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RE: 2017 National AUSTSWIM WETS Instructor Award

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Croydon aqua instructor is top class

Since Jan Caton began teaching aqua classes at the Croydon Memorial Pool participation has trebled. Her dedication was recognised when she was named recipient of the 2017 National AUSTSWIM WETS Instructor Award recently.

The award was one of eight presented at the 2017 AUSTSWIM 'Soak It Up' National Conference and Aquasummit in Tweed Heads at the end of September.

AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said the national awards were the pinnacle of recognition for swimming and water safety educators and aqua instructors.

Programs manager at the Aquahub and Croydon Memorial Pool Kellie Ellingworth said Jan's love for aquatics was unquestioned and the passion she imparted on all participants was infectious.

"From crazy dress up theme days, through to completely new moves and funky music, Jan lights up pool deck with her crazy ideas and effervescent personality," Kellie said.

She said Jan had increased the participation in aqua programs at the Croydon Memorial Pool from an average of seven to consistently full classes of 25 last summer.

Jan, who has been teaching swimming and water safety at Croydon and Ringwood for seven years, is also licensed to take classes for pre-schoolers, adults and the access and inclusion market.

A not-for-profit body, AUSTSWIM is Australia's pre-eminent provider of swimming and water safety teacher training with over 30,000 licensed teachers. The teachers are accredited to the ISO17024 standard and provide an essential link in drowning prevention and safer aquatic participation.

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