

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Learn to swim this summer**

Living in this great island state we are surrounded by beautiful waterways, inland rivers, creeks and dams. A lot of our recreation occurs on or near these waterways.

According to the 2017 Royal Life Saving Association National Drowning Report, 11 people drowned in Tasmania between July 2016 and June 2017.

The statistics are sobering. When calculated as rates per 100,000 population, Tasmania recorded the second highest rate in Australia at 2.12 drowning deaths. Nationally, drowning deaths in children under five increased by 32% on the number of deaths last year.

One of the best ways to prevent this tragedy is to teach your children to swim at an early age.

The Huonville Swimming Pool opens for summer on 4 November from 10am to 6pm. And to celebrate, the Council is offering FREE entry to the pool all day. Bring the family and friends and spend the day frolicking in the pool under the supervision of trained lifeguards.

The Huonville Pool offers an extensive Learn to Swim Program run by experienced and highly qualified Austswim Instructors. Our program operates throughout the entire summer season (Nov – Mar). Classes are designed to suit all ages, ability, skill and confidence levels and cover everything from water familiarisation for beginners through to stroke correction for advanced swimmers. We promote learning in a fun, friendly and safe aquatic environment.



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There are 2 types of lesson packages available - a 6 week program of 30 minute lessons once a week for \$90 (starting 13 November and 12 February) and a 10 day intensive program held during the day for \$150 (starting 8 January and 22 January). Lessons must be paid for in full on the first day of attendance and a medical form must be completed.

The risks of drowning are higher in regional and rural areas so enroll your children in a program over summer, so you can be confident when they are playing in or near water.

To book your place or for further information, please phone Rebecca Bell on 6264 0300.



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