

The Western Australian Swimming Association Inc. (Swimming WA)

THE BEN BEALE MEMORIAL AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Background

Swimming WA is proud to continue the Ben Beale Memorial Award in honour of Ben who tragically passed away in April 2017 aged 47. Ben was part of the family owned WA business Aqua Technics which for 42 years has been installing pools all over WA and was instrumental in partnering with Swimming WA many years ago. Often swimming starts start in the backyard pool and then extends into Club swimming.

Rationale for Introducing the Award

As the peak body for swimming in Western Australia, SWA included a section in the SWA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 to assist Clubs to improve in the area of retaining and recognising valuable members. Since 2015, considerable emphasis has been committed to refining and improving the SWA Club 'environment' to be one that is positive, nurturing and inclusive. SWA Clubs now understand that retention of members is a far better and more positive.

The ingredient of the success of this strategy over the past four (4) years vary from each local area, but one common theme has been the role of the dedicated Club Member and their ability to significantly positively add to an engaging and fun Club environment. Swimmers regularly comment that a key reason for their longevity in the sport, is the camaraderie between the swimmers and the swimmers and the coach.

SWA would like to recognise the wonderful contribution that such individuals make at the 'coal face' and to publicly acknowledge the crucial role that such individuals play in the broader strategy. The sport of swimming is thrilled that the Beale Family through Aqua Technics has embraced this concept and is prepared to invest financially in the recognition of these individuals by providing an award that will recognise and reward these people as well as offer and opportunity to further their leadership skills.

Description - The Ben Beale Memorial Award:

The Ben Beale Memorial Award was established to celebrate and recognise those 'champions' of the SWA Club environment. This annual award will annually celebrate the

'Best Club person' (must be a current athlete) within a Swimming WA Club. The athlete must be aged fourteen (14) years or older at May 1st of the year of their nomination.

The Award is designed to further the winner's leadership skills and experience, with the objective that they will not only stay in the sport longer term, but will also contribute to their Club in a meaningful manner, well beyond their days as an athlete.

The Ben Beale Memorial Award will be awarded to a Club person who:

- Demonstrates leadership "in and out of the water";
- Regularly sets a high standard of behaviour at training, competitions, Club events and functions;
- Assists the Coach in building a positive camaraderie and a 'sense of team' ;
- Proactively encourages the swimmers to support the direction set by the Club Committee and embraces the values and direction of the Club ;
- Exhibits the values and spirit of West Australian swimming at SWA meets, events and functions;
- Volunteers to take on roles within the Club throughout the year.

The winner of The Ben Beale Memorial Award will receive a combination of cash and specialised leadership training. The cash is designed to assist with travel and training costs, with part of the award dedicated to enrolment in AIM (WA) leadership training.

Value Amount: \$3,000

The Nomination Process:

Nominations are open for SWA Clubs to nominate members of their Clubs (must be an athlete aged 14 years or older) who meet at least four (4) of the six (6) criteria listed. These nominations will be considered by the SWA Honours and Awards Committee who will determine the worthiest recipient at their absolute discretion.

Nominations forms must be completed and submitted to the SWA office no later than **3.00 pm April 16th 2020**. Please submit your nomination as below;

Attention: Swimming WA CEO
The Ben Beale Memorial Award
Swimming WA PO Box 205
North Perth WA 6903

Submit your nomination (addressed to the SWA CEO) by email to Grace Schmit (SWA Membership Officer) at waswim@wa.swimming.org.au For further information, please call **Grace Schmit** on (08) 9328 4599

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Nomination Form

Section 1 – Details of the Nominee (please type or fill in information clearly in BLOCK letters)

SURNAME:	GIVEN NAME(s):	HONOURS (if any):
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HOME (POSTAL) ADDRESS:	
	POST CODE:

SWA CLUB:	
ROLE AT THE CLUB	YEAR JOINED SWA CLUB:

HOME PHONE:	BUSINESS PHONE:	MOBILE:
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EMAIL ADDRESS:	CURRENT SWA MEMBER: YES / NO
	SWA MEMBERSHIP #:

DATE OF BIRTH: / /	MEMBER OF CLUB COMMITTEE/S: YES/NO
ASSISTS WITH COACHING: YES/NO	ASSISTS WITH SCHOOL LINKS: YES/NO

Section 2 – Supporting Information

For consideration by the Swimming WA Honours and Awards Committee for the **Ben Beale Memorial Award**, your Club must address the six (6) criteria for the Scholarship, meeting a minimum of four (4). In addition, please outline the attributes, qualities and achievements of the person you wish to have considered for the **Ben Beale Memorial Award**. Please attach additional pages and evidence if required.

Section 3 – Nominator Details (please type of fill in information clearly in BLOCK letters)

ORGANISATION (CLUB):

NAME OF NOMINATOR:	TITLE (within organisation/Club):
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CURRENT SWA MEMBER YES / NO (please circle)
SWA MEMBERSHIP #:

POSTAL ADDRESS:
POSTCODE:

HOME PHONE:	BUSINESS PHONE:	MOBILE:
EMAIL:		

ALTERNATE REFEREE FOR NOMINEE:		
(a former coach, athlete or peer of the nominee is recommended)		
HOME PHONE:	BUSINESS PHONE:	MOBILE:
EMAIL:	CURRENT SWA MEMBER: YES / NO	
	SWA MEMBERSHIP #:	

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date of Nomination: _____