

= Teigan Van Roosmalen =

Teigan Van Roosmalen (born 6 April 1991) is an Australian Paralympic S13 swimmer . She is legally blind and deaf . She has a swimming scholarship from the Australian Institute of Sport . Her events are the 100 m breaststroke , 200 m individual medley , 50 m and 100 m freestyle . She competed at the 2011 Para Pan Pacific Championships in Edmonton , where she won a gold medal in the S13 400 freestyle event . She competed at the 2008 Summer and 2012 Summer Paralympics .

= = Personal = =

Van Roosmalen was born in Bateau Bay , New South Wales on 6 April 1991 . She " is legally blind and deaf , with cysts pushing on her optic nerve causing blackouts in one eye . " This is a result of Usher syndrome and retinitis pigmentosa . She has a brother involved with the surfing community , and has competed at the Australian Surf Titles . In 2009 , she was working towards earning her Higher School Certificate . She is a professional swimmer . As of January 2012 , she is attending the Canberra Institute of Technology , where she is studying massage therapy .

Van Roosmalen was photographed by Central Coast Express Advocate photographer Troy Snook , whose picture of her finished second in the Northern region in the 2010 Community Newspaper Association Awards . A photograph of her has graced the front of the 2006 Central Coast telephone book .

= = Swimming = =

Van Roosmalen is an S13 and S15 swimmer , with a swimming scholarship from the Australian Institute of Sport . Her events are the 100 m breaststroke , 200 m individual medley , 50 m and 100 m freestyle . She has trained with Ellie Cole . As of January 2012 , " She is ranked No.2 in the world in the 100 m breaststroke , fourth in the 200 m IM , fifth in the 100 m freestyle and sixth in the 50 m freestyle . " In 2010 , she was ranked first in the world in the 100 m breaststroke . Her Australian Institute of Sport coach is Graeme Carroll . At the Australian Institute of Sport , she changed her training and went from focusing on the butterfly to the medley and breaststroke events . Her home pool is Mingara Aquatic . When she trains there , she is coached by Kim Taylor . She also competes in able bodied swimming events .

Van Roosmalen started swimming in 1997 and first represented Australia at the 2005 Deaflympics in Melbourne . In 2007 , she set an Australian age record and won a gold medal at the Arafura Games in the 100 m butterfly event . In 2007 , she also competed at the Australian Short Course Championships . In 2008 , she competed at the IPC Swimming World Cup and took home a set of bronze medals . In 2009 , she competed at the New South Wales Country swimming championships where she came away with four gold medals . That year , she also competed at the Paralympic World Cup in Manchester , England . She finished eleventh in the Women ' s MD 100 Freestyle event with a personal time of 1 : 06 @. @ 97 , less than a second behind Ellie Cole . She finished ninth in the Women ' s MD 100 Breaststroke event with a personal best time of 1 : 29 @. @ 76 . She finished third in the Women ' s S13 100 Butterfly event with a personal best time of 1 : 08 @. @ 24 . At the 2008 Beijing Games , she competed in six events and did not win a medal .

In 2010 , Van Roosmalen competed at the Australian short course championships , which were held in Brisbane , Queensland . She won three medals at the competition , but also re @-@ injured her shoulder . She also competed at the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships held in Eindhoven , the Netherlands in the S11 @-@ 13 events , but did not win any medals , the only Australian at the competition to do so . She had a time of 4 : 59 @. @ 67 in the women ' s 400 m freestyle S13 event , where she finished fourth . In the 50m freestyle S13 event , she finished fifth , setting a personal best with a time of 29 @. @ 97 . A shoulder injury almost prevented her from competing in the competition , with a question regarding her participation because of the necessity of a medical clearance until such a time that she boarded the plane to depart Australia . She

competed at the 2011 Para Pan Pacific Championships in Edmonton , Alberta , where she finished first in the S13 400 freestyle event , her first medal finish at a major international competition . In January 2012 , she competed at the Australian Deaf Games in Geelong , Victoria . She finished first in the 100m Butterfly Women 's Open event with a games record time of 1 @.@ 09 @.@ 68 . She finished first in the 50m Breaststroke Women 's Open event with a time of 39 @.@ 82 . She finished third in the 100m Backstroke Women 's Open event with a time of 1 @.@ 17 @.@ 28 . She was credited with having the " Outstanding Swim of the Meet " by the Games 's organisers .

Van Roosmalen competed at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in six different swimming events , qualifying for the finals in four events . In the process , she set several personal best times . At the games , she participated in a re @-@ run of the 400m S13 freestyle final because of an equipment malfunction . She competed at the Australian championships on 15 March 2012 in order to qualify for the games . She was successful , and swam in four events , finishing sixth in the 50m freestyle - S13 , seventh in the 100m freestyle - S13 and the 100m breaststroke - SB13 , and sixth in the 200m metre individual medley SM13 .

Competing at the 2013 IPC Swimming World Championships in Montreal , Canada , Van Roosmalen won four bronze medals in the Women 's 200 m Individual Medley SM13 , Women 's 100m Butterfly S13 , Women 's 100m Breaststroke SB13 and Women 's 100m Backstroke S13 .

At the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships , Glasgow , Scotland , she finished fifth in the Women 's 100m Backstroke S13 , sixth in the Women 's 100m Breaststroke SB13 and seventh in the Women 's 50m Freestyle S13 and Women 's 200m Individual Medley SM13 .

= = = Personal best times = = =

The following are van Roosmalen 's personal best times as of 16 September 2012 :

= = Recognition = =

In 2008 , Van Roosmalen was named the Central Coast Young Achiever winner . In February 2009 , she was named the Express Advocate Young Achiever . A picture of her appears in the Powerhouse Museum 's Wall of Fame . In 2011 , she received a Sport Achievement Award from the Australian Institute of Sport .