

ROYAL LIFE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2013



IMPORTANT DATES

27 April 2013	Primary School Championships Caboolture Regional Aquatic Centre	19 March 2013	Queensland State Championships Caboolture Regional Aquatic Centre
27 April 2013	Secondary School Championships Caboolture Regional Aquatic Centre	9-11 August 2013	Aquafutures International Conference Sea World Resort, Gold Coast
28 April 2013	Pool Life Saving Sport Coaching Course Burpengary Aquatic Centre	19 September 2013	RLSSQ Annual General Meeting The Plantation Aquatic Centre



Aquafutures international conference

SeaWorld 2013

FRIDAY 9th
TO SUNDAY 11th
AUGUST 2013
SEA WORLD RESORT
GOLD COAST
QUEENSLAND

Aquafutures International Conference 2013

Royal Life Saving Society Queensland (RLSSQ) will host the Aquafutures International Conference. Aquafutures is a three day Conference that will bring together an eclectic range of industry leaders focusing on four key areas: Rescue, Programs, Facility Management and Water Quality Management.

The Conference will also focus on how the industry can meet the challenges it is facing over the coming decades with the Conference Program designed to motivate participants through 'body, mind and business' and will equip attendees with the tools that they will require to be successful in the industry in the future. It will also provide opportunities for updating and upgrading qualifications and the development of skills and knowledge across a broad range of aquatic subjects.

Hosted by the world class Sea World Resort, the three day Conference is a must for aquatic facility owners and managers, pool lessees, senior staff, Royal Life Saving Society Trainers, swimming and water safety program managers and coordinators and council aquatic facility managers and employees.

News and Announcements..... EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Register as an Aquafutures Conference Delegate by 31st March 2013 and be in the draw to be one of the twelve participants to receive a FREE Tropical Reef Snorkel in Shark Bay (Value \$120.00). For more information visit www.aquafutures.com.au

Life Saving in the Outback

12 - 19 November 2012

Bedourie is an outback town situated 1,600km West of Brisbane and on the edge of the Simpson Desert.

RLSSQ Staff Member Helen Horner, travelled to Bedourie to join another RLSSQ Trainer Alina Graham and thirty-three (33) school children from Bedourie State School, Birdsville State School and other children from outlying stations for their annual Swim and Cultural Camp. The children were taught the Swim & Survive program which included rescues. The participants were then all involved in a swimming carnival, where the children proudly showed off their new skills which they had learnt in the program.

A First Aid course was also conducted for the Diamantina Shire Council and outlying stations. Forty-seven (47) adults participated in the First Aid Course which was held at the airport terminal - apparently the temperature was 43 degrees!

On the Sunday, the township of Bedourie held its annual Triathlon which had twenty (20) participants ranging in ages from 4 years to 40 years and to my surprise a lady who had only 10 weeks to go before she was to deliver her baby! The temperature reached a sizzling 38 degrees but that didn't stop them from participating.

Helen Horner | Programs Coordinator



Get Started A Queensland Government Funding Initiative

What is Get Started?

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's 'Get in the Game' initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 (GST exclusive), which can be redeemed at a registered sport or recreation club.



What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 (GST exclusive) per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees. There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per year.

Find out how to register your Club or make a claim:
www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.

Amanda Kersten | Compliance Officer

For more information contact Amanda Kersten: compliance@rlssq.com.au or (07) 3823 2823

All Swim & Survive partners

What a great start to the swimming season. Already we have had over 42,000 children receive Swim & Survive certificates. Don't forget to get in early and order your Certificates for school Terms 1 and 2.

Water Safety Week has been very popular, but when you ask for a safety week pack don't forget to include your address so I can send them to you. Please remember to fill out your Trainer Application Forms to receive all the resources you need to help run the programs.

We also now have Bronze Star, Dry, Wade, Accompanied Rescue, Recreational CPR and Recreational Bronze Medallion work books.

For the attention of all Trainers and Swim and Survive Partners:

- If you are running any Junior Lifeguard courses, could you please provide your participant numbers on the recognised RLSSQ examination report forms at the completion of the course.

Helen Horner | Programs Coordinator
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Profile RLSSQ Newest Recruit Amanda Kersten

RLSSQ Compliance
and
Operations Officer

Coming on board at the tail-end of a busy and rewarding 2012 for RLSSQ has made me eager for the opportunities that will present themselves in 2013.

As the Society continues to grow I hope to coordinate with the Executive Director a focused direction on compliance, reporting, policies & procedures which will result in another successful and rewarding year in 2013 and beyond.

I have already had the opportunity to meet many people who form the tight network of staff, Board Members and Volunteers of this organisation and I very much look forward to meeting many more and being a part of a growing and community-spirited Society.

Whitsunday's Life Saving!

RLSSQs newest club, Airlie Beach Life Saving Club, has been formed from the hugely successful Junior Lifeguard program conducted at the Airlie Lagoon.

Currently patrolling the man-made Boathaven Beach on weekends, the Club is also actively engaged in stinger data collection. Members of the club drag the swimming enclosure daily and head out on a research boat to check for any stinger activity. Jellyfish are a real hazard to swimmers in the area and the more information that can be gathered for the CSIRO and James Cook University will assist the club in providing a safe aquatic environment.

Another important component of our patrol is Crocodile Watch! Working with Queensland Environment and Heritage Officers, club patrol members are always on the lookout! We follow up every report and monitor the crocodiles in the area a few nights a week.

The Clubs development would not have been possible without the generous support of RLSSQ, both the Neptune's and Ithaca Clubs and a very special mention and thank you to Paul Barry.

Stu Casey | Lifeguard Supervisor



Who Will Attend?

- Facility Managers
- Lifeguards
- Lifeguard Supervisors
- Trainers
- Swim School Managers
- Swim School Co-ordinators
- Duty Managers
- Water Quality Staff
- Swimming Pool Lessees
- Council Swimming Pool Employees
- Swimming Pool Managers
- Pool Shop Owners
- Pool Service Technicians
- Swimming Coaches

Who Should Exhibit?

- Pool Product Providers
- Pool Solar Solutions
- Water Management System Providers
- Energy Solution Innovators
- Aquatic Clothing & Equipment Suppliers
- Pool and Aquatic Facility Service Technicians
- Aquatic Industry Manufacturers and Distributors

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY 9TH,

SATURDAY 10TH,

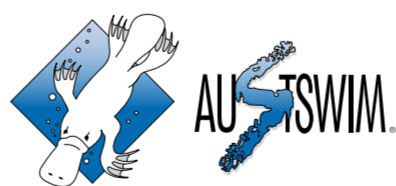
SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2013

Aquafutures

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SeaWorld 2013



Sea World Resort,
Seaworld Drive, Main Beach
Gold Coast, Queensland 4217

Friday 9th, Saturday
10th and Sunday
11th August, 2013

EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER



Royal Life Saving

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - AUSTRALIA

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