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## ADAS Newsletter, Issue 26 April 2020

### Introduction

Well it is certainly with mixed emotion that I write my last newsletter as the Executive Director of ADAS. It has been a great honour to be part of ADAS over the past 20 years, working initially as a consultant, then on the Board of Directors and as a project manager, and since 2011 as Executive Director. I want to thank the hard-working team that have been there to help me out day-to-day in the ADAS office. I know many of you have dealt with the various staff members over the years and will agree that they are fantastic at what they do. I am very proud of what we have been able to achieve over the years and I know that ADAS is considered highly around the world and has a reputation for producing great people for the hyperbaric industries.

It is with great pleasure though, that I step aside and introduce Amanda Sordes to the role of Executive Director. Amanda has been selected from a high calibre group of potential candidates and brings valuable skills and experience to the organisation. I feel certain that her skills and enthusiasm will take the organisation to yet another level. There is a little more info in one of the articles below.

In what are unprecedented times in the world, many of us aren't quite sure what the future will bring. Hopefully at least some of the financial stimulus being provided around the world will find its way into the diving sector, for employers, employees and independent contractors.

The majority of ADAS training establishments (ATEs) are closed right now, however all ATE managers are monitoring the situation closely to work within government recommendations on a state by state, or country by country basis.

Please all stay safe in these difficult times and thank you all for your support over the years.



Rob Gatt

ADAS Executive Director

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### Welcoming new ADAS Executive Director

ADAS is pleased to announce that Amanda Sordes has been appointed as the new Executive Director. Amanda will commence in the position of Executive Director on 20th April, 2020. The ADAS Board would like to thank all applicants, who demonstrated a high level of industry experience and expertise.

Amanda brings a depth and breadth of diving experience to the role and has an excellent knowledge of ADAS through her past positions and ongoing involvement in ADAS projects.

Amanda has significant experience as an occupational diver, supervisor, and diving safety industry officer. She has worked across various industries including offshore construction, onshore construction, aquarium/zoo, and scientific diving. Amanda has two Master's degrees in Environmental Protection and Management and is qualified as an ADAS Training



and Assessment Manager with experience in training development and delivery, and has been a contributor to a wide range of ADAS projects.

Her positions as Dive Officer at two Sydney universities, facilitator for the French National Convention on Occupational Diving, participation in IDRCF and EDTC meetings, and three years' experience serving as a Director of the ADAS Board have given her a solid understanding of ADAS's role and function both nationally and within international arenas.

Amanda cares about all sectors of the diving community, growing stakeholder engagement, and improving diver safety. During her time as Executive Director she aims to efficiently maintain ADAS' regulatory and MOU commitments whilst continually improving the quality and relevance of ADAS' portfolio of services.

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## DMT certificates during the COVID-19 pandemic

Due the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that it will be difficult over the coming months to undertake DMT courses.

To compensate for the reduced availability of training, and based on the timing of the impact of COVID-19 in Australia and New Zealand, ADAS has extended the expiry date of all ADAS DMT certificates that expired on or after the 1st of February 2020 to a common expiry date of the 30th of September, 2020.



This extension will allow all DMT holders to renew their certifications within the usual parameters (3 months before 8 weeks after) the 30th of September. Please note that there will be a large demand on training establishments in that 5-month window of opportunity period so please plan ahead.

It will not be necessary to replace your ADAS card, however, should you wish to do so it can be requested via the following link: <https://adas.org.au/forms/adas-card-replacement/>. There is a \$30 administrative charge for replacement cards issued.

This situation will be monitored as the COVID-19 situation progresses and will be reconsidered as further restrictions on training are identified.

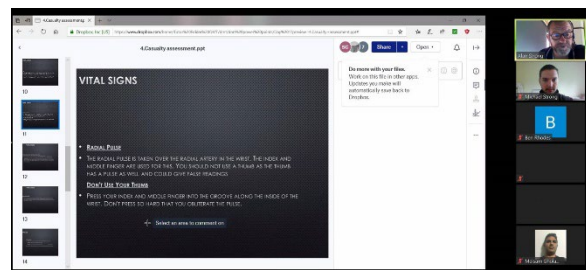
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## ADAS courses during COVID-19 pandemic

Despite most courses being closed at present, some theory components of ADAS courses are available online. Students who were already enrolled in courses, or those looking to undertake some distance learning during downtime, may be able to access ADAS training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 crisis has meant students around the world are having to learn in different ways. ADAS wants to support people in the diving industry to continue their professional development and has worked with the schools to allow for some different approaches during these unprecedented times. Get in quickly to take advantage of these offers.

Here are some options, and we encourage you to contact the ADAS training establishments or ADAS to see what options may be available.



## The Commercial Dive Academy (CDA)

CDA has already started offering various online theory modules via streamed, interactable and downloadable lectures, as well as one on one tutelage where needed. Their current schedule is as follows:

### ADAS Occupational

- SCUBA to 30m (Part 1): April 20th – May 1st
- ADAS SSBA to 30m (Part 2): May 4th – 8th
- ADAS SSBA to 50m (Part 3): May 11th – 15th
- ADAS Closed Bell (Part 4): April 20th – 24th
- ADAS Onshore Supervisor: May 25th – 29th

For further information please contact CDA: +61 3 6383 4844; [info@commercialdiveacademy.com](mailto:info@commercialdiveacademy.com)

**Medical Training Solutions** is offering some new and innovative ways to continue to deliver Diver Medical Technician training.

### ADAS Managed Courses

For ADAS Dive supervisors, use this time to further your professional development in supervisory skills and applying project risk management techniques. More information at <https://adas.org.au/training/onshore-supervisor-diploma-pathway/> .

For divers who plan to work towards becoming a dive supervisor, ADAS has pre-reading options and revision courses to get a head start on your training. Start with <http://revision.adas-online.org> and contact ADAS for further options.

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## Closed Bell (Part 4) training

The Commercial Dive Academy (CDA) was all set to run full Closed Bell (Part 4) training at Beauty Point Tasmania this year before the COVID-19 crisis swept through the world.

Students enrolled can commence the theory components online with tutor support whilst the practical component has been postponed until it is safe to dive.

If you are interested in how CDA came to develop the course and would like to find out more on what they are offering, click the link below.

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## Safety and industry news

## Safety

We have identified safety notices that may give you some useful information for your business or diving practices.

- [COVID-19 and sanitisation of commercial diving life support equipment](#)
- [A summary of IMCA safety alerts](#)
- [Avoiding hazards in commercial diving](#)
- [Diver trapped by anchor chain](#)
- [Near miss – Vessel engine started while divers in the water](#)
- [Crosby shackle fault](#)
- [Overpressure relief valve on bailout systems](#)



## Industry news

IMCA publication 'Making Waves' goes digital

The IMCA magazine 'Making Waves' has gone digital. We recommend subscribing if you haven't already to receive regular industry updates. [Click here for further information.](#)

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## CPD scheme for diving supervisors

As many offshore supervisors will now be aware, IMCA is introducing a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme for diving supervisors after a successfully completing trials for the App based scheme.

ADAS had been in discussions with IMCA throughout the development and trial of the CPD and supports the concept of continued professional development and currency of competence.

If you are an ADAS diving supervisor, you may be wondering how this affects you. At present, there are no obligations to use the App to maintain your ADAS licence. IMCA has planned an 18-month bedding in process which will give users time to become acquainted with the system. As of January 2022, IMCA and ADAS will only recognise offshore diving supervisors who maintain their CPD records using the App.

The mechanics of renewal are currently being coordinated and will be advised to all offshore supervisors once established. To try the app, download from Google Play [here](#). Currently, however, ADAS renewal is still as it has been in the past.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.imca-int.com/briefing/1452/introduction-of-imca-diving-supervisor-continuing-professional-development-cpd/>

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