



In Brief

Hundreds of jobs have been lost following the collapse of central Queensland building company, JM Kelly, and many subcontractors are owed money following the collapse of the Rockhampton-based company. JM Kelly had 230 workers and had built major government projects over the past 60 years. Eight of its companies are now in liquidation. JM Kelly is the second builder to collapse in Rockhampton this year.

Controversial share economy outfit Swimply, known as the "Airbnb for pools", is launching in Australia. It enables users to rent out their swimming pools at an hourly rate and has been a success in the United States. While there are a number of positives, serious questions remain over safety and owner's liability.

Daisy's Ultradome pool cover has met the stringent requirements of the SPASA pool cover certification guidelines and is now Climate Care Certified as well as being certified by Smart Approved Watermark.

After years of development, a revision has been released of ANSI/APSP 16-2011: American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs. The new standard, ANSI/APSP/ICC 16-2017, incorporates updated requirements and methodology for the testing, documentation and application of suction outlet fitting assemblies (SOFAs) that are used in recreational water facilities.

Industry moves

Inspirational speaker joins Leadership Convention

Among the list of high profile presenters, the second edition of the highly successful SPASA Leadership Convention will feature Major Matina Jewell (Retired) CSP, one of the most sought-after speakers in the country.

Jewell is one of the most highly decorated women in Australian military history, with eight military medals. She is the only Australian to be awarded two Republic of Lebanon War Medals.

Her career culminated with a coveted posting to serve as part of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) in the Middle East. She was thrust into the middle of the war between Israel and Hezbollah – as the only Australian and the only woman on Patrol Base Khiam.

Her story is one of inspiration – of authentic leadership, of resilience in the face of crippling adversity and of thriving through changes across a trail-blazing military career – and beyond.

At the age of 23, she was head of the army department aboard HMAS Kanimbla, then Australia's largest navy ship. She was the first woman in the army to complete the physically demanding navy diver course, and has fast-roped



"It takes leaders who are courageous, who have the vision to take an organisation in a direction where they may not be 100 per cent sure about how things will look on the other side..."

"makes commanding 500 soldiers seem easy!"

Nicole Hatherly from Commbank says: "Matina is hands down the best speaker I've experienced. Her inconceivable circumstances, raw courage, storytelling and rare ability to package her lessons in risk and leadership into a realm that we could digest was a gift."

The SPASA Leadership Convention 2019 will be held at the Hilton Hotel Adelaide on Friday August 2, and will include the SPASA National Awards of Excellence Gala.

from helicopters, boarded ships smuggling contraband, served with elite American Navy SEALs in the Arabian Gulf and helped track down a notorious militia leader in the Solomon Islands.

She speaks four languages, holds a Masters in Project Management, was a prime ministerial advisor, a national mental health forum member and an ANZAC centenary commissioner. She has been named Telstra Women in Business 2016 NSW Finalist and one of CPA Australia's Top 10 Thinkers' who shaped 2015.

She is now a mum with two young daughters which she jokes,

Export

Middle East learns about Aussie technology

Australian Innovative Systems (AIS) CEO Elena Gosse says her trip to Dubai has strengthened the company's regional business connections and generated more potential export opportunities for Australian water disinfection products.

AIS was the only representative from Australia's water disinfection industry exhibiting at The Leisure Show at the Dubai World Trade Centre as part of its commitment to showcasing Australian technology and promoting industry and consumer education.

Additionally Gosse made a special presentation as part of the event's swimming pool and spa conference, in which she highlighted the safety and other benefits of electrolysis over conventional chlorine dosing.

Gosse says that while AIS exports to more than 50 countries worldwide and already has some of its systems operating in the Middle East, The Leisure Show offered a terrific opportunity to grow AIS' business further and bolster Australian export markets.

"This was a significant event for AIS to attend and reinforces the global direction of our company to focus on our core offer of designing and manufacturing quality water disinfection

technology while collaborating with other industry professionals as required.

She says the strong interest in their products from the show demonstrates opportunities to further grow the total Australian water disinfection and pool industry business

The show was attended by 5000 industry professionals including 150 international suppliers.



Elena Gosse delivering a presentation during The Leisure Show at the Dubai World Trade Centre