

ADAS Newsletter Issue 34, March 2023

Introduction

Welcome to Issue 34 of the ADAS Newsletter

In this issue of the newsletter we share changes to the ADAS Board as we welcome a new Chair and new Board Member, and farewell our long-standing Chair Ian Milliner, who has spent 10 years on the ADAS Board.

In ADAS news, we share an update about the addition of a new ADAS diver training site in Western Australia, and news that Medical Training Solutions will no longer be offering ADAS accredited Diver Medical Technician training.

The Safety article in this issue provides information about a near-miss umbilical management incident and the tragic death of a dive instructor in the Netherlands. It also includes information on the updated Model Code of Practice from Safe Work Australia for managing psychosocial hazards at work, an aspect of workplace safety which is becoming better recognised in remote and high risk workplaces such as offshore facilities.

Finally, IMCA has published two new Guidance documents: the first on the provision, acceptance and handling of breathing gases for diving, the second on protecting divers during underwater excavations. Additionally, IMCA Contractor Members are invited to submit Safety Statistics for 2022.

As always, your thoughts and comments, or any ideas for future issues of the ADAS Newsletter, are both welcome and appreciated.



Amanda Sordes

Executive Director

ADAS Welcomes New Chair and Board Membe

ADAS has welcomed a new Board Chair Dr Stuart Cannon, and Board Member, Ben Law, as we farewell Board member Wendy Chambers and Chairman Ian Milliner, and thank Ian for his ten years of service on the ADAS Board.

Farewell Ian Milliner

ADAS and the Board of Directors say a fond farewell to Ian Milliner who has retired after ten years as a Board member – six of those as the Chair. Ian's contributions to ADAS began long before his time on the Board, with him being the owner/manager of The Underwater Centre Fremantle (TUCF) from 1996 to 2015 and taking an active involvement in the development of ADAS training, policies and procedures during that time. As a Board member and Chair, Ian was integral to a large number of Working Groups and Sub- committees and was engaged in the creation and implementation of many ADAS programs which have improved ADAS services.



ADAS gives a heartfelt thank you to Ian for his many years of dedication and enthusiasm, and wish him the very best for his future endeavours.

Wendy Chambers

Wendy served on the ADAS Board of Directors from 2020 to 2022, bringing her extensive experience in occupational diving, offshore operations and project management. ADAS thanks Wendy for her contributions to the Board, and wishes her well for her future ventures.



Dr Stuart Cannon

ADAS welcomes Dr Stuart Cannon as the new Chair of the Board. Stuart has long-standing and extensive experience in the maritime industry primarily focusing on naval architecture and engineering. He has held positions within the Naval Architectural industry in the UK, as well as academic positions in Australia and the UK. In addition to being a chartered engineer, Stuart holds fellowships with Engineers Australia, the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, and the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering, and gained an Executive Masters degree in Public Administration in 2021.



Stuart's passion and commitment to research and strategic planning is a valuable asset to ADAS, as is his involvement with Standards Australia and Lloyd's Register of Shipping Technical Committee, and his strong involvement in the business world throughout his career.

Ben Law

Ben Law brings over 30 years' experience in commercial diving and associated operations around the world. He has experience in all aspects of commercial diving including renewables, offshore oil and gas and salvage operations. Ben has held various positions during his career including Project Manager, Operations Manager, and Contracts and Commercial Manager; and is currently Diving & Vessel operations manager for Subsea 7 in Perth.



You can read more about Stuart and Ben's backgrounds and experience on the [Board of Directors page](#) of the ADAS website.

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ADAS Schools Update

There have recently been changes to ADAS training facilities with one school expanding into Western Australia and another no longer offering ADAS training courses.



ADAS Training Now Available in Western Australia

As ADAS training schools continue to respond to industry feedback and extend their training locations, you can now access commercial diver training on both the East and West coast of Australia. Please contact the individual schools to find out more:

[Commercial Dive Academy](#)

- Launceston, Tasmania
- Lake Collie, Western Australia
- Orpheus Island, Queensland

[Underwater Training Centre SA](#)

- Burra, South Australia

[Professional Divers Training Academy](#)

- Melbourne, Victoria
- Sydney, New South Wales
- Gold Coast, Queensland

Medical Training Solutions No Longer Delivering ADAS Training

Medical Training Solutions (MTS), located in Perth, Western Australia, is no longer delivering ADAS accredited Diver Medical Technician (DMT) training. As of 8 February 2023, MTS elected to opt-out of continuing as an Accredited Training Establishment (ATE) and are no longer available to students wishing to undertake either full or refresher DMT courses.

Although this reduces the number of DMT training facilities, there continue to be two schools in Australia delivering ADAS DMT full and refresher courses:

- **Commercial Dive Academy** in Launceston, Tasmania
- **Underwater Training Centre SA** in Burra, South Australia ** As of 2023 UTCSA is not currently delivering DMT courses **

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Safety

Two safety events reported from IMCA include the tragic death of a dive instructor caused by incorrect valve threads on a diving cylinder, and a near miss incident where a diver's umbilical became trapped. We also share an update from Safe Work Australia on managing psychosocial hazards in the workplace.



IMCA Safety Flashes

- IMCA SF 03/23 - [Diving Instructor killed – incorrect valve threads](#)
- IMCA SF 02/23 - [Umbilical management – near miss](#)

Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work

Workplace safety includes the mental health of all staff, and as awareness of the importance of mental health in workplace safety grows, Safe Work Australia has released the *Model Code of Practice: Managing psychosocial hazards at work*. The risk and impact of psychosocial harm in the workplace is an aspect of workplace safety which is becoming better recognised in remote and high risk workplaces such as offshore facilities.

Find out more about your rights and responsibilities in managing psychosocial hazards in the workplace and access the Model Code of Practice on the [Safe Work Australia website](#)

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IMCA Updates

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Guidance Documents

The new IMCA Guidance documents include:

- [IMCA D 075 – Guidance on the provision, acceptance and handling of breathing gases for diving.](#) This document aims to raise awareness of the issues that industry has faced when procuring breathing gases used for diving.
- [IMCA D 074 – Guidance on Underwater Excavation Works Involving Divers.](#) This document aims to raise awareness of the hazards associated with subsea excavation works and, in particular, the significant risks to divers who engage in such work.

Safety Statistics

Additionally, IMCA contractor members are invited to submit safety statistics data for 2022 using the web portal on the IMCA website. The window for submissions is now open and will close on Friday 31 March 2023.

Information on how to submit safety statistics and how the information will be used by IMCA [can be found here](#)

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