

Our Programs are off and running!

2018 is off to a flying start with the **Xuyen Moc program** conducted over three weeks in January.



Jan Williams and Maria Burn assisted the local Vietnamese teachers to teach 201 Grade 7 & 8 students of Bung Rieng As this school is some distance from the pool, WSV not only paid the entrance fee to the pool but the bus fare as well.

Since 2013 we have been training teachers from the **Xuyen Moc District** and our role now moves to assisting 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!**

Training PE students at three Universities

Plans are in place for Tim Kemp to **train PE students from three Universities in HCMC** in March to full AUSTSWIM TSWS, an internationally recognized teaching certificate.

Assisting Tim will be two more AUSTSWIM Presenters, Jamie Kemp and Mandy Walker from Maffra. This is the 7th year that **Kemp Acquatics in Maffra** have been involved and we are very grateful to have them as a long-term sponsor.

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Volunteer to teach

We have had a total of **20 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.

If you have a recognized teacher qualification and would like to volunteer, check out our website for details.

Spreading the word on Drowning Prevention

Last October, Pam O'Reilly from WSV and Joanne Stewart from Swim Vietnam, presented at the WHO World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Vancouver BC. This presentation was on behalf of 5 INGOs all operating in Vietnam, to showcase the work we do on a world stage.



The Vietnamese Government is conducting workshops and rolling out Pilot Swim Programs to the Provinces. WSV has been represented at these workshops by Sophie Le and we have indicated willingness to be involved in this important initiative.

Fundraising continues unabated!



Our Ladies Lunch at Doyle's Bridge Hotel was again a very successful day. We raised \$5,173 through silent auction and ticket sales which included several donations from people who could not attend.

The **Rotary Club of Albert Park** held an annual Auction Night which saw several items donated by our Board Member Neil Roberts auctioned and WSV were the lucky recipients of \$10,000.

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.

Donations of bathers and swim equipment

Thanks to Big Group Hug in Rosanna for again donating bathers. Also to Old Orchard Primary School, Hampton Primary School, The Basin Primary School for kids bathers and swim equipment.

Kingswim have again donated new kids bathers. Our dear friends at the Balnarring Op Shop are always calling for us to collect bathers from them!

The wonderful George Rankin, a retiring first aid trainer, aged 82, has just donated his entire store of Annies (resuscitation dolls.) Thank you George.

For cash donations please use the

- Donate Now button on our web page <u>www.watersafetyvietnam.com</u> or
- Direct Credit into our Water Safety
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- Mail your cheque to Robyn Lain, WSV Administrative Manager, at Unit 11/18-20 Fewster Rd. Hampton Vic. 3188.

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Thank you from the little kids in Vietnam.