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RE: 2016 AUSTSWIM National Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award

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AUSTSWIM National Awards:

Paul Dew Recipient of the AUSTSWIM National Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award

Paul Dew from Forest Hill, VIC is the recipient of the 2016 National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award which is proudly supported by Royal Life Saving.

Paul teaches in Melbourne's eastern suburbs at Just Swimming Syndal, Nunawading and Tintern Grammar.

Paul received the award at the 2017 'Soak It Up' Victorian Metro Stream Aquatic conference and AQUASUMMIT. The conference was held at Methodist Ladies College in Kew.

Paul is described as a "true teacher". He instils confidence in his students to thrive in the pool and his calm and inviting approach creates engagement where students provide their full attention to him.

The award is one of eight national AUSTSWIM awards that recognise brilliance, commitment and innovation in the teaching of swimming and water safety.

AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said the premier awards are presented to individuals or organisations that achieve the highest standards of aquatic education excellence.

Paul has been teaching swimming and water safety for three years. He is licensed in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety, Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion and the Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes accreditations.

Over the past 2 years Paul has been given the opportunity through 'Just Swimming' to help a small 'Red Dust' team, by sending him twice into the remote community of Yuendumu in the Northern Territory to teach Swimming and Water safety.

"Teaching remote indigenous kids has been quite re-energising for me," Paul Said.

He enjoys seeing results and the positive feeling of having helped someone achieve or improve important life skills. "It's doing a job that I feel I can contribute useful lasting value in," Paul said.

For more information about AUSTSWIM and the range of courses available to those wanting to become licensed teachers of swimming and water safety, go to austswim.com.au

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