



Service Award – Dean Boxall

Dean Boxall first became involved in swimming as a competitor in the 1980's as a member of the Northern Districts Swimming Club, where he excelled at the Brisbane Mini Championships. He then moved to the Commercial Swimming Club and was coached by Scott Volkens, and then later by Michael Bohl. Dean showed strong potential as a young athlete and successfully represented Australia in Junior Development Teams.

Dean started coaching in 2000 as the assistant to Michael Bohl at the Valley Pool. After 3 years there, he worked in Qatar for a 5-year period as the National Coach. On his return to Australia, he was the assistant coach to Stephan Widmer for 2 years, following which he moved to St Peters Western to work alongside Michael Bohl. Together they have forged St Peters into the most successful club in Australia.

An excitable larrikin, Dean's immense enthusiasm rubs off on his swimmers. He has encouraged many of them to compete in the Brisbane competition, and we now see St Peters Western back in the Premier Division.

Dean is the coach of Clyde Lewis, Brisbane's 2016 Rising Star, and also Ariarne Titmus, the 2017 Rising Star. On top of that, at the last three Australian Age Championships St Peters Western has won the national points score by huge margins, and Dean was named the Australian Age Coach of the Year in each of those years.

In July, Dean will be going to Budapest with the Australian Swim Team for the 2017 World Championships, where he'll be accompanied by three of his swimmers.

Dean, through his expertise as a coach, has enhanced the Brisbane Association's standing in the national and international arenas. This well-deserved Service Award is fitting recognition of his outstanding achievements.

