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# INTRODUCING NEW AUSTSWIM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At AUSTSWIM, we know child safety isn't optional – it's essential. That's why we've developed a new safeguarding course, co-designed with our expert advisor Phil Doorgachurn, to equip swim teachers, pool operators and aquatic professionals with the knowledge and confidence to uphold the highest standards of safeguarding children and young people.

This vital training explores child abuse statistics in Australia, the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, and covers the 5 R's of safeguarding – Recognise, Respond, Report, Record, Reflect.

Whether you're new to safeguarding or refreshing your knowledge, this course is critical for every swim teacher and swim school committed to creating safe aquatic environments.










## Australian only initiative

In Australia we're proud to have recently launched our new AUSTSWIM Swim School Network to connect and reward swim schools around the nation.

The network provides members with benefits, credibility and recognition for swim schools aligned with our mission to provide quality and lifelong aquatic education.

\*The Swim School Network is currently an Australian only program.

### What are the benefits of Joining:

-  National recognition
-  Staff training discounts
-  Swim School Network badge
-  Swim School Finder listing
-  Access to webinars and priority support

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### Check out these Australian swim schools who have already joined!

- Ripples Swim School (NSW)
- Beaver Swim School (VIC)
- Marlin Coast Swimming and Fitness (QLD)
- Meadows Swim School (NSW)
- DNA Aquatics (QLD)
- Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre (WA)
- Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre (NSW)
- SwimTech Albury (NSW)
- HV Swim School Bendigo (VIC)
- Y Learn and Swim (VIC)
- Jump! Swim School - Geelong (VIC)
- Childs World Swim School (QLD)
- Emily Drummond Swimming (QLD)
- Swimable (VIC)
- Fun Fitness Swim School (NSW)
- Pod Squad Learn to Swim (NSW)
- All You Swimming (VIC)
- Stanford Swim School Pty Ltd (NSW)



# EXTENSION COURSES ARE COMING TO INDIA!

AUSTSWIM and Swimming Matters are excited to announce that in November 2025, we will be running the AUSTSWIM Extension courses in India!

With the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, we will be delivering:

✓ **Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics**

Where: Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence

When: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

✓ **Teacher of Aquatics - Access and Inclusion**

Where: Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence

When: 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

✓ **Teacher of Adults**

Where: Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence

When: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

✓ **Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes**

Where: Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence

When: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

Get in quick to secure your spot by contacting Swimming Matters at [austswim@winningmatters.in](mailto:austswim@winningmatters.in)





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At AUSTSWIM, we believe quality swimming teachers save lives – and driven by this belief we're committed to working with the broader aquatics industry for drowning prevention. We've been out and about in recent months doing exactly this.

### Recent Highlights

- ARV Regional Conference (Ballarat/Bendigo, June) - Our industry leads Courtney Anderson and Michaela Waaka represented AUSTSWIM at this event as well as the LSV Inland Waterways Forum (Shepparton, July).
- Queensland Water Safety and Aquatic Collaborative (QWSAC) (Brisbane, June) - Our General Manager Georgie Nichol MC'd this collaboration (pictured below) was joined by our Head of Operations Samantha Tantum and Head of Training and Development Julia Wood.
- National Water Safety Summit (Sydney, July) – Georgie Nichol joined a panel of industry leaders to discuss the importance of aquatic facilities, and facilitated a workforce and education workshop. Sam Tantum presented on safeguarding leadership in the aquatics industry. Our CEO Brad Maunsell and Julia also capably represented AUSTSWIM at this important event.



Georgie Nichol (Executive General Manager) at the Queensland Water Safety and Aquatic Collaborative PD Day



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## What's ahead

- ASSA & ARI Spark National Conference (Sydney, August) - Our NSW team, Robyn Larkham and Charlene Easton, are hosting a trade stall so please drop by for a chat!
- LIWA Aquatics Conference (Perth, August) - Julia Wood presents on “The importance of AQUA”, joined by our WA Assistant Manager - WA, Emily Chew, for an engaging panel on intergenerational challenges.
- SwimCon 2025 (Melbourne, September) - As a SwimCon sponsor, we're proudly supporting a keynote by our AUSTSWIM Ambassador Brooke Hanson, delivering workshops on Safeguarding and AQUA exercise, and providing opportunities to connect with other swim teaching leaders.



Georgie Nichol (Executive General Manager) at the National Water Safety Summit (Royal Life Saving)



# 2025 Awards of Excellence



AUSTSWIM launched its 2025 Awards of Excellence on the 12 May 2025!

The nominations are in! Thank you for helping us celebrate the incredible swim teachers, Trainers, swim schools and leaders making a difference in aquatic education and water safety.

Our finalists have now been contacted to accept and support their nominations.

The finalists in each category will be announced soon so stay tuned!



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This is an exclusive community dedicated to all things related to international for members of the aquatic industry. Here, you can freely exchange tips, ask questions, and stay updated with the latest news and event information.

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