

## Nikki Eidne

It is a great privilege for me to be the Chairperson of SynchroWA. I been involved with the sport of Artistic Swimming from the beginning of 2010, when my daughter attended a 'Come & Try' at Fremantle Leisure Centre. This was shortly after Artistic Swimming, previously known as Synchronised Swimming, saw a revival in WA in 2009. As with most of our parents, I knew very little about the sport but would volunteer to help at our regular competitions.

Over the years I have 'worn many hats' as a volunteer. These included, many years on the committee of one of our clubs in a variety of roles, including Club President. I worked as Chief scorer for WA, which included running all the electronic scoring at several Nationals, spent time as the Registrar of ASAI (our National Artistic Swimming body), and two years ago was elected as Chairperson of SynchroWA.

As a senior school Science teacher, I am passionate about teaching and learning and also highly value the importance that sport plays in the lives of people of all ages and abilities. For over 10 years, I have watched the sport of Artistic Swimming go from strength to strength in WA. We are currently home to the two biggest Artistic Swimming clubs in Australia, with most of the National Team and newly named Olympic Team swimmers living in WA. My goal as Chairperson is for SynchroWA to be instrumental in facilitating the transformation of our sport from a small niche sport into a mainstream aquatic sport that caters for all people in our WA community. We have made much progress through the development of multiple pathways with diverse options for swimmers of all ages and abilities. The past few years has seen a massive participation drive to improve people's access to the sport of Artistic Swimming in the Perth Metropolitan area, Regional WA, through our growing SynchroStART for School's program and our newly developed AquaStART program in collaboration with Royal Life Saving WA.

Welcome to our website. We hope you are able to find the information you require. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, our Sports Officer Juliana or our Regional Development Officer Camille. We look forward to seeing you in the pool.