchmark is best represented by the competencies equivalent to those outlined in RLSSA "Swim and Survive Level 4".

The aim is to achieve 100% success rate—that is that by the completion of primary school education, all children have achieved the competencies of this level.



The Pergola areas at the Plantation are heavily booked with get togethers and Christmas parties over the summer period.



A great shot from the cherry-picker of the Plantation during some recent tree lopping!

