

Coaches Corner



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MOVING FORWARD IN WA?

In the recent 18 months there has been significant changes and development in the organisation and management of the Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (**ascta**) and the state branches (**asctaWA**).

The development has been aimed at improving the dynamics between the National body and the state branches as well as developing a partnership with the state associations. The main objective is to improve the benefits for members and therefore further develop of the sport.

The task undertaken by the State branches and the state associations has involved developing a comprehensive MOU. The task of writing the MOU has been rewarding within itself and already relations with **SWA** have seen the joint organisation and planning of several coaching workshops.

As part of the MOU, **SWA** and **asctaWA** will be working collaboratively to assist and provide opportunities for the professional development for coaches

A summary of the initiatives involve:

- Joint planning and organisation of coach education seminars, workshops, clinics and conferences
- Coach Liaison Officer (CLO) – available the first Wednesday of each month. A CLO will be based at SWA to assist coaches with coaching queries and concerns, membership details and general coaching information. Also available by email ascta@wa.swimming.org.au
- The development of a **SWA** and **asctaWA** partnership to develop and promote the sport of swimming within the state.

Keeping watching the website for future workshops, clinics and professional development opportunities for coaches.

The main area for coaches in located under Development – Coaching – ASCTA.

Creating history

asctaWA is planning to complete a historical review of all coaches in Western Australia. We are asking clubs and coaches to assist with this review by providing information about current and past coaches within their swimming club. If you can assist by providing brief information on the details of coaches within your training squad or club from past and present.

asctaWA would like to comprise a history book of swimming coaches within the state.

Your club is asked to complete a brief form for any coach that members can remember at their club. The form can be located on the SWA website under Development – Coaching – ASCTA.

SWA Website

As coaches let us make use of the Coaching Section on the SWA website. The website is a great source of information about news, employment, articles and what's happening on the coaching scene.

Great work Roger Bruce!

At the recent 2007 Nationals SC Championships held in Melbourne Roger Bruce was selected as one of the Australian Team Coaches to travel to Manchester in April 2008 for the World Short course Championships. Accompanied by 30 swimmers and 12 coaches Roger will again represent the country. Roger will be joined by Western Australian swimmers: Jennifer Reilly, Adam Lucas and Sally Foster.

CONGRATULATIONS

GRANT STOELWINDER

At the 2006-2007 SWA Awards Breakfast Grant Stoelwinder was awarded Coach of the Year. On behalf of all **asctaWA** members we would like to congratulate Grant on this well deserved achievement.

Grant's coaching achievements for the 2006/2007 Swimming year has been a reflection on his commitment and drive for the sport.

Congratulations Grant!

SunSmart Coaches & Officials Annual Conference Challenge Stadium

Guest presenters: Leigh Nugent & Roger Fitzgerald
Register your interest before Thursday 13th September.
Registration form located on website.
<http://www.wa.swimming.org.au/>

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