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# A whale of an opera – under the water

European arts patrons are being treated to the most unusual swimming pool experience of all – an underwater opera.

**S**taged inside Berlin's Stadtbad Neuköllnone – one of the most beautiful art nouveau swimming pools in Europe – the AquAria Palaoa is an underwater opera which allows patrons to listen to the songs of the Weddell seals under the Antarctic ice shelf as a musical message from an inhospitable environment.

It is a love song between humans and whales – a submarine acoustic event brought to the surface by an amphibian choir, a singer under water, soloists and instruments.

Palaoa is the Hawaiian word for whale. The Palaoa Arctic Station is situated 15km away from the Neumayer Base in the Arctic Ocean. The recorded sounds are compressed and transmitted in real time via wireless LAN signal to Neumayer Station. After further compression the data is then forwarded to the Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research in Bremerhaven where it is made available online.

Currently Claudia Herr and the team are developing a new version of the underwater opera for other bigger swimming pools and open air/water locations. They are interested in bringing it to Australia, and Claudia encourages potential venues to get in contact with her at [info@claudiaherr.de](mailto:info@claudiaherr.de).

To view a video of the opera, go to [www.unterwasseroper.de](http://www.unterwasseroper.de).

## AquAria Palaoa

Project idea/artistic direction:

Claudia Herr

Underwater singing:

Claudia Herr

Songs of the Weddell seals:

Hydrophone recordings from Palaoa Arctic Station/Neumayer Station of the Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research

Project Leader at Palaoa Arctic Station: Dr Lars Kindermann

Composition: Susanne Stelzenbach

Text: Monika Rinck

Direction: Holger Müller-Brandes

Set and Lighting Design: Lars Reimers

Costume: Arianne Vitales Cardoso

Performers: Young Woman, Old

Woman, Killer Whale Gloom, Choir

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The choir swimming



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**S**auna manufacturer Klafs has brought out a new product that moves the sauna outdoors.

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The Talo consists of single modules which can be arranged individually by the customer. The width and depth can be enlarged where required in the framework system. There are many extension possibilities from a an additional quiet room to a patio.

The Talo can act as an outdoor sauna, pool house, garden house, wellness area or simply as a relaxing place to get away

from the house.

The exterior is dominated by horizontal Siberian larch weatherboards, with the straight lines giving the building an almost floating appearance, while the generous panorama window convey openness and allow in plenty of light.

With a view to sustainability, Klafs developed a high-quality timber wooden construction to withstand all weather conditions. The interior design is aimed at creating a cosy atmosphere with warmly toned pine floorboards. They can be used for both residential and commercial purposes.

For more information go to [www.klafs.com](http://www.klafs.com).



# US company sells millionth spa



## Proceeds of Watkins sale goes to fire-fighters.

**C**alifornia spa manufacturer Watkins, maker of Hot Spring Spas and Caldera Spas, has made its one-millionth spa.

Watkins held an online auction among Hot Spring Spas retailers worldwide for the right to own the one-millionth tub. The company also pledged to match 100 percent of the dealer's winning bid, doubling the charitable donation.

As a result of the competitive bidding that took place during the exciting week of the auction, Bruno Woodtli owner of Hewoo AG, a Hot Spring Spas dealership in Switzerland, won the one-millionth spa (an Aria model) with a final bid of \$US17,200.

As planned, Watkins Manufacturing matched the winning bid, providing a total donation of \$34,400 to support the families of fallen fire-fighters across the United States.

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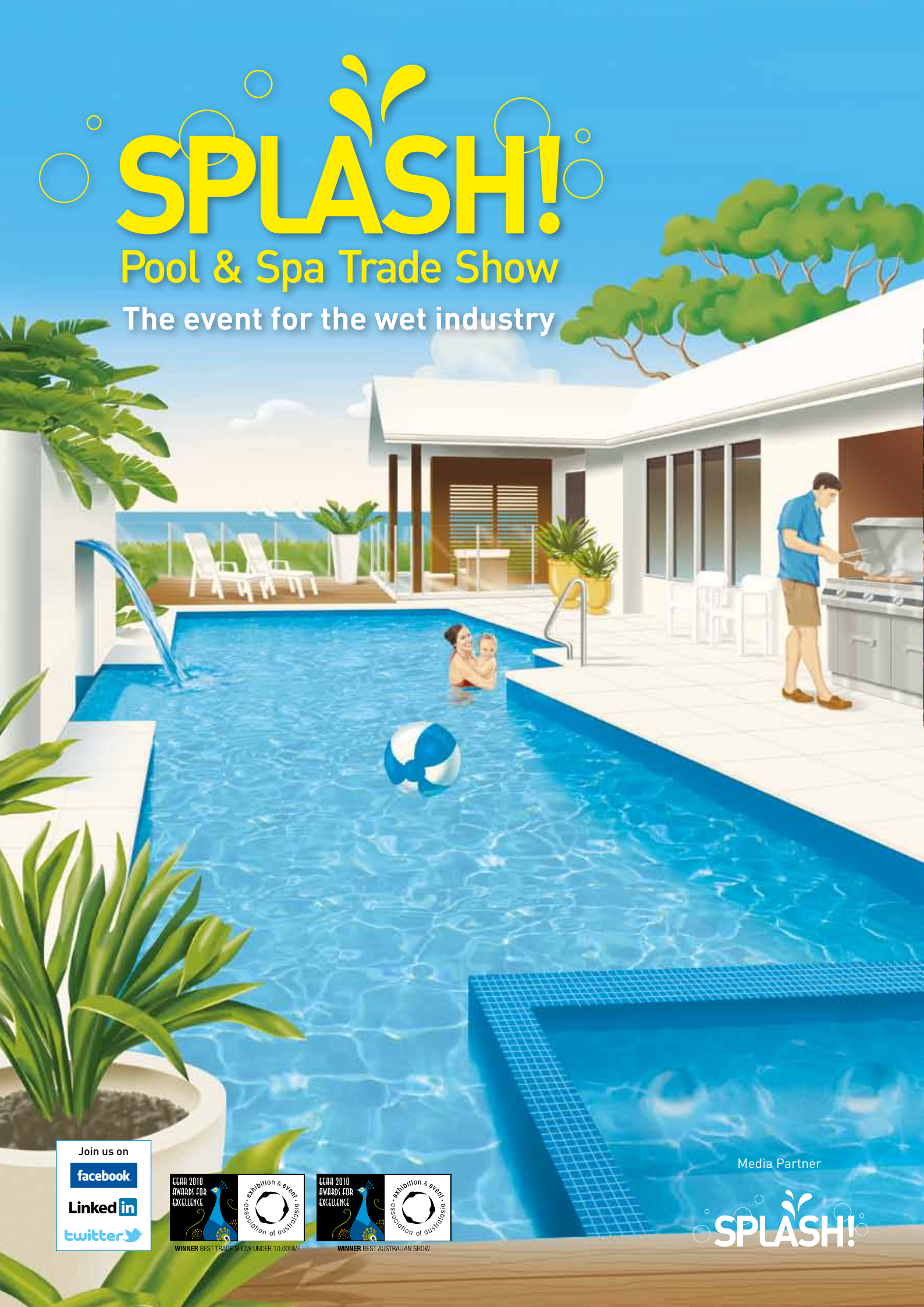


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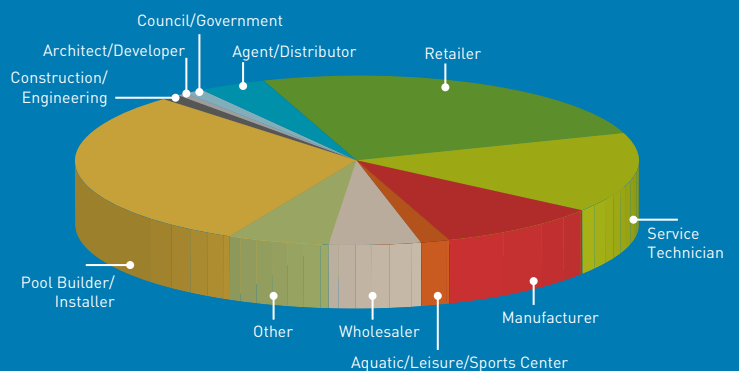
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### Key facts

- More than 2250 trade visitors attended the two day show in 2010. An increase of over 25% on 2008, making SPLASH! the largest trade event for the pool & spa industry in Australasia.
- All states of Australia were represented with visitors also coming from New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. Other international regions were also represented, including the United States, Europe and Africa.

### Attendee breakdown



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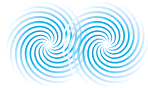
# A cleaner, greener approach to water sterilisation for water treatment plants!

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The majestic pool at the Conrad Bali, recently awarded Bali's Best Landscape by Indonesia Design

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## Commercial

In **SPLASH! Commercial** we focus on big and small commercial swimming pools including resort pools and spas, water parks, competition pools and municipal projects. We examine issues of importance to commercial pool builders, designers, management and staff, while taking a look at some of the latest aquatic happenings around the region and the world.

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## Investigation to determine cause of Adelaide's chlorine leak

**THREE** staff members have been released from hospital following respiratory complaints after a chlorine leak at Adelaide's new South Australian Aquatic & Leisure Centre (SAALC) at Oaklands Park in November.

The three staff members were in the chlorine storage area when the leak caused them to suffer respiratory prob-

lems from the fumes. They were rushed to a nearby medical centre, and the pool was evacuated and closed while the fire brigade, ambulances and other emergency services were called.

Shortly after, the staff members were released from hospital. No-one was seriously hurt and the centre went back to normal operation shortly afterwards. Some media

reports suggested a faulty flange could be to blame, but the centre spokesperson said an investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the leak.

"There was a chemical leak during the changeover process; a process that has been carried out many times," she said. "There is an investigation underway to discover why it happened on this occasion."

## Empex Watertoys wins Innovation Award for Aquacircus

**EMPEX** Watertoys and Beachpark Waterpark were presented with the prestigious World Waterpark Association (WWA) Industry Innovation Award at this year's WWA trade show and convention.

The award was presented for the latest

design from Empex called Aquacircus, an interactive water playground with a dynamic interactive play structure, interactive Aquanetic water features and zany spray clowns called Aquaclunes.

Empex Watertoys installed the first Aquacircus project in Fortaleza, Brazil at

the Beachpark. The Industry Innovation Award is awarded to suppliers, individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts to the benefit of park members and their customers in the water attraction industry.

Aqua Circus at the Brazilian Beachpark Waterpark



## North Island study tour

**THE** New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA) is conducting a study tour of North Island recreation and aquatic facilities.

They're keen to have Australians on the tour. Details are to be confirmed but a budget estimate is \$3500 to \$4500 including all expenses but not including travel from Australia to Auckland airport.

Following the anticipated success of the North Island tour in March 2012, they are planning to conduct a South Island tour in 2013.

Facilities to be visited include Northern Arena, North Harbour Stadium, four pools in Auckland, Waterworld, Te Aroha Thermal Pools, Mount Hot Salt Water Pools, Baywave Rotorua

Aquatic Centre, Polynesian Spa, AC Baths/Event Centre, Gravity Canyon, Lido Aquatic Centre, Te Raparaha Aquatic Centre, H2O Xtream, Huia, WRAC and the Indoor Community Sports Centre.

Tentative dates are March 19 to 25, 2012. Email [alison@nzrecreation.org.nz](mailto:alison@nzrecreation.org.nz) to register your interest.