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RE: Gold at the end of Jackie's Rainbow

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Being a teacher of swimming and water safety to children with special needs has great appeal for Jackie Cole.

"It's incredibly challenging and rewarding all at once," Jackie said.

For several years Jackie has been an instructor with the Cherrybrook Rainbow Club in Sydney.

"My husband came across an advertisement in the Hornsby Advocate for an instructor position with the local Rainbow Club. Teaching children with special needs appealed to me...and I felt I could really make a difference," she said.

Jackie completed her training to become an AUSTSWIM licensed teacher and joined the Rainbow Club community.

Rainbow Club helps 500 children in 14 clubs across Sydney and NSW, providing accessible and affordable swimming lessons for children with disabilities.

But there are dozens more children waiting to participate in its programs and Rainbow Club is currently looking for qualified swimming instructors for weekend shifts at its Bondi, Campbelltown, Cherrybrook, Hornsby, Liverpool, Seven Hills and Stanmore Clubs.

Jackie said instructors need to be very patient, flexible and able to think on their feet. "What you did in the lesson last week may not apply in this week's lesson! But this is the nice part of the challenge that I love in teaching these children."

And the rewards of the job are unparalleled.

"Recently I received a text from Amanda, whose daughter Emily has finally learnt to float on her own un-aided," Jackie said.

"Amanda sent through a video showing the triumph, and thanked me for all that I had done to help Emily achieve this vital swimming skill to be safe in the water and give her the confidence of achieving something on her own.

"For a child with complex learning and physical disabilities like Emily, it's with these moments that you know all the hard work has made an incredible difference to a child and her family."

To find out how you can be involved in this rewarding and challenging work, contact the Rainbow Club for employment opportunities and For more information about AUSTSWIM courses, go to www.austswim.com.au

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