



CELEBRATING OUR EVERYDAY HEROES



# About the Awards

Do you want to recognise an outstanding teacher, swim school, presenter, program or organisation in your state, territory, or country?

You can celebrate their achievements by nominating them for an AUSTSWIM Award! The AUSTSWIM Awards acknowledge individuals, swim schools and organisations for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety through leadership, innovation, and community spirit – helping students and their community to be safer in, on and around water.

Preparing a nomination is an opportunity to reflect on an individual or organisations achievements and praise those who go above and beyond for students and their community every day.

Nominating for an AUSTSWIM Award is a real boost for individuals and organisations. Previous award nominators report an increase in staff morale, better staff retention and recruitment, increased participation and revenue, and stronger community engagement and support.

This guide provides information on how to nominate.

## AUSTSWIM Award Categories

- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion
- AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion – Adults
- AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor
- Best New AUSTSWIM Teacher
- AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Year
- AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Small
- AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Large
- AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Seasonal
- AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – New Zealand
- AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – International
- International AUSTSWIM Teacher of the Year
- International AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Year
- Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM
- Water Safety Event of the Year
- Local Community Initiative of the Year
- Community Education Program of the Year
- Most Outstanding Contribution to Swimming and Water Safety through Inclusion



## Key Dates

<b>Nominations open</b>	<b>Monday 9 August 2021</b>
<b>Nominations close</b>	<b>Sunday 10 October 2021</b>
<b>Judging</b>	<b>Friday 31 December 2021</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>TBC</b>

## Why nominate?

The AUSTSWIM Awards are an exciting opportunity to celebrate the contributions of teachers, presenters, swim centres and programs.

AUSTSWIM Award recipients are recognised by colleagues and communities as the best in the state/territory in their category.

Previous recipients have benefited from obtaining professional learning in areas of their choice, unique career opportunities and accelerated career progression.

Many recipients have described their Awards win as 'life changing'. The recipients and nominees have often been inspired themselves by role models in swim schools or industry, reflecting on their own experiences.

These recipients are now inspiring their own students, colleagues, and communities – sharing their motivation and passion while guiding and assisting students and colleagues to achieve their best.

Previous recipients become ambassadors for the Awards, sharing their journey through promotional activities, speaking engagements, events and more.

Swim school recipients benefit with opportunities to build relationships with teachers, aquatic industry leaders and community.

Help make a difference by nominating an outstanding teacher, presenter, swim centre, program, or organisation in the 2021 AUSTSWIM Awards. Across many categories the state or territory recipients are automatically nominated for the national Award.

## Who can nominate?

The good news is that ANYONE can nominate! Swim schools, teachers, colleagues, presenters, assessors, parents, course candidates, community organisations, members of the public and family or friends can all nominate.

You can even self-nominate.

**We encourage you to acknowledge hard work, commitment, and passion by submitting a nomination. Nominations close 11.59pm, Sunday 10 October 2021. Don't wait until the last minute to nominate, get started today!**



## Who is eligible for an Award?

The AUSTSWIM Awards are open to teachers, presenters, swim centres and other organisations who meet the criteria for individual award categories. Previous nominees, as well as recipients from 2019 and earlier, are eligible to nominate in 2021.

### Individual Award Categories

- To be eligible for an award the nominee must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.
- A nominee can only be entered under one award category.
- Nominees must hold a current and appropriate AUSTSWIM accreditation to be eligible for consideration of an award.

### Swim Centre Award Categories

- To be eligible for an award the nominee must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Nominees must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre to be eligible for consideration of an award.

### Other Award Categories

- To be eligible for an award the nominee must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.



# How to Nominate

## Prepare your nomination

When preparing a nomination consider these steps:

### 1 Choose the Award category

Before you start you may need to read through each of the categories. This will help you choose the correct category and ensure you are able to make the nominee shine in each of the criteria. You can consider which of the Awards are the most appropriate way to celebrate the nominee's achievements. You also need to understand the specific eligibility and selection criteria which need to be included in your nomination.

### 2 Advise the nominee

If the nominee meets the eligibility requirements, you may wish to advise them of your intention to submit a nomination for an individual award. While this is not necessary, it does mean that the nominee can be involved in the nomination process and given the opportunity to provide information and feedback before the nomination is submitted.

### 3 Complete the online nomination application

Your nomination needs to demonstrate the nominee's achievements and claims against the selection criteria, supported with examples and evidence. The online nomination application provides information about selection criteria, length of submission and style. Ensure to use the appropriate online application for your chosen category. The nomination applications can be found at [austswim.com.au/Awards.aspx](http://austswim.com.au/Awards.aspx). Nominations can be edited after submitting, up until the entry deadline.

### 4 Source video

Attachments support the nomination, offering the judging panel further insight and information about the nominee.

Please provide a video reference that supports your nomination. This may come from students, parents or colleagues and should highlight how the nominee has made an impact and why they are being nominated. Share a favourite story with us!

Please note: this is an optional requirement, however we strongly recommend you provide a video as your nomination will be at a disadvantage against those that do supply one!

#### Keep the video short (under 2 minutes) and please note:

- Permission and personal consent is always required prior to a visual image being taken.
- Ensure only the person giving permission to be filmed is captured in the video.

#### Material may be supplied as follows:

- Maximum file size is 55MB.
- Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
- Provide website URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or active URL of a landing page. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided and active.

AUSTSWIM may use the footage supplied to highlight the exceptional stories within the aquatic industry. This may include (but not limited to) our website, social media, and direct email. If you do not wish for your video to be used, please contact AUSTSWIM at [info@austswim.com.au](mailto:info@austswim.com.au)

## 5 Submit your nomination

Go to the online awards nomination system at [austswim.com.au/Awards.aspx](https://austswim.com.au/Awards.aspx) You can save your nomination and come back to it later if you need to. Make sure you submit your nomination by the **closing date, 11:59pm, Sunday 10 October 2021**. Nominations can be edited after submitting, up until the entry deadline. Still need help? If you have any questions about the process or need help, please email: [info@austswim.com.au](mailto:info@austswim.com.au)

# What happens next?

## Selection process

Once nominations are submitted, all nominations will be assessed to confirm they are eligible to proceed to judging. Nominations are assessed by judging panels for each award category.

## Judging process

Judges assess each nomination based on the information provided and how well that addresses the selection criteria. Nominations are assessed by judging panels.

### The panels include:

- Industry experts in relevant areas of teaching and water safety.
- Members of aquatic industry professional associations.
- AUSTSWIM presenters and assessors.
- Sponsors committed to swimming and water safety.
- Past recipients who bring their experience.
- Senior AUSTSWIM staff with relevant knowledge and experience in swimming and water safety.

All judging is completed through an online system which tabulates the results from each individual judge. All judges remain anonymous to each other and the public. Nominees may be contacted at any time during the judging process.



## Awards events

Award presentation events are to be confirmed. Where possible an awards presentation event will be held to present the recipients with their awards. Where applicable ticket sales will open closer to the event. Nominees and their nominators will be invited to the awards presentation event.

## Ambassador role

Recipients of the Awards are recognised as ambassadors for AUSTSWIM and swimming and water safety. As an Awards recipient, you may be invited to participate in many activities following the awards, including but not limited to:

- Photo and video shoots promoting your achievements.
- Media opportunities (speaking with local media outlets).
- Presenting at education forums and events.
- Judging for your award category in future years.



# Award selection criteria



## AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety of individual teachers. Teachers in this category are accredited in teaching swimming and water safety to students aged from four years.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety accreditation.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.
- A nominee can only be entered under one award category.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- How does the nominee ensure every student has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share how, in their lessons, the nominee encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their teaching.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety of individual teachers. Teachers in this category are accredited in teaching swimming and water safety to students aged from six months to four years.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics accreditation.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- How does the nominee ensure every student has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share how, in their lessons, the nominee encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their teaching.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety of individual teachers. Teachers in this category are accredited in teaching swimming and water safety and delivering programs and services that meet the needs of a diverse range of people who use the aquatic environment.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion accreditation.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- How does the nominee ensure every student has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share how, in their lessons, the nominee encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their teaching.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion – Adults

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion – Adults Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety of individual teachers. Teachers in this category are accredited in teaching swimming and water safety and delivering programs and services that create important swimming and water safety skills for adults that have not developed these skills earlier in life.



### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion or AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults accreditation.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- How does the nominee ensure every student has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share how, in their lessons, the nominee encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their teaching.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor Award is an opportunity to identify and honour individual aqua instructors. The AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor accreditation equips instructors to plan and deliver effective, safe and enjoyable aqua classes.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor accreditation.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their participants?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to pass on vital health or exercise messages to participants?
- How does the nominee ensure every participant has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share any unique instructing methods that the nominee uses to encourage participants to participate and practice skills?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do participants, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to instructing aqua classes? Please share any quotes or stories.
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their instructing.
- Supporting evidence.



## Best New AUSTSWIM Teacher

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

The Best New AUSTSWIM Teacher Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety, of individual teachers.



### Eligibility Criteria

- The AUSTSWIM Teacher must be newly accredited and licensed within the last 18 months (prior to the current award nomination closing date).
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

**\* Teachers who have become licensed through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) are not eligible to be nominated in this category.**

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- On the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course, candidates learn about inclusive teaching practices. Please share examples of how the nominee has applied this to their lessons.
- On the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course, candidates learn about using problem solving and discovery. Can you share how the nominee, in their lessons, encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How has the nominee shown a willingness to continue their learning and enhance their knowledge, skill and understanding since receiving their AUSTSWIM Teacher Licence?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Year

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

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### AUSTSWIM Presenters

- Instil in candidates a desire to learn and achieve; they recognise and understand the needs of individual candidates; they encourage talent and foster self-esteem.
- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with candidates.
- Foster cooperative relationships with their colleagues and the aquatic community.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current and active AUSTSWIM Presenter.
- Must have delivered AUSTSWIM courses in Australia or New Zealand within the last 12 months – applicable as per the corresponding nomination location.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- Please outline the nominee's approach to presenting swimming and water safety education and participation.
- What qualities does the AUSTSWIM Presenter exhibit that not only educate AUSTSWIM candidates, but inspire and motivate them to embrace the aquatic industry?
- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire candidates?
- What techniques does the AUSTSWIM Presenter use to maximise the quality of learning for each candidate?
- Please share quotes or memorable stories from candidates who were trained and/or mentored by the nominated AUSTSWIM Presenter.
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied these learnings to improve the learning experience for AUSTSWIM candidates.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Small

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

The AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Small Award is an opportunity to identify and honour a swim centre for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety.



### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre.
- The centre has up to 1,199 students per week.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.

### Selection Criteria

- Please advise of the AUSTSWIM Accreditations held by the staff.
- Indicate the total number of teachers and aqua instructors in the staff team.
- Provide an overview of the annual professional development undertaken by the staff team and share examples of how this has been applied to improve the student learning experience?
- Please provide an overview of the methods used to attract and maintain a professional, loyal and supportive team.
- In the past 12 months indicate the number of AUSTSWIM trainees supported and mentored by the staff team.
- Please provide an overview and share examples of how the centre mentors, supports and assesses AUSTSWIM trainees.
- Detail the purpose of swimming and water safety programs at the centre.
- Please upload an example of the program.
- Please indicate the age groups offered swimming and water safety programs at the centre.
- Please indicate the population groups the centre provides programs for.
- Please list all other programs that are currently provided by the centre.
- AUSTSWIM's Learning Pillars Framework has its foundation in learning outcomes that enhance personal knowledge, skill and understanding of aquatic environments for safer participation in, on and around water. Please overview how the centre's programs and services achieve this outcome.
- Safer participation in, on and around water hinges on education and awareness. Please detail the initiatives the centre implements to engage, interact and educate your community for safer aquatic participation in recreational, vocational, sporting, leisure, wellness and educational activities.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Large

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

The AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Large Award is an opportunity to identify and honour a swim centre for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre.
- The centre has 1,200+ students per week.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.

### Selection Criteria

- Please advise of the AUSTSWIM Accreditations held by the staff.
- Indicate the total number of teachers and aqua instructors in the staff team.
- Provide an overview of the annual professional development undertaken by the staff team and share examples of how this has been applied to improve the student learning experience?
- Please provide an overview of the methods used to attract and maintain a professional, loyal and supportive team.
- In the past 12 months indicate the number of AUSTSWIM trainees supported and mentored by the staff team.
- Please provide an overview and share examples of how the centre mentors, supports and assesses AUSTSWIM trainees.
- Detail the purpose of swimming and water safety programs at the centre.
- Please upload an example of the program.
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- Please list all other programs that are currently provided by the centre.
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- Safer participation in, on and around water hinges on education and awareness. Please detail the initiatives the centre implements to engage, interact and educate your community for safer aquatic participation in recreational, vocational, sporting, leisure, wellness and educational activities.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Seasonal

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

The AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – Seasonal Award is an opportunity to identify and honour a swim centre for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety.



### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre.
- The centre is open for a maximum of six (6) months per year.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.

### Selection Criteria

- Please advise of the AUSTSWIM Accreditations held by the staff.
- Indicate the total number of teachers and aqua instructors in the staff team.
- Provide an overview of the annual professional development undertaken by the staff team and share examples of how this has been applied to improve the student learning experience?
- Please provide an overview of the methods used to attract and maintain a professional, loyal and supportive team.
- In the past 12 months indicate the number of AUSTSWIM trainees supported and mentored by the staff team.
- Please provide an overview and share examples of how the centre mentors, supports and assesses AUSTSWIM trainees.
- Detail the purpose of swimming and water safety programs at the centre.
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- Please list all other programs that are currently provided by the centre.
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- Safer participation in, on and around water hinges on education and awareness. Please detail the initiatives the centre implements to engage, interact and educate your community for safer aquatic participation in recreational, vocational, sporting, leisure, wellness and educational activities.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – New Zealand

The AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – New Zealand Award is an opportunity to identify and honour a swim centre for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre.
- Must be located in New Zealand.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.

### Selection Criteria

- Please advise of the AUSTSWIM Accreditations held by the staff.
- Indicate the total number of teachers and aqua instructors in the staff team.
- Provide an overview of the annual professional development undertaken by the staff team and share examples of how this has been applied to improve the student learning experience?
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- Safer participation in, on and around water hinges on education and awareness. Please detail the initiatives the centre implements to engage, interact and educate your community for safer aquatic participation in recreational, vocational, sporting, leisure, wellness and educational activities.
- Supporting evidence.



## AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre – International

The AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre Award is an opportunity to identify and honour a swim centre for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current Gold or Silver AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre.
- Must be outside of Australia and New Zealand.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.

### Selection Criteria

- Please advise of the AUSTSWIM Accreditations held by the staff.
- Indicate the total number of teachers and aqua instructors in the staff team
- Provide an overview of the annual professional development undertaken by the staff team and share examples of how this has been applied to improve the student learning experience?
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- Supporting evidence.



## International AUSTSWIM Teacher of the Year

The International AUSTSWIM Teacher of the year Award is an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, contribution and professionalism to education and safety of individual teachers. Teachers in this category are at a minimum accredited in teaching swimming and water safety to students aged from four years. They may also hold additional AUSTSWIM teacher accreditations.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must hold a current AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety accreditation.
- Must reside outside of Australia and New Zealand.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire their students?
- What activities and strategies does the nominee use to share vital swimming and water safety knowledge and skills?
- How does the nominee ensure every student has the opportunity and is able to participate in activities at their own level of knowledge, skill and understanding?
- Can you share how, in their lessons, the nominee encourages students to problem solve and make decisions to stay safer in, on and around water?
- How does the nominee share knowledge and ideas in the workplace to engage and influence colleagues and the wider community?
- What do students, colleagues and families say about the nominee's approach to teaching swimming and water safety?
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied this to their teaching.
- Supporting evidence.



## International AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Year

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### AUSTSWIM Presenters

- Instil in candidates a desire to learn and achieve; they recognise and understand the needs of individual candidates; they encourage talent and foster self-esteem.
- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with candidates.
- Foster cooperative relationships with their colleagues and the aquatic community.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current and active AUSTSWIM Presenter.
- Must have delivered AUSTSWIM courses outside of Australia and New Zealand within the last 12 months.
- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- Please outline the nominee's approach to presenting swimming and water safety education and participation.
- What qualities does the AUSTSWIM Presenter exhibit that not only educate AUSTSWIM candidates, but inspire and motivate them to embrace the aquatic industry?
- How does the nominee engage, influence, motivate and inspire candidates?
- What techniques does the AUSTSWIM Presenter use to maximise the quality of learning for each candidate?
- Please share quotes or memorable stories from candidates who were trained and/or mentored by the nominated AUSTSWIM Presenter.
- Please outline any relevant professional development the nominee has undertaken in the past 12 months and share examples of how they have applied these learnings to improve the learning experience for AUSTSWIM candidates.
- Supporting evidence.



## Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA and NZ**

Many people from broad industry sectors engage, interact and support AUSTSWIM to achieve its purpose. Many of these people volunteer and/or undertake additional functions and input for the greater good of the industry and aquatic education sector; 'paying it forward' is a common theme in this award category.

The focus for this award is broad. A nominee's input and impact is beyond local; it extends to community, organisational, industry, allied industry, state, national and often international.

The impact, influence, interaction and engagement of nominees for this award are vast. Their knowledge, skill and understanding of AUSTSWIM, its place, function and purpose within a global context is of the highest standard.

AUSTSWIM, its teachers, aqua instructors, staff and volunteers have been enhanced as a result of the nominee's input.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be able to demonstrate considerable experience and/or knowledge in all areas of the selection criteria. It is recommended that nominators seek information from the nominee regarding the accuracy and veracity of claims.
- Past recipients may not enter under the same award category in consecutive years.

### Selection Criteria

- In your opinion what is the nominee's most outstanding contribution/s to AUSTSWIM over their career and why would they be a worthy recipient of this award? Include any examples of this commitment to advancing the work and impact on AUSTSWIM.
- With over 30,000 Licensed AUSTSWIM Teachers and WETS Aqua Instructors, our reach is far and wide. How has your nominee contributed to advancing the AUSTSWIM philosophy? Explain further the outstanding contribution they have made.
- Supporting evidence.



## Water Safety Event of the Year

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

The Water Safety Event of the Year Award recognises outstanding organisation and delivery of a major community-based event which promotes swimming and water safety.

### Eligibility Criteria

- The event must have been delivered within the last 12 months.

### Selection Criteria

- Outline the motivation for the water safety event.
- Outline the aims and objectives of the water safety event.
- Describe how the water safety event was developed and delivered.
- Outline why this water safety event is innovative or unique.
- Describe the outcomes of the water safety event.
- Describe other outcomes from the water safety event (optional).
- Supporting evidence.





## Local Community Initiative of the Year

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

The Local Community Initiative of the Year Award recognises the delivery of innovative or unique community initiatives that promote water safety. This may be any form of general community education (including media) or target a specific community group. For example: multicultural, schools, disabled, corporate, etc.

### Eligibility Criteria

- The community initiative must be implemented at a local level.
- The community initiative must have taken place within the last 12 months.

### Selection Criteria

- Outline the motivation for the local community initiative.
- Outline the aims and objectives of the local community initiative.
- Describe how the local community initiative was developed and delivered.
- Outline why this local community initiative is innovative or unique.
- Describe the outcomes of the local community initiative.
- Describe other outcomes from the local community initiative (optional).
- Supporting evidence.





## Community Education Program of the Year

**Award Locations:** ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA

The Community Education Program of the Year Award recognises the delivery of innovative or unique community education programs which promote water safety. This may be any form of general community education (including media) or target a specific community education group. For example: multicultural, schools, access and inclusion, corporate, etc.

### Eligibility Criteria

- The program can be implemented at a state, regional or local level.
- The program must have been delivered within the last 12 months.

### Selection Criteria

- Outline the motivation for the community education program.
- Outline the aims and objectives of the community education program.
- Describe how the community education program was developed and delivered.
- Outline why this community education program is innovative or unique.
- Describe the outcomes of the community education program.
- Describe other outcomes from the community education program (optional).
- Supporting evidence.



## Most Outstanding Contribution to Swimming and Water Safety through Inclusion

**Award Locations: ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA**

This Award recognises the most significant contribution to swimming and water safety using inclusive initiatives and programs to enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of under-represented groups. Ultimately, creating a positive impact on the community.

### Eligibility Criteria

- The activities must focus on the inclusion of under-represented groups in swimming and water safety.
- The activities must have been implemented within the last 12 months.

### Selection Criteria

- Outline the motivation for the event/program.
- Outline the aims and objectives of the program/event.
- Describe how the event/program was developed and delivered.
- Outline why this is innovative or unique.
- Describe the outcomes and benefits of the under-represented group.
- Describe other outcomes from the program/event (optional).
- Supporting evidence.







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