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2019 and yet another exciting year in Vietnam!

AUSCHAM Australian Business Awards.

After a rigorous application process and interview, WSV was short listed in two categories, each with four other companies in Vietnam. This time we were not successful but it was great to be recognized for the work we do in Vietnam.

More good news for WSV is that we have achieved INGO (International Non Government Organisation) status. This has taken 2 years paperwork but is an exciting achievement.

Following her appointment in Vietnam as **Deputy Country Manager**, Sophie Le travelled to Australia in December to attend several courses to extend her qualifications. To have someone working for us in Vietnam has been a huge help. Thank you Sophie

In March, **Jan Williams and Sophie Le** trained 70 teachers for the Dept. of Education in Xuyen Moc and were ably assisted by **Riahna Wilson**. This included a Children's Program for three schools for 260 kids. The important point to note here is that these programs were conducted in school time, as part of the PE curriculum. WSV paid pool entrance fees and bus fares.

In April, Tim Kemp and Sophie Le, AUSTSWIM Presenters, trained 55 new teachers from **two Universities in HCMC**.

Teacher training in Dong Thap Province in April. This was our first initiative whereby the client is a major Government Organization, the National Sports Union. Also, it was an opportunity to work with Swim Vietnam, another INGO in Vietnam. 132 teachers completed the course which included a one day CPR course conducted by Vietnam Red Cross.

May has been an exciting month with our small team in HCMC increase, with the acceptance of the position of **Program Co Ordinator** by Elvy Tran who has been volunteering as an interpreter for our AUSTSWIM courses for over 6 years!
Welcome Elvy.



Elvy Tran, Mandy Walker and Tim Kemp AUSTSWIM Presenters

WSV has a new client, the **Christina Noble Children's Foundation** in HCMC. These children are from very poor areas and so are deemed a high priority. We will employ local teachers to assist Sophie Le and Elvy Tran.

We are very proud to announce that former Australian Olympic Swimmer, Sophie Edington, accepted the position of **WSV Ambassador**. Sophie has visited Vietnam over the past two years and has taught children in our swim programs. She is very impressed with the work we are undertaking and we were delighted that she could attend our Ladies Lunch and the AUSCHAM Australian Business Awards.



MC Charles Kovess, Country Manager Pam O'Reilly and WSV Ambassador Sophie Edington, at the Ladies Lunch fundraiser.

Our **Ladies Lunch at Doyle's Bridge Hotel** was again a very successful day. We raised just over \$3,300.00 through silent auction items, raffle prizes and ticket sales. Thanks to everyone who attended.

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.

We continue to receive **donations of bathers and board shorts** from such places as Life Saving Victoria, Firbank Grammar School, Boardriders Group Geelong, Ocean Grove SLSC, Big Group Hug Rosanna, several opportunity shops and many friends. Please know that the kids in Vietnam love to be able to keep their rashies and swimsuits.

For cash donations please use the

- **Donate Now** button on our web page www.watersafetyvietnam.com or
- **Direct Credit** into our Water Safety Vietnam Ltd. bank account BSB 633000 A/c 154433056 or
- **Mail your cheque** to Robyn Lain, WSV Administrative Manager, at Unit 11/18-20 Fewster Rd. Hampton Vic. 3188.

Include your name and mailing address and all donations will be acknowledged.

Please don't forget to make a donation prior to 30th June, via RAWCS and get your tax receipt to be included in your tax return.

WSV is a **Rotary International Project** and so for large amounts, tax deductibility is possible if the donation is made through **Rotary Australia World Community Service. (RAWCS)**. Please phone Robyn for details on 0413 493 893

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Thank you from the little kids in Vietnam.