



Service Award – Heath Ramsay

Heath Ramsay first became involved in competitive swimming in the late 1980's as a member of the Railways Swimming Club based in Ipswich. Heath was a likable well-mannered young man that was one of the best swimmers to come out of Ipswich. Heath was a proud Railways member with his parents Terry and Veronica Life Members of the club who were very supportive of his swimming.

John Carew was Heath's coach, some of the people Heath trained with were Kieren Perkins, Jeff English, Julie Majer and Jenny McMahon all of them representing Australia. Heath competed in the Sydney 2000 Olympics in the 200m Butterfly, and also was selected in the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games team.

Shortly after the 2002 Heath started up coaching in the Ipswich area with his sister Melissa Albion. Heath Ramsay Swim School at Eastern Heights in Ipswich is one of the best learn to swim centres in the area and has strong link to the Railways Swimming Club.

In 2013 Heath moved to the West Morton Anglican College where he started up his second swim school (Ramsay Swim Centre) and formed a new club Western Aquatics where he is the head coach. Heath married Rebeca in 2004 and they have three children Ella, Ethan and Emily.

Heath's loyalty to the region is built on a goal to continue developing a quality swimming program to meet the needs of all level of swimmers; so they can reach their potential and enjoy the sport. Heath's emphasis on technique and the long term development of the swimmer is paramount.

His commitment to Brisbane Swimming has been outstanding. This well-deserved Service Award is a fitting recognition of Heath's outstanding contribution to our sport of swimming.

