



FACILITY REGISTRATION: 2011-2012

FACILITY NAME:	
CONTACT PERSON:	
FACILITY ADDRESS:	
CONTACT NUMBER: PHONE: (03)	FAX: (03)
EMAIL:	

Registration Fee: \$950 (inc. GST)

This registration entitles your facility to the following:

- 12 Month Accreditation Certificate
- Full Resource Kit
- Managers Session
- Staff Professional Development Session (max 30 participants)
- Industry Support

Of the Brochures, Lifeguard Cards and Wristbands can I have the following:

– Mixture of _____ (choose two of the above options)

Resources: – Only _____ (choose one of the above options)

PAYMENT OPTIONS *(please tick)*

Invoice: **Organisation Name:** _____
Address: _____
Signature _____

Please find enclosed a money order/cheque *(Please make payable to Aquatics & Recreation Victoria)*

Please debit my credit card MasterCard Visa **Amount \$** _____

Card Number: - - -

Expiry Date: /

Cardholders Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED FORM TO:

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria
Suite 9, Building 3, 'Unipark – Monash',
195 Wellington Road, Clayton 3168
Telephone: (03) 9271 3800 Fax: (03) 9545 0444

Upon receiving this form a confirmation letter will be sent to your facility and a representative from Life Saving Victoria will contact you to organise your Professional Development Session.



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WATCH AROUND WATER AQUATIC FACILITY AGREEMENT 2011/2012

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria and Life Saving Victoria wish to improve safety at public swimming pools and congratulate you on adopting the Watch Around Water program.

Accreditation

By utilizing the Watch Around Water program and resources, your aquatic facility becomes accredited by ARV and LSV.

Accreditation through the Watch Around Water Program provides you with:

- A clear association with ARV and LSV
- Access to an innovative, industry-leading safety initiative
- Access to promotional resources, logos and artwork
- Access to training and professional development
- Access to facility support from ARV and LSV.

Accreditation Requirements

By utilizing the Watch Around Water program and resources, your aquatic facility takes on certain obligations and responsibilities. The following four requirements must be maintained as a minimum standard to establish accreditation:

1. Use of the mandatory policies contained within the Watch Around Water Guide.
2. The training of staff according to the Watch Around Water professional development curriculum.
3. The modification of environments where possible according to Watch Around Water Guide.
4. The use of public awareness and education resources as provide through Watch Around Water Program.

Maintaining Accreditation

It is important that facilities maintain their accreditation on an annual basis.

Accreditation Providers

ARV and LSV also adopt certain responsibilities by accrediting your aquatic facility.

1. ARV and LSV will promote the aquatic facility through its channels of promotion
2. ARV and LSV will promote the importance of appropriate levels of carer supervision within aquatic facilities to the community.
3. ARV and LSV will research and communicate information pertaining to the appropriate level of carer supervision with aquatic facilities.

Important Notes



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The Watch Around Water program and all associated promotional and professional development resources remain the intellectual property of ARV and LSV. While an aquatic facility is accredited, they are free to use, reproduce and adapt any artwork or resources they have been granted access to. Should the accreditation of an aquatic facility lapse, under no circumstance is the aquatic facility permitted to use or display this material.

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria

Aquatics and Recreation Victoria (ARV) is the peak body for the aquatic and recreation industry in Victoria.

ARV represents and supports aquatic and recreation facilities staff and industry personnel to develop vibrant, healthy and connected communities.

Aquatics & Recreation Victoria offers a range of services to improve networks, communication and knowledge in the industry.

Life Saving Victoria

Life Saving Victoria (est. 2002) is an initiative of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia Victoria Branch (est. 1904) and Surf Life Saving Victoria (est. 1947).

Life Saving Victoria's mission is to prevent aquatic related death and injury in all Victorian communities and has the vision that all Victorians will learn water safety, swimming and resuscitation, and be provided with safe aquatic environments and venues.

Life Saving Victoria works with its members, communities, educational institutions, governments, and other like organisations to provide best practice education, surveillance and rescue, training, and aquatic risk management services.

AQUATIC FACILITY CENTRE POLICIES



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Watch Around Water is designed to increase the proportion of parents/guardians who adequately supervise their children in public aquatic facilities. Watch Around Water does this through the promotion of a series of policies. Accredited facilities must at a minimum follow the required policies. Please select any others you will implement in your facility.

REQUIRED POLICIES

- Children under 5 years old must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised during recreational play within arms' reach, at all times. For leisure pools, an adult must be in the water within arms' reach.
- Children under 10 years old will not be admitted without an appropriate parent/guardian.
- Children under 10 years old must be constantly supervised by a parent/guardian while in the aquatic area of the centre. The parent/guardian must position himself or herself to have a clear view of the child with no physical or structural barriers between them and the child.
- For children 10 years and older, parents must use their knowledge of the child's swimming ability to determine the level of accompaniment required.

RECOMMENDED POLICIES

- Groups will not be admitted where the number of parents/guardians supervising a group of children under 5 years exceeds the ratio of 1:4.
- Groups will not be admitted where the number of parents/guardians supervising a group of children under 10 years exceeds the ratio of 1:10.
- Children under 5 years will not be admitted without a fee paying parent/guardian who is prepared to enter the water in line with the required policies, when needed.
- All staff and all management, regardless of their position or role should complete the Watch Around Water Professional Development.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- A guardian is regarded as a responsible individual who is aged 16 years or over.
- Unsupervised children will be removed from the water and placed in a safe area until collected by the parent/guardian.
- An unsupervised child of poor swimming ability regardless of age will be removed from the water by a staff member if the staff member is concerned for the safety of that child.
- All large, informal groups arriving at the centre should be run through a briefing procedure.



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- When children are under supervision of a teacher in a structured learning environment E.g. swimming lessons or squad classes, a parent is not required to be in the water with the child, unless part of the existing centre policies.



IMPORTANT NOTES

Due to differences in centre layout, the presence of wave pools, staffing levels and anticipated patron numbers, some of these policies may be altered as they may not be appropriate for your centre in the current form.

A 12 month phase in of the program is recommended, to ensure smooth transition of the policies in line with existing policies, including pricing structures.

The mandatory policies state the minimum required. Centres who wish to operate above these policies for example at 6 and 12 years old rather than 5 and 10 years old will still be accredited under the Watch Around Water scheme.

To create effective policies and to ensure the public abides by them – we must produce a united front.



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