



## Suellen Hardie – Life Membership

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Suellen Hardie has been associated with swimming since 1990 when her son Michael became a member of the Kenmore Swimming Club.

Suellen moved to the St Peter's Western Swimming Club to have her son coached by Paul Sansby. She had a good rapport with Paul and, in due course, became involved in the running of the club, ultimately serving as President for many years. In 2002 Paul left St Peter's to start up the Waterworx Swimming Club in Ipswich, and Suellen became its inaugural President, eventually being awarded Life Membership of the club.

Suellen served on the Brisbane Swimming Association Committee from 1999 to 2002, and then on the Board of Swimming Queensland from 2005 to 2011. In 2011 she was awarded Life Membership of Swimming Queensland. In 2012, Suellen became President of Brisbane Swimming and holds that position to the present day.

Suellen began her role as an Official in 1999 and gravitated to the recording Room. As we are all aware, she rapidly progressed to the position of Control Room Supervisor, which she still holds today. In 2001 Suellen started attending National Meets and is still doing so. An accredited Referee, she is extremely active in officiating at all levels, and was awarded the Brisbane Swimming Official of the Year in 2006 – 2007 season.

Suellen has also officiated at International Meets in Australia, firstly at the 2001 Goodwill Game in Brisbane, and then the 2006 Oceania Championships in Cairns, 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, 2007 World Championships in Melbourne and the 2014 Pan Pacific Championships on the Gold Coast.

Suellen performs her role with distinction, and her determination to strive for perfection in the running of the meets is perfectly captured by her infamous "intense gaze over the top of her glasses" expression.

