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Life membership Paul Binnie

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Triathlon Queensland President

Like many Technical Officials and Triathlon Committee members Paul first became involved in the sport as a parent. Paul’s eldest son Jason began training with the Ipswich Triathlon Club in 1988. Rather than just watching from the sidelines (which for those of you who know Paul, know it is impossible for him to do), he got completely involved. Paul’s first official position was as Ipswich Club Delegate to the Triathlon Queensland Board.

Paul went on to represent Triathlon Queensland in a number of ways including; Technical Official at the World Championship in 1991, Chair Person of the Triathlon Queensland Technical Committee, Chief Technical Official at the World Duathlon Championships in Hobart, The World Championships in Perth, The World Cup in Sydney, Race Referee at several World Cups, Vice President of Triathlon Queensland in 1995 and President in 1997 up to and including 2000.

In 1998 Paul was elected to the Triathlon Australia Board where he remains today in a position overlooking Technical issues as a part of the Operations Stream. In 1999 he was named Oceanic ITU Technical Delegate for the Goodwill Games Brisbane 2001.

Since Paul’s first introduction to Triathlon, the sport in Queensland has never looked back. Paul was instrumental in developing the Queensland Technical Program, which is the most effective in Australia and boasts one of the highest number of Technical Officials as well as the highest number of level 3 Technical Officials. Paul has also ensured that this program works in full cooperation with the Triathlon Australia Technical Committee. He is also on the Triathlon Australia Technical Committee.

Throughout Paul’s Presidency with Triathlon Queensland he has been successful in achieving an 100% increase in funding from the Queensland Government, the opening of a Triathlon Queensland Office, revamped the Triathlon Queensland Constitution, conducted the first state based drug testing in Australia and worked closely with the Race Directors Committee in upgrading the Sanctioning Document to ensure that triathlons in Queensland are of the highest quality and safety. Paul works tirelessly on all issues involving Triathlon. Queensland and Australia are lucky to have him apart of their active Triathlon team.