

NEWSLETTER # 2

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**Water Polo
Australia
launches new
e-learning
platform**

At this early stage of development of the new e-learning platform, no urgent action is required for players, officials or coaches.

For further information, please contact Colin Thomas.



Think. Act. Play.
Applies to ALL Water Polo
coaches, referees, parents,
players, spectators and officials.

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THINK

Think before you speak

2

ACT

Act with respect

3

PLAY

Play in the spirit of the
game

ASSESS

DECIDE

PERFORM

New Score controllers

WPTAS has purchased new wireless score controllers.

If you would like to familiarise yourself with how to use them, please read the instruction sheet posted on the WPTAS website. There is also a laminated copy poolside. A brief score controller training session will be held at DKHAC at 6.15pm before the next club games on Friday 20th October.

BIG thank you to Will Thomas, Gina Aitken and Maddie Aitken for all their assistance with training people up in the use of the new controllers.



Tasmanian state U16 boys and girls

WPTAS congratulates and thanks all the players, coaches, managers, parents and helpers of the u16 teams. The teams both performed really well and had some great competition. Well done!



Special mention goes to the coaches and managers who have contributed many hours of their time to ensure the teams are ready for nationals. Also, huge thanks to the volunteers, parents and friends of Water polo Tasmania for all the efforts put into such successful teams.

Boys Coach: Dean Wright

Girls Coach: John Pankiw

Boys Assistant Coach/Manager: Deane Barnett.

Girls Manager: Felice Wright

SPECIAL MENTION to the amazing Organising Committee for U16 girls WP Nationals held at DKHAC: Tracey Walls (chair), Sally Merritt, Jane Kirk, Miran Shoemark and Louise McMullen (& to all the volunteers on the door etc.). Thanks also to Andy Brocklesby for his excellent assistant coaching with the u16 Tassie girls. GREAT TEAM SPIRIT TASSIE!

Results:

BOYS: 20th from 31 teams. GIRLS: 23rd from 24 teams





Tasmanian state 14 & under boys and girls teams

WPTAS encourages interested boys and girls to try out state training for the Tasmanian Water Polo teams travelling to Canberra and Albury/Wodonga in April 2018. Preliminary training sessions will commence 19/10/17 and team selection is expected to occur at the end of January to early

February. This is a great opportunity for those athletes wishing to reach higher performance levels in Water Polo. WPTAS recognises and supports this as a major pathway for athlete development and future champions. A small fee applies to each athlete to cover pool costs. An information session for parents and athletes will be held on Thursday 19th October at 6.00pm at the Clarence pool and followed by training at 7.30pm.

Boys team

Head coach: Deane Barnett

Assistant coach/manager: Brad Arkell

Girls team

Head Coach: Andrew Knight

Assistant coach/manager: TBA

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 16th Oct	5.30pm: Presidents meeting and followed by Board meeting
Thurs 19th Oct	6pm: Parents information session u14 boys and girls Clarence Pool
Thurs 19th Oct	7.30pm: First training session for u14 state training Clarence Pool
Fri 1st Dec	Club Semi-finals
Fri 8th Dec	Club Grand finals
Sat 9th Dec	6 - 10.30pm: WPTAS Awards Dinner at Hotel SOHO

Tickets to be available soon.

LIFE MEMBER PROFILE: BILL ROACH

Founding member of WPTAS. Current board member. Sandy Bay club board member. General all round WP helper!

When did you start playing Water Polo?: 1959, with former my school, St Virgils. I played for 6 years and then stopped playing when I got married to my lovely wife Pam and we had a family.

What made you become involved in Water Polo again? My son Wes started playing when he was 14 years old (for St Virgils) and I got asked to be involved. The was in 1982.

Does anyone in the family still play? Yes, I have two grandsons playing in the u12 and u14 Sandy Bay teams. My son Wes also coaches.



What advice would you give to new players? TRAIN HARD! And PLAY HARD!

APOLOGIES for the misprint in the September newsletter: **Sasha Gregg**, u16 Tasmanian state team girls representative.

Gratitude and thanks

WPTAS is a not-for-profit organisation and is run solely by unpaid volunteers (with the exception of the referees). Without these incredible volunteers Water Polo Games would not occur. Special thanks goes to the following stalwarts: Alex Kuzis, Joseph McMullen, Tom Reale, Will Thomas, Peter Kube, Andrew Hudson and Justin McMullen. Please note, helpers are always needed!!

Much appreciation to: Andrew Hudson who has been doing a great job organising all the referees.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING WATER POLO GAMES HAPPEN EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!!

WATER POLO TASMANIA BOARD MEMBERS 2017

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