



Where Are They Now?

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2006 & 2018 Sports Coach, Official and/or
Administrator



1. What have you been up to since winning a Banana Shire Australia Day Award? What are your achievements to date?

I have continued to coach the Martial Art of Ju Jitsu to children and adults twice per week at the Biloela PCYC. I see the teaching of Martial Arts as important for the development of children physically and mentally. Children today require a great amount of resilience and the martial arts are a great platform for that purpose.

2. What was it like to be nominated?

I actually received the same award for Sports Coach/Administrator in 2006 as well so it was awesome to be nominated again in 2018. My wife Kim and I have been coaching at the Biloela PCYC since 2003 so it is nice to be recognised for the effort.

3. How did receiving recognition for your achievements impact you?

It reminds me of how important it is to have a positive impact on other people in our life. Teaching martial arts is a great way to achieve this.

4. Are you more inclined to nominate others since receiving a nomination yourself?

Yes definitely. I have actually nominated other people in the past for various awards such as junior and senior sportsperson and sports coach/administrator. (I nominated Danielle Wust for senior sportsperson in 2018 and she won that award)

5. Is there anything you would like to share regarding the awards?

Thank you to the Banana Shire Council staff for putting on great Australia Day events each year. Staff such as Melinda Petty and Shanna Muston are a credit to their employer due to the work they complete within the community.