



Vince Raleigh – Life Member 2022

Vince Raleigh is one of the most prominent and knowledgeable coaches in the world. His tough uncompromising approach has seen him at the top of his profession from many years. His crowning glory was Zac Stubblety-Cook's 200m Breaststroke Olympic victory and his recent World Record.

Vince Raleigh grew up in Townsville; he played all sports but excelled at football, playing representative Rugby League and Rugby Union. In the late 70s, he became a school teacher. In 1980, Laurie Lawrence offered Vince a job as a strength and conditioning coach working with a number of elite athletes, and then a few years later David Urquhart employed Vince at Wondall State School Pool, which allowed him to combine the two roles.

Vince moved to Townsville in 1984 for a short stint, and then to Canada for three years. On his return to Australia, he was appointed as a Director of Coaching with Swimming Queensland and worked alongside Scott Volkens at the Valley Pool. In 1991, Vince moved to Nudgee College, and within the first year, Nudgee College won the GPS Swimming Premiership for the first time since 1923, an outstanding achievement. During the 11 years that Vince coached there, Nudgee College won the premiership every year, making him the most successful coach ever in GPS competition. During this time, Vince formed the Brothers Swimming Club.

Vince then moved to Monash University in Melbourne, where he coached for three years, and then worked at the AIS in Canberra from 2005-2010, following which he was the National Youth Coach. In 2013 Vince returned to pool-deck coaching at Chandler, which is where he calls home.

Vince gained selection on the Australian Team as a coach in 1993, and since then has been a permanent fixture on Australian Teams. The many champion swimmers coached by him include Nathan Rickard, Brenton Rickard, Linda Mackenzie, Thomas Fraser-Holmes, Emma McKeon, David McKeon, Jessica Ashwood, Jack McLoughlin and Zac Stubblety-Cook.

A deep thinker and meticulous planner, Vince is one of the sport's true visionary coaches. He is knowledgeable and highly experienced; loves formulating a plan and strategically putting it into play; and is well organised, tailoring each specific program to the individual swimmer. A man of few words, Vince is highly respected by all his peers.

Vince, through his expertise as a coach, has enhanced the Brisbane Association's standing in the national and international arenas. It is with pleasure that Vince is awarded Life Membership of Brisbane Swimming.

