

# **Diving Queensland ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

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## DIVING QUEENSLAND (QUEENSLAND DIVING ASSOCIATION inc.)

### Officials

#### Board Members

President	Heidi Graymore
Vice President	Jennifer Waldroff
Treasurer	Sue Stafford
Board	Madison Landsberg Kevin Hall Sue-Ellen Noort *Di Smith
State Executive Director	Janne Ellis / Matt Bishop



**Queensland  
Government**

### Officers

Competitions Coordinator	Toni Toohey
Coaching Coordinator	*Di Smith
Technical Coordinator	Kevin Hall
Uniforms Officer	Heidi Graymore
Media Officer	Courtney Graymore
Registrar	Erin Toohey
School Sport Team Manager	Heidi Graymore

### Committees

Finance Committee	Sue Stafford ( <i>Chair</i> ) *Di Smith Heidi Graymore ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Janne Ellis / Matt Bishop ( <i>ex officio</i> )
Competitions Committee	Toni Toohey ( <i>Coordinator &amp; Chair</i> ) Heidi Graymore Stuart Graymore Mary Holgate
Selection Panel	Mary Holgate *Di Smith Kevin Hall
Technical Committee	Kevin Hall ( <i>Convenor &amp; Chair</i> ) Stuart Graymore
Clubs	Chandler Diving Club Paradise Diving Club RAPS Diving Club
Life Members	Terry Harte John Sherry *Graham Deuble Alan Smith (2009) *Dianne Smith (2011) Heidi Graymore (2017) Toni Toohey (2017)
Auditor:	Jason O'Connor CA

\*(deceased)

## President's Report

Due to some major staffing changes, including the resignation of the long-term State Executive Director, as well as the short tenure of her replacement, the President's Report will encompass the State Executive Director's report for the 2018 year.

2018 was a big year for Diving. Queensland hosted the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in April. Many past and present members of our diving community were Volunteers or Technical officials at the Games. Congratulations to all of you.

Diving Queensland has seen 2018 as a planning phase for additions to the Association's various clinics and workshops. An audit of all policies and procedures is well underway, and our new Sunsmart policy has been introduced.

2018 was the second year of the three-year funding cycle of the State Government Development Funding Program. Our Strategic plan (2017-2019) goals are on track. Our recreational diver numbers have increased from last year, and grassroots recreational programs are gaining momentum.

## Committee

The Diving Queensland Board has met regularly to ensure fairness to all, and to provide oversight of the Association, which encompasses finance, policies and procedures, and most importantly, to progress our strategic vision and operation plan.

Current members of the Diving Queensland Board are:

President:	Heidi Graymore
Vice President:	Jennifer Waldroff
Treasurer:	Sue Stafford
Directors:	Kevin Hall
	Di Smith (passed away Jan 2019)
	Madison Landsberg
	Sue-Ellen Noort

State Executive director: Ross Ashcroft (*non-voting*)

At the end of June, Janne Ellis resigned from the position of State Executive Director (SED) after 11 years of service to Diving Queensland. Janne was instrumental in the initial change over to computerised operations for the Association. We thank Janne for her service to the Board and the Association.

The Board made a decision to change the position title from State Executive Director to State Administrator. In August, a replacement was found in Matt Bishop. Matt made great inroads in updating many outmoded operations and streamlining the systems in place. Matt's absolute love of AFL took him much sooner than we expected, as he accepted an offer of employment in WA in December.

In March 2019 Ross Ashcroft was appointed to the position. Ross comes with much administrative knowledge, and future planning ideas. We welcome Ross and wish him success in this role.

The commitment and efforts made by our Board is to be congratulated, as is the significant voluntary participation of the members of our many sub-committees. These include competitions committee, selection panel, finance committee, coaching committee, as well as Uniforms

Officer, Media Officer and School Sport team Manager. For all your volunteering efforts, we thank you.

Board independence has long been a concern in such a small sport. However, finding people with skills that can be utilised by an SSO board is somewhat difficult. In the past, some Board members have found it difficult to separate club affairs with the affairs of Diving Queensland. 2019 will see the first year of a two-year plan to recruit a Board from outside the sport, with skills that will assist in the future growth of the association. For a number of years, our Board has been very operationally driven. We believe that the introduction of independent Board members will enable us to look forward and move in more strategic delivery.

To our outgoing directors, I thank you for your service. To our newly elected board members, I look forward to a great year of change.

## Coaching

A level 1 coach accreditation course was held in August 2018 for 8 aspiring coaches. We look forward to watching the progression of our new level 1 coaches.

## Officiating

Kevin Hall, QLD STOC has continued to assist all judges improve their skills, by giving advice and mentoring at all competitions. All judges are assessed at every competition. This continual feedback is imperative for improvement and for sustaining consistency. Our next planned Judges / Officials workshop will be in August 2019.

We look forward to continued success for Queensland judges who represent the Association well both here, and for many of our judges attending interstate national competitions, and also international events.

For the ongoing dedication and commitment of both Kevin and the officials, I thank you.

## Competitions

Diving Queensland holds several competitions, as well as State Championships to give our athletes every opportunity to qualify for National Championships, and to represent Queensland.

The competitions committee consists of 4 volunteers who dedicate many countless hours before, during and after competitions to ensure the smooth and effective running of these events. Thanks go to Toni Toohey - Competitions coordinator, and committee members Stuart Graymore, Mary Holgate and Heidi Graymore. We rely heavily on volunteers to assist at every competition. Volunteer numbers increased again in 2018 from the previous year, but we look forward to more people putting up their hand to help out for the benefit of all our divers.

Diving Queensland was unable to field a School Sport team to Western Australia due to low participant numbers. This may have an impact for QLD divers in the future, as we are a partnership sport. We look forward, however, to a team representing QLD in Ringwood, Melbourne in July 2019.

## Membership / Recreational registrations

The recreational registration category was once again reviewed. Discussions were held with each club about the new recreational package, which was substantially reduced to \$75 for a year, and included one competition entry for a novice event. Registrations in the recreational diving category increased in 2018. In particular, RAPS Diving Club recreational divers now register correctly through Diving Queensland. It must be noted that many of our registration categories over the past 3-4 years have gone down in price. If clubs do not support the association, these prices cannot be maintained, and decrease in revenue will inevitably result in increased costs in other areas, including for competitive divers.

## Media

Social media continued to improve over the year, with significant improvement in notification of events and information to members. Various platforms are now being utilised and will continue to be further refined in 2019.

## State Government

We are grateful for the assistance received from the Department Officers. Their advice and attention to our sport is most gratifying, and we enjoy a mutual respect for what is sometimes a difficult role. We have completed the second year of the 3 year funding allocation (2017-2019) and look forward to continued achievement and support of our goals.

## Vale Dianne Smith



The board acknowledges the 22 plus years of service and dedication to the sport of Diving in Queensland. Di held many positions within Diving Queensland over this time. Di is a life member of Diving Queensland. Di passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2019 surrounded by husband Alan, and her family.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Di for all she did for the Diving community.

## Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to all recipients of trophies at our Annual Awards lunch (listed further in the report). Thanks to Matt Bishop, Sue Stafford and Heidi Graymore and others for organising the Annual Awards day at the Aquatic Lounge in the Chandler Aquatic Centre, which provided participants with an amazing sit-down lunch with BBQ, salads, fruit, desserts, Christmas goodie bags for all the children, and of course the trophies.

We congratulate the efforts of all our divers. You are the reason we are here. You do us proud each time you dive for your club, your state, and your country.

Congratulations also to Georgia Sheehan, and Domonic Bedggood for selection in the Australian team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Georgia won the silver medal in the women's 1 metre springboard, and then combined with Esther Qin to win the gold medal in the women's 3 metre synchro event. Domonic paired with Matthew Carter in the men's 3 metre synchro event to pick up a bronze medal, paired with Declan Stacey in the 10 metre synchro for a bronze medal, and won the gold medal in the men's 10 metre platform event. Fantastic!

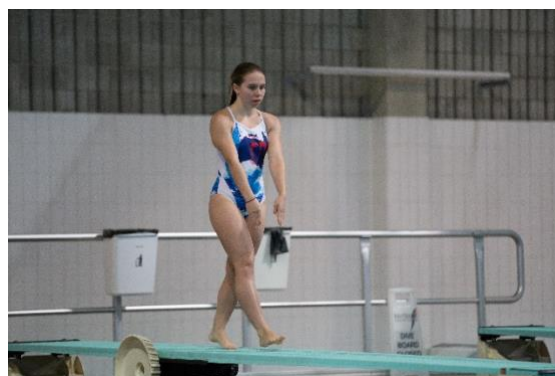
## New look Diving Queensland logo

The Annual Awards presentation saw the unveiling and soft launch of the new Diving Queensland logo. We have adopted the logo of Diving Australia in line with most other states. We look forward to significant changes to marketing and branding in the future.

## Conclusion

We are looking forward to a new growth borne from fresh perspectives and new partnerships as we continue to strive for a cohesive relationship between clubs in Queensland.

I encourage all our clubs and members to have an involvement with the information sharing process we are trying to provide.



On behalf of the Board, we are grateful to the State Government, Diving Australia, Queensland School Sport, sponsors, and all other agencies with whom we work.

Thank you to all our volunteers working for the betterment of the sport of diving in Queensland, and for the opportunities provided to our divers because of you.

My personal thanks go to the Board, Di, Kevin, Jennifer, Sue, Madison, Sue-Ellen, as well as to Janne, and Matt who have assisted me during the last year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H Graymore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'H' being particularly large and stylized.

**Heidi Graymore**  
**President**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Coaching Coordinator's Report**

A level 1 practical workshop was held in August. Eight candidates completed the workshop, with five now actively coaching at club level. Congratulations go to Jennifer Waldroff, Olga Cooper, Matt Cooper, Michaela Egan, Megan Teoh, Akayla Quinton, Ashleigh Magee and Markus Perilla. Diving Queensland would like to thank the presenters of this workshop, Michael Hetherington and Tandi Gerrard, as well as Di Smith and Heidi Graymore for the event organisation. Thanks also to the divers that enabled our candidates to learn from you.

Our recreational holiday program was a phenomenal success in July and October 2018. This is also an opportunity for level 1 coaches to gain valuable experience under the guidance of an accredited level 2 coach.

***Di Smith and Heidi Graymore***  
***Coaching Coordinator***

### **Competition Coordinator's Report**

2017-18 has been, yet again, another very hectic but successful year for the Diving Queensland Competitions Committee. The committee consists of four very dedicated Volunteers (Toni Toohey, Heidi Graymore, Stuart Graymore & Mary Holgate) who pride themselves in running professional and efficient competitions.

To run a successful competition, we also need help from many volunteers ranging from Announcers, Recording Staff, Judges' & Referees. A massive THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped over the year, because without you the competitions could not go ahead.

We offered eight (8) qualifying competitions and two State Championships, each and every one run to Diving Australia Standards.

Queensland was well represented at all National Level competitions through the year.

We are looking forward to yet another very successful year of Diving.

***Toni Toohey***  
***Competitions Coordinator***

### **Technical Convenor's Report**

I am pleased to report Queensland now has one Level 5 and one level 6 Fina judge, two level 4 judges. Congratulations to Courtney Graymore for being upgraded recently to Level 4. We have thirteen level 3, three level 2 and four level 1 judges actively engaged in judging and assessments. There are also quite a few Level 1 & 2 judges that have not been actively judging since doing our last judges course. Hopefully they will revisit their judging activity at the next Queensland Judges course.

I would like to welcome and thank all our new level 3 judges for judging at the Queensland State Titles, your availability made it easier to release coaches from judging on panels when needed. I am sure you will all be a valuable asset to our future competitions.

Diving Australia is in the final steps of implementing their new officiating framework, part of that new framework is to form a National Technical Committee (NTDC). An expression of interest from Stuart Graymore L5 judge and Kevin Hall L6 was forwarded to DA for consideration as part of the NTDC committee at the time of writing this report. Diving Australia are yet to announce committee appointments.

I encourage all current judges to read the National Officiating Policy to familiarise themselves with judging maintenance and upgrade requirements. I hope the current group of Level 3 judges will be able to attend Nationals for further assessments to aid in their level progression, which will hopefully result in their levels being considered for upgrading by Diving Australia.

Finally, I must say a big thank you to all our Queensland volunteers from all aspects of the diving fraternity, no matter what or how much you do, it is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to working with you all again over the upcoming diving season. I wish all the best to the Judges, Competition Officials, Divers and Coaches for the upcoming year of competition.

***Kevin Hall***  
***Technical Convenor***

### **2018 School Sport Report**

Trials were held in May for participation in the School Sport Australian Diving Championships in Perth to be held in September. Unfortunately, there was insufficient interest to attend. The four divers that qualified were unable to attend as the costs of being a fully self-funded team were astronomical. We look forward to Queensland attending the championships in Ringwood, Melbourne in 2019.

***Heidi Graymore***  
***2018 Team Manager - Diving***  
***Queensland School Sport in partnership with Diving Queensland***

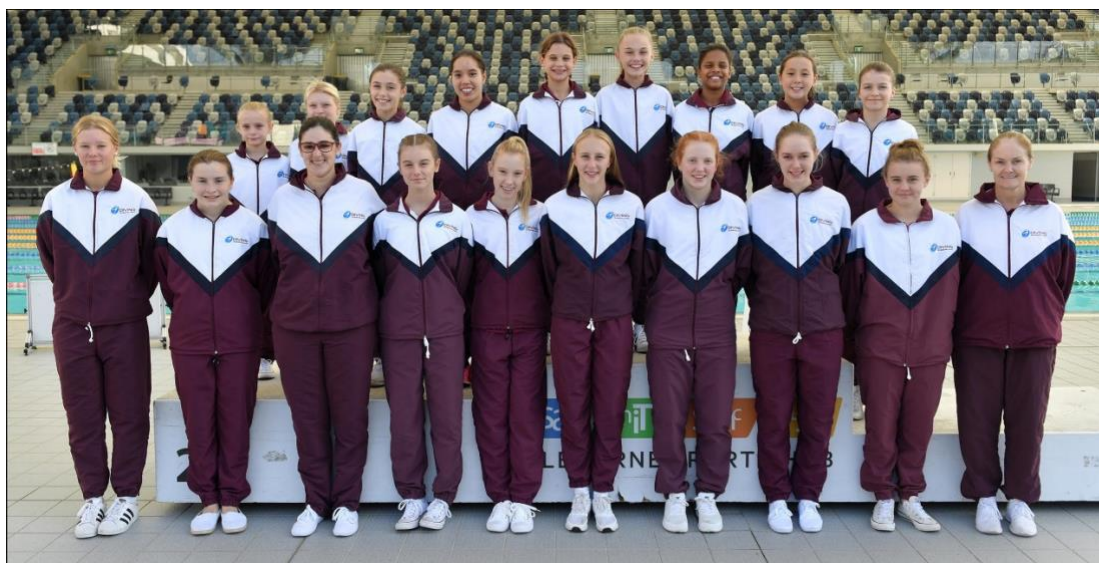


## SDS Managers' Report 2018

2018 saw planning of a new structure and format for the SDS take place and will become the Queensland Diving Development Program (QDDP).

**Erin Toohey**

**State Development Squad Manager 2018**



## DIVING QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES and RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS



**Domonic Bedggood**



**Georgia Sheehan**

### 2018 National Squad (Queensland)

Domonic Bedggood  
Emily Boyd  
Alysha Koloi  
Emily Meaney  
Georgia Sheehan

### National Junior Squad 2016 (Queensland)

Denby Milligan  
Kiarra Milligan  
Toby Cobb

### Commonwealth Games Team

Domonic Bedggood  
Georgia Sheehan

### NEPP Squad

Julian Alinat  
Mackenzie Bowell  
Toby Cobb  
Liam Davis  
Sapphyre Frost  
Sophie Koloi  
Denby Milligan  
Kiarra Milligan  
Parker Mitchell

Abbi Spooner  
Mackenna Spooner  
Megan Teoh

### QAS Squad

Maddison Keeney (WA)  
Domonic Bedggood  
Georgia Sheehan  
Caitlyn Bowell  
Sophie Johnson  
Emily Boyd  
Alysha Koloi  
Holly Cushing



## RECORDS

\* Indicates inaugural award  
na means not awarded

### Diving Queensland Major Awards

#### Volunteer Award

*2011	Heidi Graymore
2012	Toni Toohey
2013	Maxine Boyd
2014	Michele Kovchenko
2015	Stuart Graymore & Jewels Stewart
2016	Heidi Graymore
2017	Stuart Graymore
2018	Stuart Graymore

#### Encouragement Award

*2011	Lauren Craig-Ward
2012	Jessica Siedlecki
2013	Shai-Lea Williams
2014	Shai-Lea Williams
2015	Akayla Quinton
2016	Kodii Rayson
2017	Sophie Popple
2018	Erin Muller

#### Special Recognition

*2018	Sansanee Lagerway and Sara Cameron
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#### Rookie of the Year

*2011	Paige McCartney
2012	Kurtis Matthews & Michael Leonard
2013	Cameron Mitchell
2014	Ben Shields
2015	Sophoi Kolo
2016	Denby Milligan
2017	Rebecca Barnier

#### Best New Talent

*2011	Brittany Broben
2012	Lara Tarvit
2013	Lara Tarvit & Emily Boyd
2014	Lara Tarvit
2015	Georgia Sheehan
2016	Domonic Bedggood
2017	Sophie Johnson
2018	Cassiel Rousseau

*2011	Ethan Warren
2012	Ethan Warren
2013	Ethan Warren
2014	Domonic Bedggood
2015	Domonic Bedggood
2016	Domonic Bedggood
2017	Domonic Bedggood
2018	Domonic Bedggood

#### Best Female Diver of the Year

*2011	Sharleen Stratton
2012	Brittany Broben
2013	Brittany Broben
2014	Lara Tarvit
2015	Lara Tarvit
2016	Georgia Sheehan
2017	Georgia Sheehan
2018	Georgia Sheehan

#### Club of the Year

*2011	RAPS
Not awarded since - requires 4 Clubs	

#### Best Male Diver of the Year

### Diving Queensland Diver of the Year Awards

#### Open Men's

##### Diver of the Year

1999	Matthew Cooper
2000	Matthew Cooper
2001	Matthew Cooper
2002	Matthew Cooper
2003	Gene Kimlin
2004	Matthew Mitcham
2005	Matthew Mitcham
2006	na
2007	Roger Lillyman
2008	Ethan Warren
2009	Ethan Warren
2010	Ethan Warren
2011	Matthew Barnard
2012	Ethan Warren
2013	Domonic Bedggood
2014	Matthew Barnard
2015	Domonic Bedggood
2016	Domonic Bedggood
2017	Domonic Bedggood
2018	Domonic Bedggood

#### Open Women's

##### Diver of the Year

1999	L Meek
2000	Jodie Mansfield
2001	Jodie Mansfield
2002	Sharleen Stratton
2003	Sharleen Stratton
2004	N Tomkinson
2005	Sharleen Stratton
2006	na
2007	na
2008	Sharleen Stratton
2009	Sharleen Stratton
2010	Brittany Broben
2011	Brittany Broben
2012	Sharleen Stratton
2013	Brittany Broben

2014	Lara Tarvit
2015	Georgia Sheehan
2016	Georgia Sheehan
2017	Georgia Sheehan
2018	Alysha Kolo

#### Junior 'A' Boys

##### Diver of the Year

*2010	Marcus Gangell
2011	Matthew Barnard
2012	Domonic Bedggood
2013	Matthew Barnard
2014	na
2015	Kurtis Mathews
2016	Kurtis Mathews
2017	na
2018	Cassiel Rousseau

#### Junior 'A' Girls

##### Diver of the Year

*2010	Rebecca Stafford
2011	Sherilyse Gowlett
2012	Sherilyse Gowlett
2013	Emily Meaney
2014	Naomi Gowlett
2015	Georgia Sheehan
2016	Georgia Sheehan
2017	Alysha Kolo
2018	Mackenzie Bowell

#### Junior 'B' Boys

##### Diver of the Year

2005	Jesse Carver
2006	na
2007	Jesse Carver
2008	na
2009	Matthew Barnard
2010	Matthew Barnard
2011	Keelan Bilton-Philp

2012	na
2013	Kurtis Matthews
2014	Kurtis Matthews
2015	na
2016	na
2017	Toby Cobb
2018	Toby Cobb

#### Junior 'B' Girls

##### Diver of the Year

2005	Sansanee Lagerway
2006	na
2007	Megan Eckersley
2008	na
2009	Brittany Broben
2010	Brittany Broben
2011	Lara Tarvit
2012	Lara Tarvit
2013	Georgia Sheehan
2014	Georgia Sheehan
2015	Sophie Johnson
2016	Sophie Johnson
2017	Mackenzie Bowell
2018	Denby Milligan

#### Junior 'C' Boys

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2004	
2005	Jesse Carver
2006	na
2007	Matthew Barnard
2008	Matthew Barnard
2009	Keelan Bilton-Philp
2010	Keelan Bilton-Philp
2011	na
2012	Kurtis Matthews
2013	Toby Cobb
2014	na
2015	Toby Cobb

2016 Toby Cobb  
2017 na  
2018 Parker Mitchell

#### Junior 'C' Girls

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2004  
2005 Sansanee Lagerway  
2006 na  
2007 Ashleigh De Muelenaere  
2008 Ashleigh De Muelenaere  
2009 Gemma Allinson  
2010 Lara Tarvit  
2011 Naomi Gowlett  
2012 Georgia Sheehan  
2013 Akayla Quinton  
2014 Sophie Johnson  
2015 na  
2016 Denby Milligan  
2017 Kiarra Milligan  
2018 Abbi Spooner

#### 16/18 Boys

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2007  
2008 Matthew Duffy  
2009 Jordan Weymark  
2010 na  
2011 na  
2012 Matt Skennar  
2013 na  
2014 na  
2015 na  
2016 Shumpei Komatsu  
2017 na  
2018 na

#### 16/18 Girls

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2007  
2008 Erin Bennett  
2009 Sansanee Lagerway  
2010 Melanie Russell  
2011 Erin Toohey  
2012 Mary Holgate  
2013 Taylah Harrison  
2014 Mary Holgate  
2015 Xanththeia Pennisi  
2016 na  
2017 Shai-Lea Williams  
2018 Michaela Egan

#### 14/15 Boys

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2009  
2010 James Ryan  
2011 James Ryan  
2012 Jack Houghton  
2013 Michael Leonard  
2014 Michael Leonard  
2015 na  
2016 na  
2017 Markus Perilla  
2018 na

#### 14/15 Girls

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2009  
2010 Mary Holgate  
2011 Mary Holgate  
2012 Emily Scott  
2013 Tasmin Stewart  
2014 Finn Dunstan

2015 Natasha Waldroff  
2016 Shai-Lea Williams  
2017 Kodii Rayson  
2018 Jazmyne Purdew

#### 12/13 Boys

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2009  
2010 na  
2011 na  
2012 Michael Leonard  
2013 Mark Teoh  
2014 Mark Teoh  
2015 na  
2016 na  
2017 na  
2018 na

#### 12/13 Girls

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2009  
2010 Lucy Larkins  
2011 Paige McCartney  
2012 Finn Dunstan  
2013 Kate Johnston  
2014 Natasha Waldroff  
2015 Lily Lonsdale  
2016 Lily Lonsdale  
2017 Sascha Noort  
2018 Rebecca Barnier

#### 11 & Under Boys

##### Diver of the Year

1999 na  
2000 G Mirek  
2001 R Middledin  
2002 Jesse Carver  
2003 Jesse Carver  
2004 L Seal  
2005 L O'Hara  
2006 na  
2007 Jack Font  
2008 Jack Font  
2009 Alex Bax  
2010 na  
2011 na  
2012 Connor Leonard  
2013 Cameron Mitchell  
2014 Toby Snell  
2015 na  
2016 na  
2017 Luke Whitefield  
2018 na

#### 11 & Under Girls

##### Diver of the Year

1999 - 2009  
2010 Rachel Walsh  
2011 Sophie Johnson  
2012 Sophie Johnson  
2013 Kiarra Milligan  
2014 na  
2015 Sophie Koloj  
2016 na  
2017 Rebecca Barnier  
2018 Abigail Harrison

#### 19/24 Male

##### Diver of the Year

\*2017 Shympei Komatsu  
2018 na

#### 25/34 Female

##### Diver of the Year

\*2017 Sara Cameron  
2018 Sansanee Lagerway

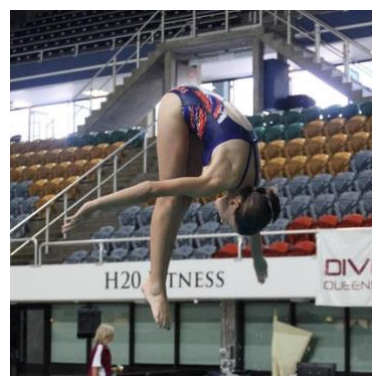
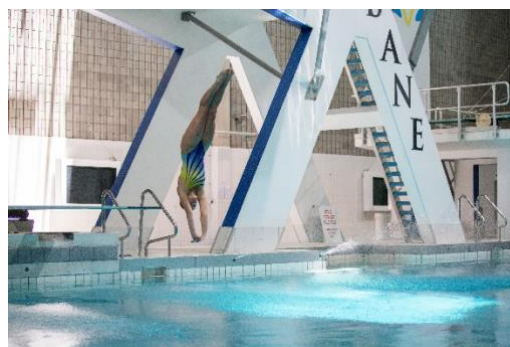
#### Special Achievement

2017 Alysha Koloj

#### InterClub Tournament

(Inaugural 2016)

2016 Paradise Diving Club  
2017 Paradise Diving Club  
2018 Paradise Diving Club



## **VISION**

To be an innovative and successful State Diving organisation

## **MISSION**

To encourage, promote, advance, govern, and administer the sport of Diving  
in and throughout Queensland for the benefit of all participants



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