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RE: 2017 National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics Access & Inclusion Award

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National award for Launceston swim teacher

Personal experience has been a significant contributor in shaping Anna Jarman to be a nationally acclaimed swimming and water safety teacher.

Anna was named the recipient of the 2017 National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics Access & Inclusion Award at the organisation's national conference in Tweed Heads at the end of September.

Anna began teaching swimming and water safety at the Launceston Swim School after a serious illness left her needing aquatic therapy.

"I got very sick six years ago and a big part of my recovery was in the water," Anna said. "I figured if I had to spend so much time in the water I may as well do something with that time."

Anna was nominated by the owner of the Launceston Swim School, Lindy Crack, who said her passion and dedication to teaching swimming and water safety to people with special needs was second to none. Anna's work goes beyond the pool – she has learnt basic AUSLAN sign language and uses this as well as a set of flash cards she helped design to communicate with students.

"The manner in which Anna applies herself to learning about each individual, taking the time to understand and learn their needs and habits, allows her to make engaging and exciting plans that suit the individual student," Lindy said.

The presentation of the eight national AUSTSWIM awards was a highlight of the 2017 National 'Soak It Up' Conference and Aquasummit.

AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said the national awards were the pinnacle of recognition for swimming and water safety educators. With over 30,000 licenced teachers, AUSTSWIM services the community and enhances a skilled aquatic workforce.

A not-for-profit body, AUSTSWIM is Australia's pre-eminent provider of swimming and water safety teacher training. Its licensed teachers are accredited to the ISO17024 standard and provide an essential link in drowning prevention and safer aquatic participation.

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