



## Service Award – Gavan Starr-Thomas

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Gavan first became involved in coaching some 40 years ago as a young coach plying his trade at a number of northside school clubs. When Scott Volkens moved from Northern Districts Swimming Club at Everton Park to Commercial Swimming Club, Gavan replaced him as head coach.

During the 1980's, Gavan had good success with the juniors and for a number of years Northern Districts was the champion Mini's club. He worked hard at the club and many swimmers developed well under Gavan's coaching. In 1997, Gavan moved to the Bracken Ridge Swimming Club. Over the years, Bracken Ridge has had success at various competitions in the Brisbane region, at one stage ranking in the Premier Division of the Premiership.

Gavan has always worked hard on updating his skills and techniques and has passed on his experience and expertise when mentoring the young coaches at Bracken Ridge. Gavan has always encouraged his swimmers to compete in the Brisbane competitions and is unfailingly there to support them.

A true gentleman of the sport, Gavan instils good strong values into his swimmers. This well-deserved Service Award is in recognition of the many years of excellent service Gavan has given Brisbane Swimming.

