



Western Australian Swimming Association (Inc)

SWIM SCENE

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- **[Police Clearances](#)**

Following the introduction of the Australian Swimming Member Protection Policy we are now into stage two of the program. This requires all practicing coaches, and all other persons who would travel with, or have unsupervised contact with, swimmers under the age of 18 years, to obtain a National Police Clearance as soon as possible.

Information on how to obtain a Volunteers' Police Clearance for \$10 has been issued to clubs.

Responses to date have been good, and we are seeking a fast conclusion to collecting Clearances from those clubs still outstanding.

If you are one of the people requiring a Clearance, please contact your club Registrar and make the necessary arrangements.

When forwarding a Police Clearance direct to WA Swimming, the restricted and private address for this confidential information is PO Box 567, Leederville WA 6903. The Executive Director is the sole key holder for the box, and only recorder of clearance information.

Should there be any confidential questions, please contact Ian Scott at WA Swimming.

- **[Club Development/ Technical Official Seminar](#)**

WA Swimming, with support from the Department of Sport & Recreation, is conducting a Club Development/ Technical Official Seminar at Canning College on the 8th & 9th November, 2003. All Club Administration, committee and members and all levels of Technical Officials are invited to attend this exciting weekend of activities. Presentations will be given by a variety of speakers with a list of topics available on the website.

The New National Swimming Database will be launched on 12th November, 2003 in WA. WA Swimming & Australian Swimming are offering training sessions for all Club Registrars and their support staff on "How to Complete Online Registrations." It is essential that at least one representative from each club attend one of these training sessions as paper/ Excel registrations will not be available after this date.

The weekend is free of charge and registration of attendance with WA Swimming is required. Please call 9328 4599.

Date: Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November, 2003
Venue: Canning College (a map will be available on the website tonight)
Time: Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday 9–11am or 11:30–1:30pm or 2:30–4:30pm
Cost: Nil

- **Green License Swimming Coaching Course - Region 6 - Paraburdo**

The Green License is the new entry level course for candidates who are keen to enter the swimming coaching industry. Candidates are required to attend all sessions of the course, become a member of ASCTA, successfully complete the theory and practical assessment tasks and sign onto the Coaches Code of Conduct to gain accreditation.

Next course -

Date: 29 & 30 November, 2003
 Venue: Paraburdo Swimming Pool
 Time: approx. 9:00am – 5:00pm each day
 Cost: \$220 (inc. GST)

- **ASCTA Membership for Volunteer Coaches**

As part of ASI's revised coaching structure, all coaches are now required to be a member of ASCTA to gain/ maintain their coaching accreditation. ASCTA membership is renewed annually from July 1 – June 30. ASCTA has introduced a special rate for volunteer coaches or university students who are coaching. If you're club coaches are volunteers or university students they are eligible for this membership. Please contact Samantha Shields at WA Swimming for a spreadsheet to complete details for membership to ensure your club coaches are accredited.

Club based exemptions:	Individual-based exemptions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set rate of \$250 per year applies for up to 10 volunteer coaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set rate of \$20 per year applies per individual coach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches must be purely volunteer status or a university student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches must be purely volunteer status or a university student
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club will be issued with one edition of the ASCTA journal bi-monthly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No editions of the ASCTA journal will be issued
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coaches must be a registered member of the club and therefore will be covered under that club's insurance for professional indemnity and public liability whilst undertaking club activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coaches must be a registered member of the club and therefore will be covered under that club's insurance for professional indemnity and public liability whilst undertaking club activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No personal professional indemnity or public liability is covered through ASCTA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No personal professional indemnity or public liability is covered through ASCTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ASI capitation fee included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ASI capitation fee included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club is to deal with WA Swimming (no direct dealings between clubs and ASCTA); all cards will be distributed to clubs by WA Swimming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches are to deal with WA Swimming (no direct dealings between coaches and ASCTA); all cards will be distributed to coaches by WA Swimming.

- **2003/04 Shell Novice Swim Meets**

The 2003/04 Shell Novice Swim Meet season is underway. Over 20 clubs have an excellent opportunity for swimming clubs to conduct a Novice Meet to increase their membership. Shell Meets include 50m events for 8 – 14 year olds and 25m events for 6 -7 year olds. Multi-disability events are offered at select venues.

Next meets –

8 November, 2003	Hedland SC	Gratwick Memorial Swimming Pool	Port Hedland
16 November, 2003	City of Perth SC	Beatty Park Leisure Centre	North Perth
16 November, 2003	Riverton Blue Marlins SC	Riverton Leisureplex	Riverton

- **SunSmart School Swim Clinics**

WA Swimming & Challenge Stadium have formed a partnership for Term 4, 2003 to offer schools clinics for swimmers as well as professional development for their school teachers. These clinics will be conducted at Challenge Stadium. All SunSmart School Swim Clinics are free of charge.

Swimmers will receive professional coaching with a focus on dive starts, relay changeovers, safe warm ups and marshalling procedures. Teachers will receive instruction on Challenge Stadium Emergency Evacuation Procedures, Electronic Timing information and Scoreboard capabilities.

WA Swimming is also keen to conduct SunSmart School Swim Clinics for schools at local aquatic centres or at your school swimming pool.

Next clinics -

Please let your school know that these clinics are available and bookings can be made through WA Swimming on 9328 4599.

- **SunSmart Performance Clinics**

SunSmart Performance Clinics are designed as coach education weekends as well as swim clinics for age group swimmers in regional areas. Clinics involve both practical and theoretical sessions that focus on a range of training and competition strategies. Coaches are able to use SunSmart Performance Clinics as professional development for Reaccreditation Update Points and also tutor coach hours.

Next clinics –

8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 6	Port Hedland	Sth Hedland Swimming Pool	Bernie Mulroy
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 5	Exmouth	Paltridge Swimming Pool	Mel Tantrum
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 5	Geraldton	Aquarena	Rod Bonsack
8 & 9 Nov, 2003	Region 1	Mandurah	Mandurah Aquatic Centre	Grant Stoelwinder
29 & 30 Nov, 2003	Region 2	Narrogin	Narrogin Aquatic Centre	Dion Mephram

Registrations for SunSmart Clinics are to be made with your region coordinator.

- **Austswim Course Dates**

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Course

November

Beatty Park/Tu 4, Th 6, Sat 8 & Sun 9
Bridgetown/Fri 14, Sat 15 & Sun 16
Kellerberrin/Fri 14, Sat 15 & Sun 16
Armadale/Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23
Geraldton/Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23
Kulin/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30
Albany/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30
Esperance/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30
Katanning/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30
Kununurra/Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant Aquatics Course

Exmouth/Sat 1 & Sun 2 November
Gosnells/Sat 15 & Sun 16 November

That's it for this week. Please print out a copy of Swim Scene for your staff notice board and circulate Swim Scene throughout your networks. For more information or to subscribe a friend to receive Swim Scene please visit the WA Swimming website at www.wa.swimming.org.au

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