



BRENDAN KEOGH

Brendan's involvement with the association began over 35 years ago at the Ferny Hills and District Swimming Club. Brendan, a keen swimmer who was coached by his father Tony, swam at the National Age Championships for a number of years, reaching the finals on numerous occasions.

Brendan's love of the sport continued and he became the operator of the Ferny Hills swimming pool for several years. Whilst at Ferny Hills, Brendan had great success as a coach and was vital in helping the club work its way up to being in the Premier Division. Brendan has since been awarded Life Membership of the Ferny Hills and District Swimming Club.

Whilst at Ferny Hills, Brendan was appointed as the National Paralympic Coach, a position he held for a decade. At the 2012 London Paralympic Games, Brendan's 4th consecutive Paralympics, the Australian swim team won a total of 37 medals, half of which were gold. It was Australia's most successful swimming performance since the inception of the Functional Classification system in 1992.

Upon Brendan's retirement as National Paralympic Coach after the London Games, the then President of Swimming Australia, Mr David Urquhart, said that Brendan will leave a lasting legacy in the role, and that his contribution to high performance Paralympic sport has been immeasurable.

Brisbane Swimming, Swimming Queensland and asctaQLD were delighted to welcome Brendan back into their ranks in 2012, when he started up a new club at Genesis Christian College. With Brendan's expertise, the club is improving each year and will compete in the First Division for the first time in the 2016/17 season.

Due to his enormous popularity within the Australian swimming community Brendan was reappointed as the National Paralympic Coach last year. He is presently overseas in Germany with an Australian Team preparing for the Rio Paralympics.

It is with great pleasure to recommend Brendan Keogh for Life Membership of Brisbane Swimming.