

Media Release

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JOBS SPLASH BOOSTS POOL OF AQUATICS WORKERS

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring swimming and aquatics centres across the state have the staff they need to keep Victorians safe in the water this summer.

Through Jobs Victoria and in partnership with Aquatics and Recreation Victoria, the Labor Government is creating 300 jobs for the aquatics sector, including swimming teachers, lifeguards, duty managers and customer service staff.

The \$5.7 million investment will deliver worker training and support including, First-Aid and CPR, lifeguard training and certified qualifications in swim teaching and water safety.

The roles will be prioritised for young people under 25, women over 45, long term unemployment, veterans, and people with disability.

Jobs include full-time and part-time roles at local council pools, swim schools, aquatic and recreation centres and community facilities across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Recruitment has already started and ends in mid-2023.

Those hired will have guaranteed work for 12 months paid at award rates or above.

The jobs are not only addressing a shortage of swim teachers but will also give young swimmers the opportunity to catch up on vital water safety education as the weather warms up.

The jobs boost complements \$3.4 million partnership between the Government and the Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA) to create 280 swim teacher roles announced in December last year.

For more information visit www.jobs.vic.gov.au or call the Jobs Victoria hotline on 1300 208 575.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Employment Jaala Pulford

"We're supporting people looking for work to get qualifications so they can work as swim teachers, lifeguards and other critical roles that will help keep our swimming pools safe and fun for everyone."

"We're all keen to get back into the water as the weather warms up and it's critical everyone can do that safely, these jobs will ensure just that."

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Swimming in summer is a way of life for all Victorians and by boosting the workforce at swim centres we're ensuring everyone knows how to be safe in the water."

Quote attributable to CEO of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria Kathy Parton

"We're excited to be working with Jobs Victoria to help grow the aquatics workforce in Victoria. We look forward to welcoming a diverse new workforce to the industry that this program will support."

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