

= Zoe Arancini =

Zoe Arancini ( born 14 July 1991 ) is an Australian club water polo player who plays driver , counter @-@ attacker , or outside shooter . Several of her family members have represented her country in water polo . She plays club water polo in the National Water Polo League for the Fremantle Marlins , where she has won the league championship in 2005 , 2007 and 2008 and is coached by her mother . She has represented the country as a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team on the junior and senior level , with over eighty appearances for national team between the two levels . She has earned a gold medal at the 2011 Canada Cup , silver medals at the 2010 FINA World League Super Finals and 2010 FINA World Cup , and bronze medals at the 2009 FINA World League Super Finals and 2011 FINA Junior World Championships . She has been included on the roster to represent the country at the 2012 Summer Olympics .

= = Personal = =

Arancini was born on 14 July 1991 in Perth , Western Australia . She attends Curtin University where she is working on a degree in Agriculture and Environment majoring in Coastal Zone Management . She lives in East Victoria Park , Western Australia . She is 170 cm ( 5 ft 7 in ) tall , weighs 70 kilograms ( 150 lb ) and is right @-@ handed .

Several of Arancini 's family members have represented Australia in water polo on the international level including her mother , Wendy Meloncelli , her father Peter Arancini and her aunt Megan Meloncelli . Her parents involvement were one of the reasons she chose to compete in water polo , alongside the fact she found the sport more interesting to play than swimming .

= = Water polo = =

Arancini plays driver , counter @-@ attacker , or outside shooter , and has held a water polo scholarship from the Western Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Institute of Sport . She plays club water polo for the Melville , Western Australia team in the Premier League . In 2009 , she played for them in a match against City Beach and scored three goals where her team won 9 ? 8 . She is a member of the Fremantle Marlins of the National Water Polo League from 2005 to the present . In her first season in the league , she scored 7 goals . During the 2007 and 2008 season , she scored 42 and 32 goals respectively . In the 2009 and 2010 seasons , she scored 64 goals and followed this up with 66 in the 2011 season . As of April 2012 she has scored 63 goals in the season . Her mother is her coach on the Marlins . Between the junior and senior sides , she has represented Australia in over eighty games . Her club won the league championships in 2005 , 2007 and 2008 .

= = = Junior national team = = =

Arancini has represented Australia on the junior national team . In July 2006 , she was a member of the Youth Girls squad that competed in an international series in Auckland , New Zealand . In 2007 , she was a member of the U16 national team . She was a member of the junior national side at the 2007 FINA U20 World Championships in Porto , Portugal . In January 2009 , she was a member of the national team that competed at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival held in Sydney . She competed in the preliminary match against China where Australia won 17 ? 10 . She scored three goals in the match . She also scored three goals in a 19 ? 17 preliminary round loss to Hungary . At the same tournament , she competed in the gold medal finals where her team took silver following a 10 ? 9 loss to Hungary . She scored one goal in the finals match . She represented Australia at the 2009 FINA Junior World Championships , where she was the team captain . Her team finished seventh in the tournament . She was a member of the Australian side that finished third at the 2011 FINA Junior World Championships .

= = = Senior national team = = =

Arancini is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . She made her debut on the senior side in May 2009 in Auckland , New Zealand in a game against China . In 2009 , she was a member of national team that competed at the World Championships , which were held in Russia . That year , she also competed at the 2009 FINA World League Super Finals held in Russia , and where her team finished third . She was a member of the national team that competed in the preliminary rounds of the 2010 FINA World League in Japan from 21 ? 23 May and in China from 26 ? 28 May . The team went on to play in the finals of the World League , and finished second overall in the tournament , behind the victorious Americans . She was a member of the 2010 Stingers squad that competed at the FINA World Cup in Christchurch , New Zealand . In the team 's finals 10 ? 8 victory over the United States , she scored a goal . Her team finished second in the tournament . Late in August 2010 , she competed for the national team at the 10th Anniversary Tournament at Sydney Olympic Park . In the preliminaries , she competed in the team 's 10 ? 8 win over the United States . She scored a goal from five metres out that helped provide the Australian side with a two @-@ goal lead . In late 2010 , she had her 50th cap with the national team . At the 2011 Canada Cup , she scored a goal in the third period in the gold medal match against China that the Australian team ended up winning . She competed in the Pan Pacific Championships in January 2012 for the Australian Barbarians . 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 2012 . 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 .

= = Recognition = =

In 2009 , Arancini was named the Australian Junior Women 's Player of the Year . In 2010 , the Australian Water Polo Hall of Fame named her as the female young player of the year .