



What is 'Watch Around Water'?

Watch Around Water is an industry driven initiative developed to address concern regarding the supervision of children by parents/ guardians in public aquatic centres.

The primary aim of the program is to develop a level of consistency in the aquatic industry as well as educate and raise the awareness of what is involved when adequately supervising children at a public aquatic facility. The program is run by Recreation SA in South Australia and is an initiative developed by the Leisure Institute of WA (LIWA).

What is the purpose of having centres onboard the WAW campaign?

- Increase safety and supervision standards at aquatic facilities
- Eliminate confusion as to where the responsibility lies with supervision of children at public pools (i.e. Parent/Guardian or lifeguards/pool staff)
- Develop the consistency of supervision policies across SA and Australia

Who is it supported by?

The WAW campaign in South Australia has been developed by, and is continually supported by the following organisations:

- Recreation South Australia
- LIWA Aquatics
- The aquatics industry

What is involved in centres registering for WAW?

Centres are initially sent a Watch Around Water registration form (attached) which must be completed and sent to Recreation SA. They will then be sent a complete registration pack which will have all the necessary documentation required to officially enroll them in the program. Once registered, aquatic centres agree to follow the following guidelines:

- 1. Children under 10 must be accompanied into an aquatic facility and must be directly supervised by the parent/guardian at all times*
- 2. Children under 5 must be supervised within arms reach at all times, and therefore, children under 5 must be accompanied into the water by a parent/guardian*

What will the centre receive for registering with the WAW program?

The aquatic centre will receive the following when registering with the WAW program:

- WAW accreditation from Recreation SA
- Start-Up Pack of resources to assist in WAW implementation and further resources available for order when required
- Access to additional large promotional signage to assist with promotion
- Access to staff training sessions through our training providers
- Assistance and support from Recreation SA to generate local media
- Centre support from Recreation SA – media releases, contact, launches, resource development, advice etc.

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