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BUNNO BRAWL 2025

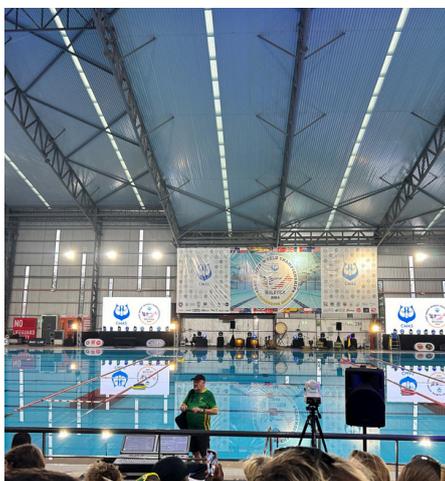
SATURDAY
23rd August
9AM - 5PM



-Raffle
-Winning Team Prizes
-Merchandise

VENUE : SOUTH WEST SPORTS CENTRE
CHECK-IN: 9-9:30AM
PRESENTATIONS: THE ROSE HOTEL 5:30PM

Shane Blackham (Club President)
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SAVE THE DATES

Reminders

- CMAS Asia/Oceania UWH Intercontinental Championships 3-9 August 2025
- Bunbury Brawl 23 August 2025
- WA UWH Commission AGM 24 August 2025
- WA State Team selections – coming up in September/October
- National Championships, 11-19 January 2026

The Local Sporting Champions program offers grants of up to \$850 to eligible junior athletes to attend the National Championships. **Applications will be open from August** via Smarty Grants

<https://sportaus.smartygrants.com.au/lsc2526-r1> . More info will be sent out to athletes that nominate for a junior state team.

Please **update your AUF membership** if you are not a current member. The AUF member site can be found here <https://auf.com.au/club-membership-page/> . Select your club and then member type. If you are not sure what your member status is, your local club rep should be able to help you find this out.

We are seeking nominations for State Team official roles by **23 August 2025**.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR WAZZIES COMPETING IN KL!

We have 8 athletes from WA who are heading over the Kuala Lumpur to play for Australia in the first ever CMAS Asia/Oceania UWH Intercontinental Championships.

Good luck to:

Samantha Blackham (EW), Tommy Miller, Amar Sarmiento, Josh Mackenzie, Mason Gillespie (EM), Clare Forward, Bronwyn Mackenzie, Jasmine Mann and Jane Gilligan (MW).

If you'd like to watch the games you get the link to the live broadcast from the official tournament website <https://www.asiaoceaniauwh2025.com/home>.





Nominations are open for State Team official roles

TO KICK OFF THE 2026 NATIONALS CAMPAIGN WE ARE CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR KEY ROLES THAT MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN! :-)

State Team Selection Manager and Coaching Coordinator - complete the **Nomination form**

Team Managers (Senior and Junior) - complete the **Nomination form**

The Australian National Championships

Confirmed for 11-19 January in the Gold Coast. Junior competition will run from 11-15 January and seniors from 16-19 January. WA UWH is still finalising its selection dates, but we expect to hold them in September and October. In 2025 the WA teams did a brilliant job, bringing home Champion State! We will also be calling for nominations for State Team coaches soon.

Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) Membership

We recommend that our members are members of the AUF <https://auf.com.au/club-membership-page/>. Being a member of the AUF provides you with individual benefits such as sports injury insurance, voluntary workers insurance and the ability to play in State, National and International competitions

Your membership fee also supports Underwater Hockey Australia, WA UWH and your club (if your club is set up this way). When you become a member of the AUF you automatically become a member of your club, the WA UWH Commission, the WA AUF and Underwater Hockey Australia.

Members also have the right to vote at Annual General Meetings and have a say on who runs the organisations. We are not yet sure how the voting will be run for the new Directors of the AUF Federal but we definitely encourage you to be a member and to vote!

WA UWH Inc Annual General Meeting

24 AUGUST 2025

Heads up that the AGM will be held at Shane Blackham's house the day after the Bunbury Brawl (Sunday 24 August 2024). We'll circulate more info soon. Please come along or join online. If you are interested in taking on a role with the Committee we'd love to hear from you. Formal nominations will be due in the first half of August.

Your current Committee is:

Elected members: Craig Mackenzie, Jane Gilligan, Samantha Blackham, Clare Forward
Club Reps: Shane Blackham (Bunbury), TBC (WCD), Alex Weedon (St Hildas), Hayley Digney (Collie), Clare Forward (Marg River).

CMAS UWH Age Group World Championships

CMAS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT AGE GROUP CHAMPS WILL BE HELD IN GEBZE/KOCAELI, TÜRKIYE ON 16-25 JULY 2026.

It will be very exciting to see our young Wazzie players competing at that competition. Australian players who have expressed an interest in trialling should receive communications from Underwater Hockey Australia soon :-)

Underwater Hockey Australia is still in the process of appointing coaches. It is expected that there will be training/ development camps held in 2025.



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