



Where Are They Now?

Ray Robins
2005 Sports Coach, Official and/or Administrator
Award Winner



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

Since receiving my award in 2005 I've continued to support and encourage local athletes. When I received this Australia Day Award, as nominated by the Biloela Little Athletics Centre, I continued as Centre Manager and Coach of the centre until 2012, after 24 years. A great achievement both myself and my family are proud of, having joined the centre when both my children came home with the flyer, keen to join the centre.

Through Athletics Australia, I run a Sporting Schools Coaching Program for our Smalls Schools (Jambin, Goovigen, Wowan, Prospect Creek) in Track and Field prior to their athletics carnivals. I also privately coach both Primary and High School Athletes 2 days a week for Cross Country/ Track & Field after school.

Swimming is also a passion of mine. Since 2007 to Pre-Covid, I've been actively involved in the Biloela Swimming Club as the Technical Officer /Referee at Swimming Club Nights, and CQ carnivals.

For over 20 years I have officiated at Biloela and Thangool Primary, Redeemer College, St Joseph's and Biloela High School at both Athletics and/or Swimming Carnivals

From 1991 until 2014 I was involved with the Biloela State High School P&C and was President for a second time from 2008 and would volunteer my time to help the team in the Tuckshop.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 2005 – Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Internationals highest honour
- 2007 - Life Membership Queensland Little Athletics Association
- 2014 - Honour by Biloela High School naming sports oval 'Ray Robins Oval' for my service and commitment to the High School Community
- 2017 - Life Membership Biloela Amateur Swimming Club

2. What was it like to be nominated?

It was an honour to be considered as a nominee for this Award for my commitment, knowledge and the experience that I can provide to young athletes of all abilities so they can reach their full potential in a sport that has given me a life time of pleasure and enjoyment.

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

It was a humbling moment to receive 2005 Sports Coach, Official and/or Administrator Award, It made me realise that my approach of "YOU CAN DO IT" rather than "I CAN'T DO IT" was working in encouraging athletes to participate and enjoy the sport of athletics.

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

I would not hesitate to nominate someone for an Australia Day Award (in any category) who I believe deserves to be appreciated and recognised for their volunteer commitments in our community.

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

I would like to see the Banana Shire Australia Day Awards continue to recognise and reward our community volunteers for their tireless efforts and for many a lifetime commitment and contribution to what gives our daily lives more enjoyment and pleasure.