



The Carbine Club of NSW

Charles Turner

Born: September, 1952

Carbine Club Member since: 2004 (Member)

Carbine Club position: Hon Secretary

A ten-time national water polo champion representing NSW, Charles Turner represented Australia for a record 504 caps - including the 1976, 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games and four World Championships. Following his significant achievements in the pool as a water polo player, Charles was the head coach of the water polo program at the Australian Institute of Sport from 1985-1996, also holding the honorary position of national men's coach from 1989.

Charles coached Australia to its best ever Olympic performance (fifth) in Barcelona, and played an instrumental role in Australia's third place at the 1993 World Cup - the first major medal won by an Australian men's water polo team.

Charles was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Institute of Sport in 2003 after spending several years as the Institute's Deputy Directory and Group Manager for High Performance Sport.

A member of the NSW Hall of Fame and Path of Champions, Charles was recognised for his coaching acumen with his election as a vice president of the World Coaches Association in 1996.

Charles retired in 2017.