



Service Award – Steve Hadler

Steve started as Mary Wood's assistant around 20 years ago at Scarborough before becoming assistant coach to Peter Diamond at Grace. In 2003 he was appointed as Head Coach at Clontarf Raiders, and then in 2005 took over at Southern Cross College at Scarborough.

Steve's coaching highlights have included placing Blake Cochrane on National Paralympic Teams and Blake being named Multi Class Swimmer of the Year in 2011 under Steve's guidance. In the same year, Steve was named Australian Multi Class Coach of the Year after several years as a member of the Australian Coaching Staff.

Steve will tell you though that his highlights have been the efforts of the kids that turn up to the pool every day and their achievements over the years. He has nurtured many swimmers of all ages and abilities, including for some time coaching his son, Jayden, onto National Junior Teams. Steve is proud to see Jayden follow in his footsteps on the coaching pathway, too.

His easy-going nature and sense of humour create a positive and energetic environment that has made swimming an enjoyable pursuit for so many on the Redcliffe Peninsula. The Southern Cross pool with Steve at the helm always feels like a place that fosters a love of the sport and a strong connection to a coach who gives energy, time and care to his swimmers.

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

