

**PROPER TREATMENT OF SWIMMING POOL WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH FROM DISEASES SPREAD BY MICROORGANISMS.**



Brisbane based company, Australian Innovative Systems Pty Ltd (AIS) has researched and developed exciting new technology that revolutionised the whole approach to the freshwater swimming pool disinfection.

Ecoline™ is a world first system able to harness the natural micro elements found in ordinary water and safely utilises these elements to disinfect water instantly covering the wide range of applications.

Since its launch in 2008, Ecoline™ has achieved international recognition as a reliable and cost effective system providing great return on investment.

Ecoline™ is capable of increasing or decreasing production of chlorine in sync with proportional 4-20 mA signal sent from the Chlorine Analyser.



Swimming pools disinfected by Ecoline™ can have TDS as low as 250-500 mg/L and therefore the filter's backwash water could be used directly for irrigation or recycled. Also, the TDS of water disinfected by Ecoline™ do not have the tendency to increase, therefore less or no water is needed for dilution to keep the pool's TDS low.

The Ecoline™ systems utilise leading edge technologies and are engineered

to very high standards, making them robust, modular, easy to install/retrofit and operate.

The Ecoline™ system automatically adjusts to suit different TDS levels whether it is fresh or salt water.

**Benefits:**

- Eliminate the dependence on commercial chlorine suppliers;
- Avoid the risk inherent in the transport and handling of chlorine products;
- Lower the operating costs;
- Achieve a complete automatic process which required minimal operator's attendance.

*To discuss the options Ecoline™ can provide, please visit Australian Innovative Systems' stand No.69 at the Splash Pool & Spa Trade Show.*



## A filter on the *pulse*

For many years air pulsing, which is also called air scouring, has been used as a highly efficient cleaning process. It has proved particularly efficient for removing biofilm from pipework, especially for municipal operations and mains water supply.

It basically involves mixing water with air to create a more effective cleaning medium than water by itself.

Waterco's commercial and water treatment manager, Sam Schuckert, says that when air is entrained in the water, it can also be more effective for backwashing filters.

"The filter can be effectively cleaned at sub-fluidisation levels, as opposed to water-only backwash," he says.

Backwashing using air and water means that very large filters can be cleaned at a much slower water velocity. He quotes a velocity of only 25-30 m3/hr/m2 for air scouring a sand filter, compared with 40-50 m3/hr/m2 for a water-only clean.

This leads to several benefits.

For a start, the time it takes to backwash a commercial filter is shorter, although the exact amount of time differential depends on how dirty the filters are. That of course means less energy is expended.

Equally important are the substantial water savings, even from simply considering the reduced water velocity during backwash.

Waterco's air scour filtration has been installed at the new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre in Melbourne. The system comprises laterals that can

withstand the extra vibration from the air/water backwash phase. The filtration system was installed by water treatment specialist WJ Pratt, and incorporates an industrial air blower.

Schuckert believes Waterco's air scour filtration system will result in a saving of between 25 per cent and 35 per cent of the backwash water for all the filters.

Waterco staff will be able to explain more about the air scouring system at their stand at the SPLASH! Pool and Spa Trade Show, on July 25 and 26 at Jupiters Gold Coast.

**Main:** The 25m indoor pool at the newly completed Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre

**Below:** Glen Eira's air scouring filtration system



**Working examples:**

**UNIVERSITY COMPETITION OLYMPIC FRESHWATER SWIMMING POOL (FINA STANDARDS)**

- Volume: 2,500,000 liters, Ecoline™ Model: FSRC-850 X 1;
- Open to weather, sub-tropical climate, operating 24/7, bather load 250 people/day, 4 hours filtration turnover;
- Ecoline™ maintains 2.0 - 3.0 mg/L of Free Chlorine Residual in the water;
- TDS: 1200 mg/L; Chlorides: 468 mg/L (39% of Chlorides in the TDS);
- FSRC-850 chlorine gas equivalent output: 1348 grams/hour.



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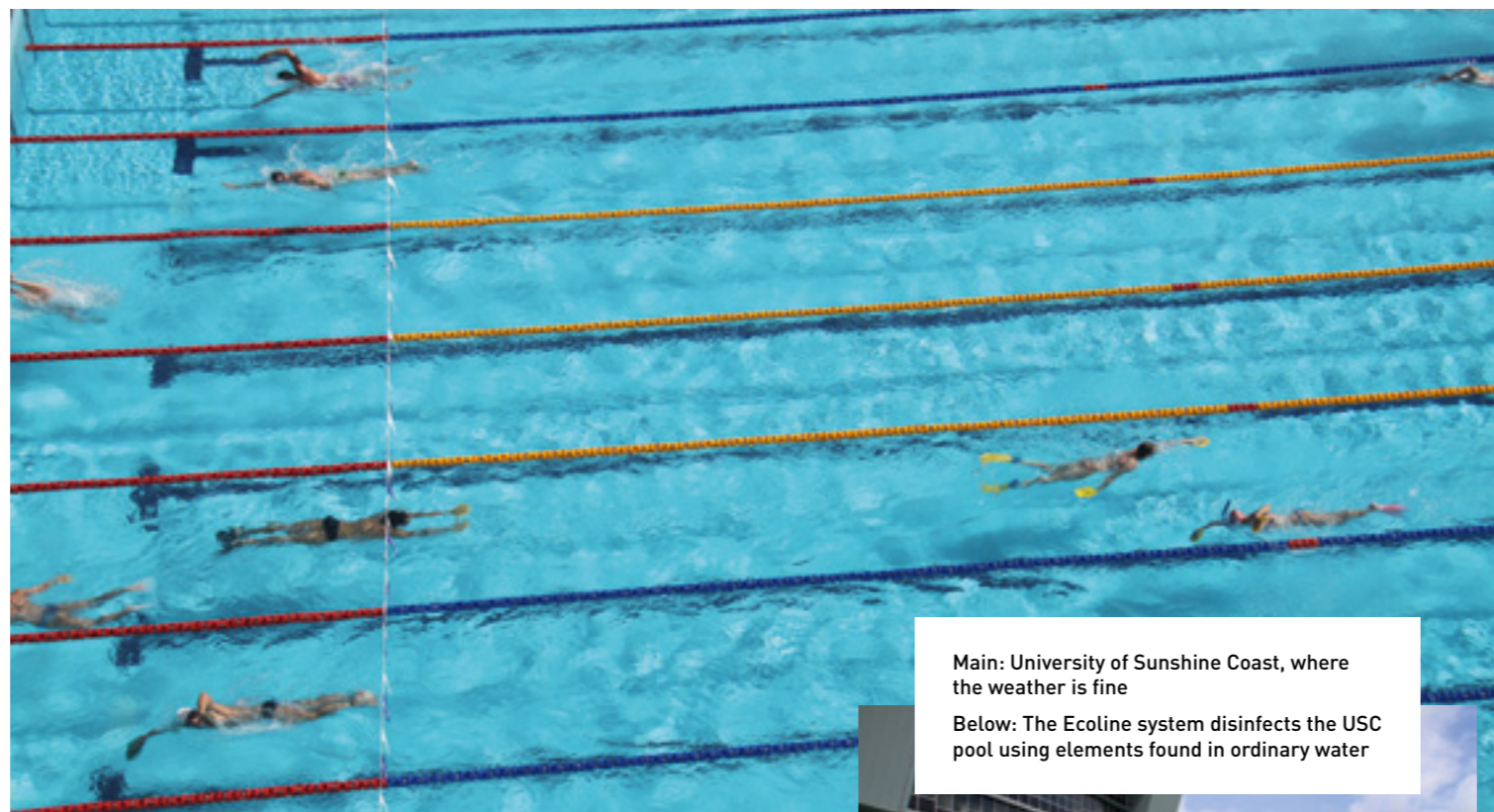
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Main: University of Sunshine Coast, where the weather is fine

Below: The Ecoline system disinfects the USC pool using elements found in ordinary water

## Sunshine & clean water

At the previous SPLASH! Environmental Awards held in 2010, the Sanitisation Product Award was garnered by Brisbane based company, Australian Innovative Systems (AIS) for their highly innovative Ecoline system.

At the time it was a concept that turned pool disinfection on its head. It was a world first – a system to harness the natural micro elements found in ordinary water and safely utilise them to disinfect water.

Now the technology has been put into practice at a Queensland university swimming pool.

The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) opened in 1996 with 500 students, becoming the first greenfield university to open in Australia since 1971. Full university status was granted to the institution in January 1999.

Today, with about 8000 enrolled students, USC is on track to reach projected student enrolments of 12,000 by 2015. Located in one of the country's growth regions, it is one of Australia's fastest growing universities, serving the Sunshine Coast and extended region from north Brisbane to the Fraser Coast.

The USC opened its heated stadium pool in 2011. The \$2.1 million 10-lane, 50m Olympic pool was funded by the Queensland Government, the University and more than \$300,000 in community donations and in-kind support.

It is located adjacent to USC's Health and Sport Centre, sports stadium and athletics track.

AIS staff will be able to explain more about Ecoline and its application at the USC pool at their stand at the SPLASH! Pool and Spa Trade Show, on July 25 and 26 at Jupiters Gold Coast. ■



### University of Sunshine Coast Competition Olympic Pool

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*Origami inspired lounging*

The Vondom Rest sun lounger designed by A-Cero was inspired by origami. The result is a modern, clean and dynamic look.

The Rest collection is a bold collaborative venture between A-Cero, Joaquin Torres Architects, Rafael Llamazares and Vondom.

The collection also includes a series of side tables, dining tables, dining chairs and a modular sofa offered in a sophisticated range of muted tones and vivid white.

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The furniture has a substantial appearance, but is actually very light and comfortable. Each item is handcrafted, and you can find the signature of the artist on the inside.

It is designed and made in Switzerland but is ideal for standing up to the tough Australian climate. It is suitable for all indoor and outdoor living. The furniture comes with a five-year guarantee and is available from Mosarte in Sydney.

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*Inflatable brainstorm*

Everyone in the pool industry must be familiar with the inflatable plastic concept. But the ingenious Polish architect and designer Oskar Zieta has come up with a new concept: inflatable metal furniture.

Two sheets of 0.5mm stainless steel are laser-cut to shape and joined together. After flat-pack shipping, they are simply inflated with a hand-pump similar to a bicycle pump, and hey presto – super stylish outdoor furniture.

Visually arresting, the stools and chairs are comfortable and colourful; and even though they're lightweight, they're incredibly strong and durable. Pictured here is the Plopp stool design.

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*Awash with Swash*

International Quadratics (IQ) is now distributing Maytronics' Swash robotic pool cleaners.

Eddie Lloyd, Marketing Manager of IQ says that after having the experience of selling the Maytronics commercial cleaner range, they are very happy to take on their domestic cleaner.

"Extensive testing of the Maytronics units has proven to us that these are the most reliable cleaners on the market today," he says. "That fits well with our commitment to only offer high quality products."

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### Snake water cannon

Water Park Toys has released a new range of interactive aquatic toys including three new water cannons.

The cannons are much simpler to install than most aquatic play products, are easy for children to operate and can be used in a wide range of settings from backyard pools to community aquatic centres.

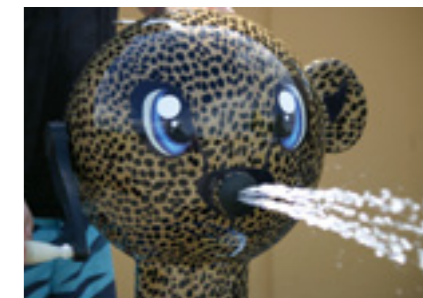
They can even be located on a dock above a lake making it a great addition to cottages, cabins and houses located on the water.



### Zebra water cannon

Unlike traditional aquatic toys, these cannons can be installed or retrofitted to new or existing pools or aquatic facilities without any alterations to the facility or surrounds, as they simply fasten to the ground with four fasteners.

The new water cannon designs are additions to a line of interactive children's aquatic toys being developed by Water Park Toys which require no electrical pump or piping to operate.



### Cheetah water cannon

The 1.1m-high water cannons can be manipulated to spray water up to 7.6m in different directions, and come with interchangeable themed faces which can be custom-designed. They're made from durable fibreglass and 316 stainless steel and have a five-year structural warranty.

The cannons provide an interactive option that lets children learn, innovate and be engaged in the aquatic experience.

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### Red light for go

Schmalenberger says its new LED spotlights last 10 times longer than other products, while only using half the energy.

The German company participated in an innovations program with the German Ministry of Economy and Technology, developing the new underwater LED lighting systems with a power range of 250W to 600W.

The modular underwater spotlights are formed from hexagonal LED diodes, enabling a variety of individually controlled

colours. Schmalenberger says the spotlights are more than just beautiful lights, because compared to energy-saving lamps they are completely divested of mercury, making them particularly environment-friendly.

Additionally, they say that while a halogen spotlight illuminates for less than 5000 hours, the Schmalenberger spotlights have a lifespan of 50,000 to 100,000 hours, and draw much less power.

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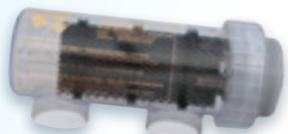


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### Versatile safety

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The colour-coded wristbands monitor the behaviour of the wearer and sound an alarm if they get into difficulty. They can operate in any pool fitted with the sensors.

The key point of difference with this system is that the bracelets monitor depth and the time spent at that depth. They are programmable by the pool operator from a minimum depth of 50mm and five seconds, to a maximum depth and time of 1.25m and 95 seconds.

If a swimmer exceeds the programmed time at a certain depth, the bracelet transmits an alarm signal to the underwater sensor and an alarm sounds.

Normal swimming behaviour varies dramatically between different age groups and swimming capabilities, and this system enables more accurate monitoring of a pool's varied clientele.

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### BioGuard seasonal kits

BioGuard has launched the first in series of new seasonal maintenance kits designed to make pool treatment easier and more convenient for its customers.

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### New handheld range

A new premium range of BioGuard handheld pool accessories was unveiled at their Fiji conference in June.

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**Combination sauna room**

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