



MLC AQUATIC SWIMMING AWARDS

Descriptions and Recipients

COACH'S AWARDS

Awarded by each coach to a MLC Aquatic squad member who demonstrates a consistent, positive influence and sets a good example in and out of the pool at training, competitions and Club events.

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Awarded to a MLC Aquatic member in the age groups 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 years and over with the most points after competition at the annual Club Championships.

MULTI-CLASS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a MLC Aquatic member for the best performance (highest percentage against the world record) at a National or International standard competition or selection to an Australian team. Awarded to both male and female swimmers when applicable.

Previous Winners:

2014 - Monique Beckwith
2015 - Monique Beckwith
2016 – Monique Beckwith

OPEN WATER SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a MLC Aquatic member for the best performance at a National or International standard competition or selection to an Australian team.

Previous Winners:

2014 - Ashleigh Gould
2015 – Adelaide Wood and Tom Wood
2016 - Sam Sheppard (Australian team) and Connie McClelland (Australian team)



JUNIOR SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded for the best performance (highest FINA point score) by a male and female junior swimmer aged 12 and under. To receive this award you must have been a MLC Aquatic club member for the majority of the current season.

Previous Winners:

2009 – Jemma Schlicht
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2011 – Lachlan May
2012 – Stephanie Whan
2013 – Rosemary Addison
2014 - Julia Silverii and Ethan Rozanic
2015 – Samantha Schlicht and Ethan Erikson
2016 – Pip Silverii and James Lloyd

AGE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded for the best performance (highest FINA point score) by a male and female swimmer aged 13-18 years. To receive this award you must have been a MLC Club member for the majority of the season and competed at all targeted State and National events where qualified or where an exemption has been granted for injury/sickness or state/national/international team commitments.

Previous Winners:

2014 - Lucy Soden and Sam Durrant
2015 – Connie McClelland and Benno Negri
2016 – Connie McClelland and David Schlicht

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded for the best performance (highest FINA point score) by a swimmer (any age group). From the 2013/2014 season awarded to both male and female swimmers. This is the highest performance award and winning this precludes the winner from other performance awards

To receive this award you must have been a MLC Club member for the majority of the season and competed at all targeted State and National events where qualified or where an exemption has been granted for injury/sickness or state/national/international team commitments.



Previous Winners:

- 2009 – Elizabeth Forbes
- 2010 – Mark O'Donnell
- 2011 – Jessica Hansen
- 2012 – Jessica Hansen
- 2013 – Jessica Hansen
- 2014 - Stephanie Whan and Benno Negri
- 2015 – Jemma Schlicht and Daniel Blackborrow
- 2016 – Jemma Schlicht and Sam Durrant

The LEE ARMSTRONG AWARD

Lee Armstrong started with MLC as a PE teacher, eventually taking on the role of Head of PE. Lee was a passionate supporter of women (girls) in sport. In particular, her passion was swimming and when the “new” Physical Education Centre (PEC) was opened in 1987, she put in place a swim program which would give all MLC students an opportunity to participate in aquatics in some way, whether in class or as an extra-curricular subject.

Lee opened and managed the MLC swim school, doing this on top of her full time job running the PE department. She was instrumental in employing the first swim coach, which was the beginning of the story of success that is MLC Aquatic.

The Lee Armstrong award recipient is selected by the Head Coach and is awarded to a Senior MLC student in recognition of her contribution to the Club, to the school aquatics program and to competition.

Previous Winners:

- 2001 – Olivia Ruskin
- 2002 – Jane Cheatley
- 2011 – Christina Ruiz
- 2012 – Alex Jowett
- 2013 – Chloe Jessup
- 2014 - Charlotte Peake
- 2015 – Ashleigh Gould
- 2016 – Emma Malcolm



The LAUREN McLAVERTY AWARD

Lauren McLaverty was a MLC swim school and MLC Aquatic Coach for over 20 years. Lauren was instrumental in the promotion of junior swimmers through the MLC Aquatic program. Lauren's easygoing personality and willingness and generosity to give her time made her very much respected and much loved by swimmers and parents alike. Lauren made swimming "easy" for parents and enjoyable for swimmers. Many of the current MLC student members of MLC Aquatic owe their pool-deck successes to Lauren McLaverty.

The Lauren McLaverty award recipient is chosen by the coaches on the following criteria:

- A swimmer who has demonstrated a good attitude and commitment to training
- A swimmer who has demonstrated high achievement at State level
- A swimmer who shows good sportsmanship
- A swimmer who shows team leadership
- Awarded to a junior swimmer aged 12 and under at the start of the season and been a club member for the majority of the season.

Previous Winners:

2014 - Ethan Rozanic

2015 – Julia Silverii

2016 - Johanna Stathoulis



The PAUL LACEY AWARD

Paul Lacey (1949-2003) leaves an incredible legacy to those lucky enough to have known and loved him. Paul genuinely cared about the welfare of others and as a team coach was more interested in the “champion team” rather than a “team of champions”. The qualities he admired above all else in an athlete were the determination to always keep trying no matter what and to have the courage to not be afraid. He especially praised athletes who rose to the top without having great natural ability above the naturally gifted athlete who did not train hard.

- Awarded to a senior swimmer who has been swimming in the National program for at least 12 months. The recipient of this award is voted for by members of the senior squads on the following criteria:
- A swimmer who has demonstrated a good attitude and commitment to training
- A swimmer who has demonstrated high achievement at State/National level
- A swimmer who shows good sportsmanship
- A swimmer who shows team leadership

Previous Winners:

2008/09 – Ewan Bennett
2009/10 – Mark O'Donnell
2010/11 – Christina Ruiz
2011/12 – Lucy Soden
2012/13 – Arnikah Dean
2013/14 - Ashleigh Gould
2014/15 – Jemma Schlicht
2015/2016 – Heath McLeod