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### RE: AUSTSWIM National 2016 Teacher of Aquatics - Access & Inclusion Award

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Robyn Larkham, National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant & Preschool Aquatics Award

Sydney's Robyn Larkham is the recipient of the 2016 National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics Award.

Her dedication to working with children combined with a love of the water inspired Robyn to become an AUSTSWIM licensed teacher of swimming and water safety 12 years ago.

Since then she has built her knowledge base and skills with AUSTSWIM accreditations in a range of courses.

Robyn said her greatest challenge as a teacher was to understand the individual needs of each child and teach them accordingly. "They are all different and can learn in their own way," she said.

Her nomination said Robyn showed phenomenal dedication to water safety for infants and pre-schoolers. She makes classes fun for both the young participants and their parents. Robyn has also written a water safety book for three to six-year-olds that is unique in NSW and widely used in water safety talks.

The national award, is the Jack Hanson Clarke Perpetual Scholarship and is supported by Belgravia Leisure which recognises excellence in aquatic education.

AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said it is one of eight national AUSTSWIM awards that recognise brilliance, commitment and innovation in the teaching of swimming and water safety.

Robyn received her award at the 2017 New South Wales Regional Aquatic Conference. The conference was held at Sawtell RSL Club.

The award was presented by Jared Wilson AUSTSWIM General Manager- Operations.

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 [www.austswim.com.au](http://www.austswim.com.au)

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