

**Team 1: Ho Tram, February, 2013:**



Jacqui Robertson and Tim Kemp arrived in Ho Tram to be confronted with 78 children for the first day of the swimming program! This time we were using the opulent pools at MGM Grand, Vietnam's second casino and resort, which has not yet opened. Luckily the local AUSTSWIM teachers all volunteered (graduates from the previous year, all Vietnamese young men) and we were able to teach such a high number. Stephanie McGuinness (SLSA), Robyn Lain and Pam O'Reilly also assisted.



Tim, Jacqui and Stephanie, conducted an AUSTSWIM **Train the Trainer** course for MGM Lifeguards and Activity Staff. These were all very talented young men. In week three they completed the exam and started helping teach in the children's swim program.



**Team 2: Hong Bang University International,  
April /May 2013**

AUSTSWIM presenters Jean Kemp, Jan Williams, Doan Minh Trung and Vo Van Vinh (from Swim Vietnam) conducted a *Train the Trainer* course. **Outcome:** 79 participants enrolled in the course. 75 completed the course including the written exam. 33 teachers were awarded the AUSTSWIM TSWS, an internationally recognized swim teaching certificate. 39 received CPR qualifications.

**Team 3: St Josephs Charity School, Bien Hoa.  
April 2013**

AUSTSWIM teachers and volunteers Jan Williams, Jean Kemp and Kathie Kemp, went to Bien Hoa in Dong Nai Province (5<sup>th</sup> highest Province in drowning fatalities) at the invitation of St Joseph's charity school and were hosted by the Sisters of Charity.

**Outcome:** 41 children enrolled in the program. In addition, 12 adults, including teachers, were taught basic swimming and rescue techniques.

Children of all ages and abilities learn very fast. They are so happy to be involved they give everything a go. All children were very quickly able to put their face in the water, float and stand with and without aids. Lessons focus on water safety, drowning prevention and reach rescue using readily available materials like bamboo sticks and palm fronds.



**Team 4: Primary School Teachers from Xuyen Moc District , May, 2013**

AUSTSWIM Presenters Jan Williams, Nguyen Van Chien and Tran Van Vu (from Swim Vietnam) conducted a *Train the Trainer* course for primary school teachers.

**Outcome:** 40 teachers took up the offer of Learn to Swim classes. 14 went on to complete all components of the AUSTSWIM course. Further mentoring and assessment will take place in 2014.



**Team 5: School Holiday Swim Program,  
Ho Tram, June/July, 2013**

AUSTSWIM teachers and WSV volunteers Jan Williams, Kathie Kemp, Jane Kilborn, Pam O'Reilly, Laura Alfrey and Stephanie McGuinness provided a 'tag team' to cover most of the **Vietnamese summer school holidays.**

**Outcome:** 54 children enrolled in the program and 16 local Vietnamese swim teachers volunteered. By the end of the time, these local Vietnamese teachers were completely running the program and many children could swim more than 25 metres.

**Team 6: Ho Tram Community Pool,  
October 2013**

Experienced AUSTSWIM teacher Marilla Gorman and Outdoor Education teacher Michelle Gregson went to Ho Tram with the express aim to mentor and coach the young teachers we have trained and to further encourage more school teachers to become involved and to bring their classes to the local pool.

Many of the local Vietnamese AUSTSWIM teachers volunteered (graduates from the previous year) and we were able to advise and assist them to further develop themselves professionally.

**Team 7: Vung Tau and Xuyen Moc,  
November 2013**

Jan Williams, Marilla Gorman and Rihanna Wilson

The Vung Tau project promises to be as big or if not bigger than Ho Tram and is our next main project in Vietnam.

**Outcomes: 48 candidates** enrolled in the course. They were school teachers and hotel/resort lifeguards. Robert Reeves assisted Jan with all facets of organisation for this program and we really value his input.

**Hong Bang International University:** Jan has trained new **5 assessors** from HBUI to assist in assessing the trainees from our last course. **(35 students)** These assessors will relieve the pressure off our AUSTSWIM trainers in the future because we had to try and follow up on subsequent trips. Now the local assessors can assess when the candidate is ready and suitable.

Jan then continued in the **Xuyen Moc district** with the teachers from Phuoc Buu who have yet to fully complete their AUSTSWIM course.

**Outcome:** 55 children attended this week long program and 9 local teachers are now fully trained AUSTSWIM teachers.

At the request of Ho Tram Beach resort Management, Jan then conducted a *Train the Trainer* course for local resort staff.

**Outcome:** 15 candidates, attended the course.

At the completion of this course, we now boast having trained staff from **five local resorts** on the Ho Tram Coast. Paramount to our work is the involvement of these men (and other previous graduates and trainees) in Children's Swim Programs so as to enable them to complete their AUSTSWIM qualifications and to give them more practical experience in teaching children.