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MEMORIAL AWARD TO HONOUR PERTH BUSINESSMAN BEN BEALE

Swimming WA is proud to announce 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.

“Ben was a talented athlete but what he loved most of all was the mate ship, camaraderie and club spirit that brings everyone together. Often we recognise elite talent but the Memorial Award is about celebrating a person who embodies the best club spirit,” said Ben’s sister, Aqua Technics Managing Director Lynley Papineau.

Swimming WA CEO Darren Beazley added that there would also be Regional Rising Star Awards and a Travel Scholarship in these accolades. “These awards will reward and recognise swimming champions both in and out of the water. Swimming WA has had a long association with Aqua Technics, and their support of our members and our organisation has been tremendous. For Aqua Technics to offer these opportunities to members of the WA swimming community is an outstanding show of generosity and kindness. It is support like this that really make a difference to a person’s life”.

“Swimming often starts in the backyard swimming pool and then moves on to club training. As a family business we want to put back into the community. Our Mum is from the country so we also understand the challenges that regional families are faced with the commitment and travel that is required to achieve in sport,” said Papineau.

The Ben Beale Memorial Award

This perceptual award will annually celebrate the ‘best club person’ (athlete) within a Swimming WA member Club. It will be awarded to a Club person who exhibits:

- the best ‘Club person’ properties
- moral character
- values and spirit of West Australian swimming

The Aqua Technics Rising Star Awards:

These annual awards are dedicated to athletes aged 12 years and under who are based in Regional WA. They are considered to be a ‘rising star’ of the sport in their Region, as judged by their Regional Association. It will be awarded to a Junior athlete who exhibits:

- significant increase in PB over the year
- achieves a Gold medal at a Regional Meet
- demonstrate the values and spirit of West Australian swimming
- 5 Regional Awards – male and female in each Region

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These two awards will be announced and presented by the Beale family at the 2018 Westpac Swimmer of the Year Awards to be held Saturday 26 May at the Hyatt Regency Perth. The awards recognise significant and enduring contribution to the sport of swimming across Western Australia.

The Aqua Technics Athlete Travel Scholarship

This annual scholarship is dedicated to athletes aged 13 – 18 years who have achieved national times to be utilized towards travel cost of competing at the Australian National Swimming Championships each year:

The Travel Scholarship will be announced at the annual Swimming WA member conference in October each year.

To apply for the Ben Beale Memorial Award and the other Aqua Technics awards and scholarships, please visit www.wa.swimming.org.au/clubs.

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