

= Bronwen Knox =

Bronwen Knox ( born 16 April 1986 in Brisbane , Queensland ) is an Australian water polo centre back / centre forward . She attended Hartwick College and Griffith University , earning a Bachelor of Biomedical Science , and works as a laboratory assistant . She started playing water polo when she was fourteen . She played for the National Water Polo League 's Queensland Breakers before switching to the Victorian Tigers for the 2012 season . In 2013 ? 14 season she played for the Greek powerhouse Olympiacos in the European competitions , winning the LEN Trophy .

She has represented Australia as a member of Australia women 's national water polo team on both the junior and senior levels . She has won the gold medal at the 2006 FINA World Cup , the silver medal at the 2007 World Championship , the 2010 FINA World Cup and the 2010 FINA World League , and the bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics and the 2008 FINA World League . She was a member of the Australia women 's Olympic team that won a bronze medal in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London .

= = Personal = =

Knox was born on 16 April 1986 in Brisbane , Queensland . Her grandfather was William Knox , a prominent Queensland politician . Her parents are Andrew and Helen , and she has four siblings named Kirsty , Tom , Hamish and Meredith . Her parents and siblings were in Beijing to watch her win a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics . She is 182 cm ( 6 ft 0 in ) tall , weighs 85 kilograms ( 13 st 5 lb ) , is right handed and has a tattoo featuring the Olympic rings . She lives in Brisbane , Queensland , and has resided in Windsor , Queensland .

Knox attended Hartwick College in New York on a water polo scholarship , and Griffith University , where she earned a Bachelor of Biomedical Science . She currently works as a laboratory assistant .

= = Water polo = =

Knox plays centre back / centre forward and prefers to wear cap number six . She started playing water polo as a fourteen @-@ year @-@ old for a local Brisbane side . She has served as a member of the Australian Water Polo Athlete 's Commission .

= = = Club team = = =

Knox played club water polo for the Queensland Breakers in the Australian National Water Polo League . She was with the team in 2007 , 2008 and 2009 . The annual match between the KFC Breakers and the Barracudas is considered by The Courier @-@ Mail as a grudge match . She participated in the 2008 game with her team . In 2010 , they played in the finals tournament , and she was named to the league finals ' All Star team . As of 2012 , she plays for the Victorian Tigers in the same league .

In 2013 ? 14 season she played for the Greek powerhouse Olympiacos in the European competitions , winning the LEN Trophy . Knox was the hero of the final against Firenze ( 10 ? 9 ) , scoring Olympiacos ' winning goal with a spectacular shot with only 23 seconds to go .

= = = Junior national team = = =

Knox has represented Australia at the junior national level . In 2002 , she was a member of the national youth girls team that toured the United States in June , and competed in an international series in Sydney in August . In 2004 , she was a member of the team that toured Europe in July and August . She was a member of Australia 's junior national team in 2005 , and she was on the junior side that competed in the VI FINA World Junior Championships in Perth in January of that year . The team defeated Greece 10 ? 4 for the bronze medal , with its only loss a 4 ? 5 loss to the United

States .

= = = Senior national team = = =

Knox is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team , nicknamed the Stingers . She received her first call up to Australia 's senior team to compete at the 2005 World Championships in Canada , where she scored her first international goal in her first game , which was against Germany . In 2006 , she was part of the gold medal winning side at the FINA World Cup in Tianjin , China , and the silver medal winning team at the World Championships in Melbourne in 2007 .

Knox was part of Australia 's Oceania Olympic qualification campaign in 2008 . In an 18 ? 1 victory over New Zealand during the qualifiers , she scored three goals . In 2008 , Knox was named to the team that competed at the FINA world league preliminary round in Tianjin , China , and competed in the Women 's International Series . 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 , scoring three of the goals for Australia . The World League Finals were held in Spain , and Australia ultimately took home a bronze medal .

Knox was the captain of the team that won a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing . 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 with the Hungarians .

In 2009 , Knox was a member of a team that competed at the FINA World Championships . She played in the semi @-@ finals game against New Zealand that Australia won 14 ? 4 , scoring four goals . Knox was the captain of the national team in December 2010 and May 2011 . In February 2010 , she attended a national team training camp in the Gold Coast in preparation for the team 's appearance at the April Commonwealth Championships . In May 2010 , she was a member of the team that competed at the FINA World League Asia @-@ Oceania zone held in Osaka , Japan , and Tianjin , China . She went on to compete in the FINA World League Finals in La Jolla , California , and Australia took home a silver medal .

In August 2010 , Knox was a member of the Australian national side at a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport . During the camp , she participated in a series of scrimmages against the United States . That month , she also represented Australia at the Six Nations Cup that was held in Sydney . She was a member of the Stingers squad that competed in the 2010 FINA World Cup . She was again the captain during this tournament , and on the second day of the competition , helped lead her team to a 7 ? 5 victory of the United States . She competed Australia 's 10 ? 8 defeat of Russia . Her coach was quoted in The Age about her performance in the match , saying " Bronwen Knox was excellent at centre back and the pressure allowed us to get steals and counter @-@ attacks . " In the team 's 10 ? 8 final victory over the United States , she scored two goals . 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 . " In 2011 , she was one of five Queensland women to compete for the Australian Stingers in the FINA World League competition held in Auckland , New Zealand . In a May 2011 match against China , she scored three goals in a 9 ? 7 game that saw Australia score six goals in the second period .

In July 2011 , Knox was a member of the Australian Stingers that competed in the 2011 FINA World Championships in Shanghai as a field player . In preparation for this tournament , she attended a team training camp in Perth , Western Australia . She competed in the Pan Pacific Championships in January 2012 for the Australian Stingers . In February 2012 , she was named to a member of the 2012 Summer Olympics training squad . 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 . In the first game of the test series on 21 February 2012 that Australia won 13 ? 5 , she scored three goals .

