

Darwin Swimming Club – Life Membership

Valerie Smith is an integral part of the Darwin Swimming Club and the wider swimming community. She has been a member of the Darwin Swimming Club for over 10 years, contributing in various ways. Since 2018, Valerie has served on the committee in multiple positions, most recently as the Secretary. As an active contributor, Valerie always prioritises the best interests of the swimmers.

Valerie's expertise in promoting the club has successfully secured many much-needed sponsorships and grants. For example, she recently secured a grant for a trailer through community grants funding. Her efforts in promoting the club have also helped secure amazing sponsorships with various private businesses. These grants and sponsorships are vital for the continued development opportunities for our swimmers, such as club nights and relay entries.

Valerie not only assists with sponsorships but her calm and level-headed nature allows for valued discussions surrounding club activities, including club nights and social events. She is also a great source of information regarding complex issues related to the constitution and governance.

Valerie encourages swimmers to participate and, as a technical official, ensures that swimmers can compete at club, state, and national levels. For the past five years, Valerie has assisted the club and Swimming NT in the booth, running Quantum (timing interface) so that swimmers and their families can view swimming times. This is a highly valuable skill, and our club is extremely fortunate to have her. With her expertise, Darwin Swimming Club can confidently run meets, both large and small.

Valerie also practises what she believes in, being a member of the newly formed Masters through Darwin Swimming Club, further promoting and encouraging swimming for both young members and senior participants.

With the above-mentioned activities, Darwin Swimming Club members should consider awarding Valerie Smith a life membership.