



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **NOMINATE A WATER SAFETY HERO**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, is encouraging NSW communities to nominate people or groups who have made the water safer this year.

Mr Annesley said the 2011 NSW Water Safety Awards, run by AUSTSWIM, recognise outstanding contributions by individuals and organisations responsible for reducing drownings and water-related injuries.

“Whether it’s at the beach, pool, river or dam – there are many dedicated volunteers and professionals across NSW who work hard to keep us safe in and around the water,” Mr Annesley said.

“As the warmer weather approaches, it’s important to be vigilant about water safety.

“Recognising people who keep us safe will also help us to keep water safety in mind.”

The 2011 award categories are:

**Research Project of the Year**

**Water Safety Event of the Year**

**Community Education Program of the Year**

**Most Significant Contribution to Water Safety by an Individual**

**Most Significant Contribution to Water Safety by an Organisation**

**Most Significant Contribution to Water Safety with a focus on an Under-represented group**

‘Most Significant Contribution’ may be through the outstanding provision of community service or through the promotion of life saving and water safety.

The awards are presented by AUSTSWIM (NSW), a non-profit organisation that trains teachers of swimming and water safety to national industry standards.

Mr Annesley added, “The NSW Government is proud to support AUSTSWIM (NSW) with \$30,000 in annual funding.”

Award nominations close 2 September, 2011. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact AUSTSWIM (NSW) on 1300 885 666 or visit the website at [www.austswim.com.au/NSWAwards.aspx](http://www.austswim.com.au/NSWAwards.aspx).