

Expose your kids to water and 'they will find a way' Learn to swim any way you can: Lawrence

By LIAM BUTTERWORTH

PASSIONATE learn-to-swim advocate Laurie Lawrence has offered some advice for Boyne Tannum parents unable to access learn-to-swim courses.

Speaking to *The Observer* yesterday, Lawrence encouraged parents to find any way possible to get their kids swimming.

"The more often the parents can get them (children) to the pool, or the beach, or a friend's pool, or wherever, the more often

they're exposed to water the more the young kids will explore and learn," Mr Lawrence said.

Residents of Boyne Island Tannum Sands have limited access to the swimming pool in Tannum Sands, which is located on State School land and unavailable for public use.

The Boyne Tannum Bullets swim club is hamstrung, already full on numbers and not having the size or the facilities to cater for the demand.

They have been forced to

hold trials to determine which swimmers will best fit the limited spots.

The only other learn-to-swim option is the Ibis Park Swim School, which has been forced to reduce its hours of operation.

The champion swim coach recommended parents teach their kids themselves.

"If you take your child to the water often enough, under strict supervision ... they will explore and experiment and they will teach themselves to swim."



PARENT'S PRIORITY: Champion swim coach and learn-to-swim advocate Lawrie Lawrence has urged Boyne Tannum parents to find any way to get their kids swimming. Picture by AAP



CHECK IT OUT: Quarterback Group project managers Peter Stemm (left) and Mark Roy (right) inspect the Aspex Gladstone plans with architect Walter Betten (centre left) and interior designer Amanda Taylor (centre right). Picture by CHRISSY HARRIS

Aspex Waterfront complex going to plan

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PROGRESS on the Aspex Gladstone Waterfront is "right on schedule" according to project manager Peter Stemm.

In Gladstone yesterday to "double check" the works with architect Walter Betten and interior designer Amanda Taylor, Mr Stemm said things were going "perfect".

The Aspex Gladstone Waterfront development is based on the corner on Lord Street and bills itself as "most excit-

ing prestigious residential unit development to date".

Walter Betten, from Archibet Architecture in Brisbane, said the design was chosen to

It's right on schedule - Peter Stemm

reflect its location on the Gladstone waterfront, as well as looking to future expansion in the area.

"The design takes into con-

sideration the integrating with future development along the Auckland Inlet as set out in The City Strategy - City Centre 'Linking City to Waterfront', he said.

Units in the five-storey, two-tower complex will have large decks which will overlook the waterfront area.

The interior design work has been done by Brisbane based Studio Lime and designer Amanda Taylor said they had taken their inspiration

from the environment.

"Aspex interior designs draw inspiration from warm natural earthy colours carefully selected to create an atmosphere of understated luxury and comfort," she said.

The group also took time to celebrate the relaunch with drinks for the workers yesterday afternoon.

Approximately 60 staff are employed on the project, many of them local. The projected completion date is May 2010.

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