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RE: 2017 AUSTSWIM National Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics Award

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Nurturing teacher's talents recognised

For 11 years Krista Palmer has been nurturing the swimming and water safety capabilities of her young charges at Aquatics Down Under in Sydney.

She loves the enthusiasm of the under-five-year-olds as they find their confidence and ability in the water.

Krista was named recipient of the 2017 National AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics Award the the organisation's national conference in Tweed Heads at the end of September.

"I love teaching little children - I only teach the under fives, they are so enthusiastic," Krista said.

She said it was fantastic seeing the pride they had in themselves when they did something they didn't think they were able to do.

Krista was nominated by her co-workers. "Kirsta is able to nurture a fearful child, cope with a spirited child, deal with a helicopter parent and still manage to challenge all her students and all with a smile on her face," they said in the nomination.

"Knowing all her students' names, their siblings' names, their favourite pool toys, what makes them happy and what they like to avoid, Krista manages her classes with precision."

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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