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Thank you to our volunteer Co Ordinators, who have done an amazing job in organizing swim programs for the first 6 months of 2017. Never before have we had dates locked in by the end of February. Congratulations to you all!

Tim & Kathie Kemp are on their way to Vietnam for our first program beginning 4th March **training more PE students from two Universities (HBUI and UPES)**. This is the 6th year that **Kemp Acquatics in Maffra** have been involved and we are very grateful to have them as a long term sponsor.

Again we will be helping teachers at **St Joseph's Charity School** to conduct a swim program in March. These children are from poor families and would not be able to afford swim lessons. Ben Asmussen is returning to assist. Thanks again Ben!

Since 2013 we have been training teachers from the **Xuyen Moc District** and last year assisted some of them to conduct swim programs as part of the school curriculum. **This is what we have been trying to achieve over the past 5 years!**

This Xuyen Moc program will continue in 2017 and Jan Williams is packed and ready to go in March. Carel Clifford, a new volunteer will join Jan and we wish Carel a great experience in Vietnam.

Gail Mortimer is also organized to go to Vinh Long and assist teachers she trained last year as they introduce swimming into the curriculum. Margie Heffernan, another new volunteer will join Gail in June.

It is worth saying here that we have had a total of **10 new volunteer swim teachers** register with us this year. Not all have been interviewed as yet but they are high quality applicants and we thank you most sincerely for volunteering with WSV.

Exciting Government Announcements

Important announcements by the Vietnamese Government this month include:

- All children will learn to swim. In HCMC alone, 5000 children will be taught to swim
- 62 poor villages will get an above ground pool and will have one trained teacher and one supervisor.

More information can be found at
<http://tuoitrenews.vn/society/39741/5000-kids-to-get-free-swimming-lessons-in-ho-chi-minh-city>

The Government of Vung Tau/Ba Ria recently made an award to WSV and one of our volunteers, Jan Williams. This is the first time the award has been made to a foreigner. **The citation reads 'to appreciate, encourage and thank you for the great contribution to our society'**. Jan has been volunteering in Vietnam since 2011, training teachers and teaching children to swim and was very proud and happy to receive this award. Congratulations Ms Jan!



Jan Williams with District Education Department Director, Mr Hau and Mr Chinh Le, who co-ordinates our swim programs in Xuyen Moc.

Fundraising continues unabated!

Loyal supporters (both individuals and companies) continue to make **donations and pledges** and we sincerely thank you all.

Only with your support can we plan for the future and deliver high quality teacher training and swim programs to Vietnamese teachers and children.

Focus in January was on Geelong and the Surf Coast and Gail Mortimer worked tirelessly (with Margie Heffernan and Darryl Beales) at the Queenscliff Ocean Swim in January. Thanks also to our other loyal supporters who assisted on the day by selling raffle tickets.

Together with a generous donation from the **Boroughcoutas Club**, we raised enough on the day to send two swim teachers to Vietnam.

It is our intention that Gee long will team with Vinh Long as a **'sister swim program'** and volunteers are already in place for future programs. CoGG have also indicated their support for WSV and the work we do in Vietnam.

Thank you to Gail for your dedication to this cause.



Gail and Margie present the Boroughcouta's cheque to WSV Chairman, Charles Lyne.

Donations are welcome!

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- **Mail your cheque** to Robyn Lain, WSV Administrative Manager, at Unit 11/18-20 Fewster Rd. Hamptom Vic. 3188.

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Thank you from the little kids in Vietnam.