



Robert Van Der Zant – Life Membership

Robert Van Der Zant first became involved in swimming as a competitor in the early 1980's as a member of the AJ's Algester Swimming Club, where he showed strong potential as a young athlete and enjoyed success at Brisbane, State and National levels.

His brother, Ric, was his coach throughout the whole of Robert's swimming career. When Ric moved from to Yeronga Park Swimming Club, Robert went with him. He was an inspirational figure and many swimmers loved to train beside him. A likeable larrikin, it was never dull when Robert was competing. He loved to compete in the Brisbane competition, where he claimed records in all disciplines, which is a testament to his versatility.

Robert competed in the 2000 Sydney Olympics in the 200m Individual Medley, and in three Commonwealth Games from 1994 to 2002. In 1998, at the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games, he won the Bronze Medal in the 200m Individual Medley.

Robert coached at the Jamboree Heights Swimming Club for 10 years, and during that time, the club had the highest registrations in Brisbane. His commitment to Brisbane Swimming has been outstanding, and he has encouraged many swimmers to compete in the Brisbane competition.

Robert has now moved back to Yeronga Park Swimming Club, and the club is now back into the Premier Division of the Brisbane competition and highly competitive. We wish them every success for the new season.

Robert has given invaluable service to swimming. It is with great pleasure that he is recommended for Life Membership of Brisbane swimming.