

= Kylie Gauci =

Kylie Gauci (born 1 January 1985) is an Australian Paralympic 2 @-@ point wheelchair basketball player . She participated in the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens , where she won a silver medal ; in the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing , where she won a bronze medal , and the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London , where she won a second silver medal . Gauci represented Australia at the 2002 , 2006 and 2010 World Championships , and was named to the World All Star 5 at the World Championships in Amsterdam in 2006 . She has played over 180 international games .

Playing with the Hill 's Hornets , Gauci was named the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) ' s Most Valuable Player (MVP) 2 Pointer and named to the All Star Five on five consecutive occasions . In 2006 she switched to the North 's Bears , now known as the Stacks Goudkamp Bears , and was named MVP 2 Pointer and All Star Five six times in a row .

= = Personal = =

Gauci was born on 1 January 1985 . She was born with lumbar sacral agenesis , meaning that she is missing the lower part of her spine . In 2008 and 2009 , she was the Australian Paralympic Committee 's New South Wales Assistant . As of 2012 , she lives in Rooty Hill , New South Wales .

= = Basketball = =

Gauci is an Australian Paralympic wheelchair basketball 2 @-@ point player . She began competing in 1996 when she was eleven years old , and was inspired to play for the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team after watching their performance at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics . She enjoys the physical aspects of the game : " I 'm a big fan of the big hits in rugby league . The aggression in wheelchair basketball is not as fierce , but it 's as close as I 'm likely to get . " Her 2008 national team coach Gerry Hewson said , " She 's got a really good outside game and she can get inside and mix it with the best . "

While still a member of the New South Wales women 's junior representative team , Gauci played with a New South Wales State team in a warm @-@ up game against the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team in the lead up to the 2000 Summer Paralympics .

In financial year 2012 / 13 , the Australian Sports Commission gave her a A \$ 20 @,@ 000 grant as part of their Direct Athlete Support program . She received \$ 17 @,@ 000 in 2010 / 11 and again in 2011 / 12 and \$ 5 @,@ 571 @.@ 42 in 2009 / 10 . In 2012 , she had a scholarship with the New South Wales Institute of Sport .

= = = Club = = =

She played for the Hills Hornets in 2000 , when they finished second in the Women 's National Wheelchair basketball League (WNWBL) final , losing 51 ? 50 to the Victorian Women . With the Hornets , she was named the WNWBL 's Most Valuable Player (MVP) 2 Pointer and named to the All Star Five in 2001 , 2002 , 2003 , 2004 and 2005 . In 2006 she switched to the North 's Bears , now known as the Stacks Goudkamp Bears , and was named 2 Pointer MVP and All Star Five in 2006 , 2007 , 2008 , 2009 , 2010 and 2011 .

Since 2008 , she has played for the Wenty WheelKings in the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) . She also plays for the Stacks Goudkamp Bears in the WNWBL . In 2012 , as a member of the Stacks Goudkamp Bears , she was the WNWBL 's MVP 2 Pointer and named to the All Star Five for the twelfth year running . Her team finished second , losing 77 ? 54 to the Victoria Dandenong Rangers in the WNWBL 's championship game .

= = = National team = = =

Gauci first played for the Australian junior national team when she was fourteen years old . She joined the national team , known as the Gliders , in 2002 , when she was 17 years old . She played in a four @-@ game test series in Canberra against Japan in March , the first Australian hosted international for the team since the 2000 Summer Paralympics . She was then selected to play at the 2002 World Cup event in Japan .

Gauci represented Australia as a member of the Gliders at the 2002 , 2006 and 2010 World Championships , where they finished fourth each time . She was named to the World All Star 5 at the World Championships in Amsterdam in 2006 . She was selected to participate in a national team training camp in 2010 , and was a member of the team that played in the Osaka Cup in 2009 . She has played over 180 international games .

= = = = Paralympics = = = =

Gauci competed with the team at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens and 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing , where she won a silver and bronze medal respectively . The 2004 Games were her debut Games . She also played in the 2012 Summer Paralympics . In the group stage , the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team at the 2012 Summer Paralympics posted wins against Brazil , Great Britain , and the Netherlands , but lost to the Canada . This was enough to advance the Gliders to the quarter @-@ finals , where they beat Mexico . The Gliders then defeated the United States by a point to set up a final clash with Germany . The Gliders lost 44 ? 58 , and earned a silver medal . Gauci scored 15 points with 4 rebounds . She was the only player on her team to score a three @-@ point field goal in the whole series , scoring two of them .

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