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RE: 2017 National AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre Award

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National award for Adelaide swim centre

Adelaide's Immanuel Sports and Aquatic Centre has received national acclaim, being named the joint recipient of the 2017 National AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre Award.

With 52 teaching and coaching staff, the centre, located in Novar Gardens, has two state-of-the-art indoor heated pools offering swimming and water safety classes at all levels.

It also works closely with local surf lifesaving clubs to improve water safety.

A nippers program to help surf swimmers develop open water skills and fitness has been successfully run with youngsters from West Beach, Henley Beach, Glenelg, Somerton and Seaford surf lifesaving clubs.

And the centre is sponsoring a group of Congo girls from the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club for swimming and water safety classes. This initiative followed the 2016 tragedy at Glenelg when a family of three from the Congo drowned.

The Immanuel Centre was named joint recipient of the award with the Travelling Tadpole Swim School from Australia's Top End.

The awards were presented at AUSTSWIM's '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. With over 30,000 licenced teachers, AUSTSWIM services the community.

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. ENDS-

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