

# Qld: 5 Star Community Coach Award winners - 2011

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Dennis Long from Caboolture is the Term 1, 2011 5 Star Community Coach Award winner for Queensland.

Dennis is a dedicated and enthusiastic community coach who works tirelessly to promote the game of Australian rules football (Aussie rules) and his club, the Caboolture Lions Junior Australian Football Club (JAFC), through the Active After-School Communities (AASC) program.

Dennis has been involved in the AASC program since Term 4, 2009 and has successfully delivered several Australian Football League (AFL) programs throughout the Moreton Bay Region.

Dennis has become an integral part of the AASC program due to his passion for Aussie rules and the professionalism he displays in delivering quality program in the region. He helped recruit 11 other coaches from the Caboolture Lions club to complete the Community Coach Training Program and he utilises the club's involvement in the AASC program as a coaching development opportunity for his sons, who he mentors to deliver AASC sessions as well.

Dennis is committed to getting all kids active and playing Aussie rules. So much so that his passion and enthusiasm in the AASC program have seen him successfully attract new junior members to the Caboolture Lions JAFC.

Dennis consistently goes above and beyond in running his programs - organising Kids versus Parent matches in the final week of the program and distributing AFL posters to kids who participate. Dennis also utilised some Special Initiative Grant funding to purchase some junior sized footballs and equipment that all of the club coaches utilise to run quality AFL programs.

Dennis has become a very popular figure with school staff, parents and especially the kids due to his positive attitude, friendly personality, patience, playfulness and professionalism.

Regional coordinator, Doug Ferguson said, "Dennis is a great community coach whose enthusiasm for Aussie rules and the Caboolture Lions JAFC is contagious. His willingness to dedicate his time and effort to achieving the best possible outcomes for the kids, each school and his club is admirable."

Dennis' willingness to give back to his community makes him a fantastic ambassador and role model for the AASC program and a worthy recipient of this award.