**So, you want to learn swimming as an Adult.**

Coaches Charlie and Peter

What inspired you to learn to swim or refresh your skills? Whatever the reason, now is the best time to start—waiting only makes it harder to build new muscle memory.

Water safety is often the main motivator, and it’s a crucial one.

Many adults seek lessons after near-misses, wanting to protect their children, or preparing for water-based activities like snorkelling, diving, and open-water swimming.

Everyone deserves to enjoy Australia’s beautiful waterways without fear.

Swimming communities are growing worldwide, and Port Phillip in Victoria is a key hub for open-water swimming. These groups foster connection and well-being, but many individuals hesitate to join due to a lack of confidence. Anxiety is natural, but with simple skills, anyone can access the joy of water.

Swimming safely requires more than just basic strokes.

Key skills include:

* Understanding personal health and current skill limitations
* Performing floats, rescue strokes, and CPR
* Reading tides, currents, and ocean weather
* Learning how to swim in a broad range of water conditions and temperatures, including surf
* Managing risks like hypothermia, marine life, and panic attacks
* Using rescue equipment and first aid techniques effectively
* Understanding basic basic lifesaving communications and DRSABCD.

Professional courses now combine swimming lessons with water safety for a holistic approach.  
Finding a knowledgeable coach is essential to gaining confidence, mastering proper technique, and ensuring safety. Ensure your coach is confident to demonstrate currency in their technique and skills and can communicate these skills clearly. Simply practicing basic skills is the pool alone is not enough. Your coach should be able to transfer and apply their skills to scenarios across open water and closed inland waterway situations.

Don’t wait—learning to swim is a life skill that is empowering. Take the next step, do your research, and connect with a swim professional today!