

= Alicia McCormack =

Alicia McCormack (born 7 June 1983 in Helensburgh , New South Wales) is an Australian water polo goalkeeper . Her playing career started at the age of fourteen with the Kirrawee High School water polo team , and today she plays for the Cronulla Water Polo Club in the National Water Polo League and is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . Although she did not play water polo in 2010 due to injury , McCormack has won gold medals at the 2006 Commonwealth Games and the 2006 FINA World Cup ; a silver medal at the 2007 FINA World Championships ; and bronze medals at the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympics , 2005 FINA World League Super Finals , 2008 FINA World League Super Finals and 2009 FINA World League Super Finals . Currently working at the New South Wales Institute of Sport , McCormack is studying for a Bachelor of Primary Education .

= = Personal life = =

McCormack was born on 7 June 1983 in Helensburgh , New South Wales . She is 168 cm (5 ft 6 in) tall , weighs 73 kilograms (161 lb) , is right handed and has a tattoo featuring the Olympic rings .

McCormack entered Helensburgh Public School in 1988 as a kindergartener and later graduated from Kirrawee High School . She began a Bachelor of Primary Education while on scholarship at the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) . Her partner is a Navy clearance diver .

McCormack was at a barbecue attended by Prince William when he visited Sydney in 2010 . At the barbecue , people " were surprised by the amount of " royal " attention McCormack , the Australian goalkeeper and a member of the [bronze] -medal winning team at the Beijing Olympics , received especially when Prince William was seen to bow to the amused McCormack at a barbecue . "

In 2010 , McCormack was working at the New South Wales Institute of Sport as the personal assistant to Charles Turner , the chief executive of the organisation .

= = Water polo = =

McCormack is a goalkeeper , and prefers to wear cap number thirteen . She started playing water polo when she was fourteen years old for the Kirrawee High School team . In 2000 , she represented New South Wales on the state junior team . She has a water polo scholarship from the New South Wales Institute of Sport .

= = = Club water polo = = =

McCormack plays her club water polo for the Cronulla Water Polo Club in the National Water Polo League , serving as the team 's head coach in 2010 when she was unable to play due to a shoulder injury . She returned to the playing roster in 2011 , while also serving as an assistant coach on the team . She continued her involvement with the club into the 2012 season ? during which she helped the side to 8 ? 4 and 7 ? 4 wins in the first two games of the season . She took a break from the Cronulla team following their 18 February 2012 game in order to attend the national team training camp .

= = = Senior national team = = =

McCormack is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team and played her first game with the senior team at the 2003 Holiday Cup in the United States . In 2005 , she was part of the side that won a bronze medal at the FINA World League Super Finals in Kirishi , Russia . That year , she was also part of the team that finished sixth at the FINA World Championships in Montreal , Canada .

In 2006 , McCormack won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Perth , Western Australia .

That year , she was also part of the Australian side that finished fourth at the FINA World League Super Finals in Cosenza , Italy . She was also part of the 2006 FINA World Cup team in Tianjin , China , that won a gold medal . In a 2007 Asia @-@ Oceania qualifier for the World League Super Finals , she made seventeen saves in a 19 @-@ 2 victory against Japan . She was part of the 2007 silver winning side at the FINA World Championship in Melbourne , Australia . She played in goal in the December 2007 series against New Zealand where Australian won the first two tests 18 ? 1 and 17 ? 1 .

McCormack was part of Australia 's Oceania Olympic qualification campaign in 2008 . In an 18 ? 1 victory over New Zealand during the qualifiers , she made twelve saves . She was named to the team that competed in 2008 at the FINA world league preliminary round in Tianjin , China . In a 2008 Asia @-@ Oceania qualifier against China for the World League Super Finals , she played in the 11 ? 9 win that went to a penalty shoot out . She helped the team win by making a two handed stop of a Chinese shot in the last minutes of the game . She competed in the FINA World League Super Finals in Tenerife , Spain , where Australia took home a bronze medal . She won a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics as a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . Her team ended up in the bronze medal match after losing 8 ? 9 to the United States in the semi finals and playing against Hungary for the bronze . Earlier in the Olympics , her team had tied the Hungarians .

In 2009 , McCormack was part of the Australian side that finished third at the FINA World League Super Finals in Kirishi , Russia . She was also part of the team that finished sixth at the FINA World Championships in Rome , Italy , in 2009 . In April 2011 , she attended a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport where the coach was " selecting a team for the major championships over winter . " She competed in a warm @-@ up match for the 2011 FINA World League against Italy in Ostia , Italy , in July that Australia won 12 ? 11 . In February 2012 , she was named to the final training squad for the 2012 Summer Olympics . She attended training camp that started on 20 February 2012 at the Australian Institute of Sport . The team of seventeen players will be cut to thirteen before the team departs for the Olympic games , with the announcement being made on 13 June . She was part of the Stingers squad that competed in a five @-@ game test against Great Britain at the AIS in late February 2012 . This was the team 's first matches against Great Britain 's national team in six years .

At the 2012 Summer Olympics , she was part of the team that won bronze .